



General William Smallwood Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America  
P.O. Box 554  
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## The Smallwood Crier

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is passing quickly; I hope each of you is doing well! Since our last newsletter was distributed a number of events have occurred. I had the privilege of participating in the La Plata Memorial Day celebration on 25 May. Our own Roy Hale, Mayor of La Plata and Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, presided over the day's events, and Jim Goldsmith, former Councilman and Chapter Treasurer, participated in the laying of wreaths with other La Plata Council members and dignitaries after listening to the roll call of deceased veterans. I had the privilege of giving the keynote address.



The Chapter's annual CAPT Francis L. Busey Cribbage event was held on June 6 at Jake and Sandy Mitchell's home on the bay. They have graciously hosted this event again this year, and their hospitality was first rate! While not all of us played cribbage, the contest this year was keen.



Congratulations to Jim Goldsmith, this year's cribbage champion! In addition to his name being placed on the winners' board, Jim received a gift certificate.

We have some exciting speakers lined up for our September and October luncheons. Wallace Hill, from Health Net Federal Services will speak to us in September about Military Health Care. Mr. Hill has an office at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base. Ranger Patrick Bright agreed to speak at our October luncheon about General William Smallwood.

Andrews AFB is hosting another annual retiree appreciation day on Saturday, 7 November at *The Club at Andrews*. We agreed to participate and will have designated space for Chapter representation. I encourage all of you to attend this event. The local Wing assembles a one-stop information event on many topics of interest to us, and in the past has provided health care and information stations. Anyone interested in helping out please contact one of the Chapter officers.

I look forward to seeing all of you in September!

Günter Finkenauer, President

**Please Note:** We need to provide a count of luncheon attendees to our hosts at the VFW no later than Saturday, 12 September, so please confirm your reservations with Sandy Mitchell (call Sandy at 301-934-8086 and/or reply with reservation form) at the soonest possible date before our deadline—THANK YOU!

<b>Date: Saturday, September 19, 2009</b>	<b>Cost: \$17.00</b>
<b>Place: VFW Post 8810</b>	<b>Menu: Stuffed pork chops, sweet potatoes, vegetables, rolls</b>
<b>RT 925 (Old Washington Road)</b>	<b>salad, apple sauce</b>
<b>Waldorf, MD</b>	<b>Dessert provided by the Smallwood Chapter members</b>
<b>Time: 1130: Social hour</b>	<b>Speaker: Mr. Wallace Hill</b>
<b>1200: Lunch</b>	<b>Health Net Federal Services</b>

### **General Smallwood Chapter Notes**

#### **Officers serving for calendar years 2009–2010**

President	Günter Finkenauer
First VP	Roy Hale
Second VP	Terry Briggs
Treasurer	Jim Goldsmith
Secretary	Polly Zimmerman

Board of Directors: Darlene Keller, Ernie Wallace

#### **Chapter Committees:**

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

- **Programs:** This committee secures guest speakers and entertainment for Chapter events.
- **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.

#### **Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2009**

The Board of Directors has set the meeting schedule for the 2009 calendar year. Specific meeting times, locations and programs will be announced in subsequent newsletters.

- September 19 – Guest Speaker: Mr. Wallace Hill, Health Net Federal Services
- October 31 – Guest Speaker: Ranger Patrick Bright, General Smallwood Park
- December 12 – tbd

**Reservation Form for Luncheon, September 19, 2009**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$17.00 per person**

**Mail check to:     General Smallwood Chapter, MOAA  
                          P.O. Box 554  
                          Waldorf, MD 20604-0554**

**Please contact Sandy Mitchell with your reservation information at 301-934-8086 if the reservation form will not reach her by Saturday, September 12. Payment may be made at the door.**

**Please mail this form so it reaches Sandy no later than September 12, 2009.**



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