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## The Smallwood Crier

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*A Five-Star Chapter*

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings, friends! I hope that you have endured the heat of summer well and had the opportunity and health to visit with family and friends, do a little traveling, and find plenty of time for relaxation. The first sign of Fall may be this newsletter telling you of upcoming events in the life of our Chapter.

On September 14th, several members of the General Smallwood Chapter will join representatives from other chapters throughout Maryland to participate in the first Maryland legislative luncheon at the Rayburn Office Building on Capitol Hill. This will be our opportunity to sit with our Maryland Senators and Representatives to discuss veterans and defense issues. We hope this can be an annual event to ensure that the Maryland Council of Chapters continues to enjoy a powerful voice in representing you.

If you have any issues that you would like to raise, please let me know, either with an e-mail ([kmccreedy1@comcast.net](mailto:kmccreedy1@comcast.net)) or phone call (240-419-2182).

*Ken McCreedy, President*

### **Legislative Update**

*Visit Your Legislators* (from Col Lee Lange, Director, MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs)

Congress is in recess during the month of August through Labor Day. After a difficult struggle in Washington to come up with a deal to avert a government default on its national debt, your legislators are back home reconnecting with their constituents. That includes you and your fellow chapter members. MOAA president Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., USN-Ret., sent a special e-mail July 25 to council and chapter leaders, urging them to contact their legislators about the following three key issues:

- protecting our troops and their families from budget-driven cutbacks;
- resisting the undermining of crucial military career incentives; and
- stopping the 30 percent cut in Medicare/TRICARE payments to doctors.

We need your grassroots support on each of these key issues. Visit your legislators in

their district offices, and let them know your and MOAA's concerns. Visit MOAA's website and link to [fact sheets on each issue](#).

*Retiree Benefits Face More Attacks* (by Terry Howell at Military.com)

The current TRICARE system for retirees under age 65 is "incentivizing more of these retirees to stay in the military health care system rather than take health care from their private sector insurers that they can get through their employers." [Full Story](#)

*Senate Plan Would Cut \$80B in Benefits* (by Terry Howell at Military.com)

The Senate deficit-cutting plan proposed by the so-called "Gang of Six" requires a reduction in retiree COLA and demands that the armed services committees make \$80 billion in cuts to military compensation and benefits over the next decade. [Full Story](#)

## **Chapter Notes**

### **JROTC Awards**

The presentation of awards to JROTC youth at our local high schools went very well. It is inspiring to sit in the awards ceremony and see these young people recognized for their many achievements. We are privileged to be able to join others in the community to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication. Thanks, as always, go out to Jake Mitchell for his outstanding work supporting our youth.

### **Cribbage Tournament**

Thank you to "Tut" Hendricks for sharing his home for the annual cribbage tournament. We all enjoyed inaugurating his beautiful new patio! Congratulations to Alice Welch, winner for the second year in a row! There were a number of sharp contests, but Alice succeeded in carrying the day against runner-up, "Tut" Hendricks himself (despite his home court advantage). Ron Fry learned to play cribbage as he participated in the tournament--we see a great future for this rising star in years to come. For those who could not stand up to the highs and lows of tournament play, they nevertheless enjoyed chatting. All comers enjoyed a thoroughly "yummy" potluck meal.

### **Officers Serving for Calendar Year 2011**

President	Ken McCreedy
First VP	Bill Tschirhart
Second VP	Dan Donohue
Treasurer	Jim Goldsmith
Secretary	Polly Zimmerman

### **Annual Retiree Appreciation Days**

The 11th Wing at Joint Base Andrews sponsors the annual Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday, 22 October 2011. If you are unable to make this, an earlier Appreciation Day will be held at Bolling AFB on 22 October. The usual activities include a Health Fair (including a flu shot when the vaccine is available). Representatives from veteran service organizations, government agencies such as Social Security Administration, TRICARE, the Base Exchange and the base medical unit set up and man information tables. For more information on this and many other topics of interest to retirees, check out this great website: [www.Andrews.AF.mil](http://www.Andrews.AF.mil), then click on "Retirees" on the menu.

## **2011 General William Smallwood Chapter Calendar**

August 18	Board Meeting
September 10	Luncheon
September 14	MD Council of Chapter Legislative Luncheon
September 29	Board Meeting
October 15	Luncheon
October 22	Retiree Appreciation Day at JB Bolling
November 5	Retiree Appreciation Day at JB Andrews
November 6	Veterans Day Parade (La Plata)
November 17	Board Meeting
December 3	Holiday Party

### **September Speaker**

Our program speaker this month will be LTC (Ret.) Tim Corrigan from the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. Joining us also will be several members of the newly established Charles Composite Squadron that has been established at Pomonkey. Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 113 lives in fiscal year 2010.



Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 26,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 69 years. It is the largest sponsor annually of Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans.

There are more than 1,500 members of CAP in Maryland. Last fiscal year wing members flew 42 search and rescue missions and were credited with 31 finds. For more information about the CAP, visit [www.mdcap.org](http://www.mdcap.org).

The new Charles Composite Squadron meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Maryland Airport (2W5), 3820 Livingston Road, in Indian Head, Md. For additional information, please contact Maj. John Reutemann, squadron commander, at [commander@charlescap.org](mailto:commander@charlescap.org).

**Date: Saturday September 10, 2011**

**Place: VFW Post 8810  
Rt. 925 (Old Washington Rd)  
Waldorf, MD**

**Cost: \$18.00**

**Menu: Stuffed Pork, Mashed Potatoes and  
Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Apple Sauce,  
Vegetable Medley, Salad, Rolls.**

**Dessert: Please bring some to share!  
Coffee, Iced Tea**

**Time: 1130: Social hour**

**1200: Lunch**

**1300: Program**

**Program: Charles Composite Sqdn, Maryland  
Wing, Civil Air Patrol**

**Please call Sandy Mitchell at 301-934-8086 to RSVP (by September 6, 2011)**



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