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The Smallwood Crier

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tax season is behind us, and families and friends are starting to plan summer activities. During our April 24 luncheon, MOAA member and speaker **Ken McCree, COL, USA (Ret.)**, spoke to us about the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission decisions, which became law on November 9, 2005, and will be executed by September 2011. He shared a lot of interesting and insightful information with the audience. Thanks again, Ken!

As we approach the summer season, we are reminded of the annual cribbage tournament on June 12 in lieu of a typical luncheon. This year we will be meeting again at **Sandy and Jake Mitchell's** home near the water. Thanks again for hosting this event! Defending cribbage champion **Jim Goldsmith, CAPT, USN (Ret.)** is sure to be challenged. Additional information about this event and directions are included in this newsletter.

Continuing with our Profile series of WWII veterans, we enjoyed some of the memories that Chapter member **Hal Watkins, COL, USAF (Ret.)** shared with us. We had the unusual opportunity to listen to a recording of Hal's retirement ceremony officiated in 1974 by General John C. Meyer, Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command. Another highlight was recognizing



Nancy Watkins for some of her special contributions; Nancy received a "special" commendation that is truly one-of-a kind. If you missed this event, you'll need to ask Hal or Nancy about this one! Shown with me above are Hal, Nancy and daughter Joy.



We will continue our Veteran Profile series at the September luncheon. We are still soliciting WWII veterans who wish to be profiled so we can conduct interviews and continue sharing their interesting experiences.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the cribbage tournament! Remember, you don't need to play to have a great time.

Günter Finkenauer, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)
 President

Chapter Notes

MOAA-JROTC Awards Program

Jake Mitchell, LCDR, USN (Ret.) continues to manage this superb program! The General Smallwood Chapter recognizes annually an outstanding cadet in the next-to-last year of JROTC. The cadet must show exceptional potential for military leadership, have an academic average of 3.5 or higher, and demonstrate a high order of loyalty to the unit, school and country. This year's awards have been presented at the following schools to the cadets named below:

- Henry E. Lackey H.S.: Cadet MSgt. Sierra Johnson
- La Plata H.S.: Cadet PO1 Mitchell Mills
- Maurice J. McDonough H.S.: Cadet Capt. Jessica Vollenberg
- North Point H.S.: Cadet Capt. Sean Johnson
- Thomas Stone H.S.: Cadet Sgt. Chase Arnold
- Westlake H.S.: Cadet Ensign Ciara C. Diggs

Letters to the Front

Junior ROTC cadets from three area high schools— Lackey, La Plata, and North Point—wrote 258 letters of support to troops stationed in remote areas of the world including Iraq and Afghanistan. Also participating were history students from Mr. Mike Mazzeo, teacher at La Plata High School. The General Smallwood Chapter has participated in this program since 2001.

Officers serving for calendar year 2010

President	Günter Finkenauer
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Board of Directors

Chapter members interested in joining the Board of Directors should contact Günter Finkenauer or one of the Chapter officers for more information.

New Chapter Member

Please welcome **Neil C. Stubits, CAPT, USN (Ret.)**, and his wife Terri! Neil was the commanding officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Indian Head Division. He assumed command of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) field activity in June 2006, and retired after 27 years of service.

Chapter Luncheon Schedule for 2010

The following dates are planned for 2010:

- Jun 12 (cribbage)
- Sep 11
- Oct 23
- Dec11

Memorial Day Event in La Plata, MD

The General Smallwood Chapter will participate in ceremonies at the La Plata town hall at 11:00 AM on May 31, 2010. As in previous years, a member will lay a wreath in commemoration of Memorial Day. All are invited to support this solemn occasion.

MOAA Southern Maryland Chapter Picnic

The members of the MOAA Southern Maryland Chapter would like to invite the members of the Smallwood Chapter to attend their annual picnic held on Saturday, August 14 at the Chestnut Cabin at Scientists Cliffs. The picnic is mostly indoors, so weather is not an issue. There is a small museum in the cabin, and the cabin is located right on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay—a great place to relax and unwind. Social hour will begin at 11:30 AM and the lunch will begin at noon. Adams Ribs will cater the buffet lunch; the menu and the other details will be announced in the next Southern Maryland Chapter newsletter. (Plan to pay at the door.)

Scientists Cliffs is located just south of Prince Frederick in Calvert County. If you are coming from Hughesville, take Route 231 over the Benedict Bridge to Prince Frederick. From Prince Frederick, go south on Route 2-4 through the traffic light at Route 264 (Broome's Island Road), and then turn left onto Parker's Creek Road. Once on Parker's Creek Road, pass one stop sign, also pass under the power lines and then turn right onto Scientists Cliffs Road. Go 1.1 miles and turn right at Gate B. As you go down the hill, take the left fork and continue to the bottom of the hill. You will come to an open park area and the Chestnut Cabin is at the far end.

Chapter Committees:

The chapter has several standing committees that assist the officers and board in conducting its business. We are always looking for members to participate on a committee. Please contact Günter Finkenauer or any of the officers if you have any questions. Listed below are the standing committees:

- **Programs:** This committee secures guest speakers and entertainment for chapter events.
- **Membership:** This committee solicits and actively engages prospective members with MOAA information and offers both Chapter and MOAA applications.
- **Personal Affairs:** This committee answers questions about benefits for members and spouses, and assists when a member passes away.
- **Legislative Affairs:** This committee keeps the membership up to date on legislation of interest to the group.
- **Special Projects:** This committee manages the aluminum recycling program, the JROTC programs, and Boys and Girls State programs.
- **Newsletter:** This committee writes and distributes the newsletter.

**Annual CAPTAIN Francis L. Busey Cribbage Tournament and Potluck Picnic,
June 12, 2010**

This is our summer gathering at Jake and Sandy Mitchell's home on the Maryland shore. Even if you don't play cribbage, come out and enjoy the potluck picnic and a day by the water. Please RSVP directly to Jake and Sandy at your earliest convenience but no later than June 5, at 301-934-8086. Map and directions are attached.

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010

Cost: none, bring a dish

**Place: 710 Fairhaven Road
Fairhaven, MD**

**Menu: Please bring either a main dish,
salad or dessert**

**Time: 1200: Social hour/cribbage
1300: Potluck Picnic**

**BYOB if desired; soft drinks, mixers
and iced tea will be provided**

Please call Sandy Mitchell with your reservation by June 5, 2010 at 301-934-8086.

Annual CAPTAIN Francis L. Busey Cribbage Tournament and Potluck Picnic
710 Fairhaven Road, Fairhaven MD
410-257-2725



Directions to the June 12 Cribbage Tournament and Picnic:

From Rte. 301 North and Rte. 4 South of Upper Marlboro (by the Giant store complex), bear right onto Rte. 4 East. Follow Rte. 4 East about 4 miles to Rte. 258 East (toward Bristol/Deale). Drive another 4 miles and turn right onto Rte. 2 South (toward Prince Frederick). Then drive 2.3 miles to Fairhaven Road and turn left onto Rte. 423 East for another 3.1 miles to "Windy Crest," on the left you will see a patriotic windsock. Car pools can be arranged.

Remember to RSVP Sandy by Wednesday, June 5, at 301-934-8086.

**Please call Sandy or Jake at
410-257-2725
if you need to contact them
on the day of the event.**



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