



General William Smallwood Chapter  
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## The Smallwood Crier

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The special session we held on May 9 was well received! The members discussed candidly Chapter goals and aspirations, and many proposed ideas and perspectives. Discussion topics included membership, local community involvement, Chapter history, information exchange, Chapter committees and prospective luncheon speaker programs. I would highlight that the idea of creating and publishing member profiles was of particular interest. A member profile is a brief summary that may include biographical highlights, post-military professional and personal interests, and any additional (not so well known) and interesting highlights the member would like to share. More to follow soon on this topic!

Other ideas discussed include organizing a tour for Veteran's home residents to the National WWII Memorial, especially those who may not previously have had the means to make the trip; incorporating the General Smallwood Park into various Chapter activities; and opening the floor to Chapter members to speak about their personal experiences. The information sheets we distributed are very useful; please ensure to get them to one of the Chapter officers if you have not already done so. This will permit us to complete gathering member inputs.

Good news: Roy Hale won the election for Mayor of LaPlata, MD. Roy is a past President of the General Smallwood Chapter, and he is currently serving as First Vice President. Congratulations Roy!

I would like to welcome new members Robert Striegel, LtCol, USAF (Ret.), of Waldorf, MD; and Michael Rhoden, Colonel, USA (Ret.), also of Waldorf, MD. Both were able to attend their first Chapter luncheon.

This Memorial Day is a special day to all Americans. I would ask all to take a moment on May 25 to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country. A Memorial Day event article submitted by Roy is included in this newsletter.

Finally, the Chapter's annual CAPT Francis L. Busey Cribbage event will be held on June 6, this newsletter contains more information. Sandy and Jake host this event, I hope to see everyone there who is able to make it!

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Günter Finkenauer, President

## Memorial Day Program

On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1100, the Town of La Plata will hold its annual Memorial Day Program. The ceremony will be held at the Town Hall, located at 305 Queen Anne Street. A wreath laying ceremony, a performance by the Port Tobacco Encore Kids, and a Roll Call of decreased veterans from Charles County will precede remarks from the guest speaker, LTCOL Günter Finkenauer, USAF, retired. Refreshments will be provided following the ceremony. Our Chapter will present a wreath and our Chapter President is the guest speaker. We hope you will be able to attend.

## Fundraising

Congratulations to Jake Mitchell, on raising \$130.55 through the recycling of aluminum cans. He has led this project for 15 years, and this time sold another 584 pounds! While the price of aluminum has decreased, Jake perseveres with this project, which helps fund the annual MOAA JROTC awards program. Anyone willing to assist Jake in the worthy cause, please call him at 301-934-8086.

## MOAA-JROTC Awards Program

Jake Mitchell also manages this program. The General Smallwood Chapter recognizes annually an outstanding cadet in his next-to-last year of JRTOC. 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:

- Adm. Henry E. Lackey H.S.: Cadet First Lt. Heather Foster
- LaPlata H.S.: Cadet Chief Petty Officer Kyung Back
- Maurice J. McDonough H.S.: Cadet Captain Brett DeHanas
- North Point H.S.: Cadet 2 Lt. Kenjeray Bennet
- Thomas Stone H.S.: Cadet Captain Jevon Slater-Taylor
- Westlake H.S.: Cadet Porche Hatcher

## Annual CAPT Francis L. Busey Cribbage Tournament and Potluck Picnic

This is our summer gathering at Jake and Sandy Mitchell's home on the shore. It will be held on June 6, coincidentally the anniversary of D-Day, the invasion at Normandy. 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 as soon as possible, at 301-934-8086. Map and directions are attached.

**Date: Saturday, June 6, 2009**

**Cost: none, bring a dish**

**Place: 710 Fairhaven Road  
Fairhaven, MD  
301-934-8086**

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

**Time: 1200: Social hour  
1300: Lunch  
1500: Potluck Picnic**

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

**Please call Sandy Mitchell with your reservation by June 3, 2009 at 301-934-8086**

## **Southern Maryland MOAA Chapter Summer Picnic**

The Southern Maryland Chapter is extending an invitation to all our General Smallwood Chapter members an invitation to join them in their annual picnic on August 15, held at the Chestnut Cabin at Scientists Cliffs. From Tom Smith, Secretary:

“The picnic is mostly indoors, so weather is not an issue. There is a small museum in the cabin, the cabin is located right on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay and it’s a great place to relax and unwind. Plan to stay awhile and enjoy the afternoon.

The buffet lunch will be catered by Adams Ribs and will include all you can eat barbequed chicken, barbequed ribs, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw, iced tea, coffee and various desserts. (If you want to bring your own beverages, feel free to do so.) Social hour will begin at 1130 and the lunch will begin at 1200. The cost will be \$20 per person (pay at the door).

Please make your reservations by Wednesday, 12 August to:

John LeRoy at [leroypac@comcast.net](mailto:leroypac@comcast.net) or (410) 257-0439, or  
Jack Fringer at [jackfringer@chesapeake.net](mailto:jackfringer@chesapeake.net) (410) 326-0486, or  
Tom Smith at [rotorhead99@md.metrocast.net](mailto:rotorhead99@md.metrocast.net) or (301) 475-3694.

**Directions:** 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, 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. We look forward to seeing you there.”

## **Happy Birthday**

Congratulations to Carl W. Costenbader, Captain, USAF (Ret.), on the celebration of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Captain Costenbader is a WWII veteran, a member of the General Smallwood Chapter, and he resides at the Charlotte Hall Veteran’s Home.

## **General Smallwood Chapter Notes**

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

President	Gunter 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 volunteer to work on or chair a committee. Please contact Gunter Finkenauer or any of the Chapter officers if you have any questions. Listed below are the standing committees:

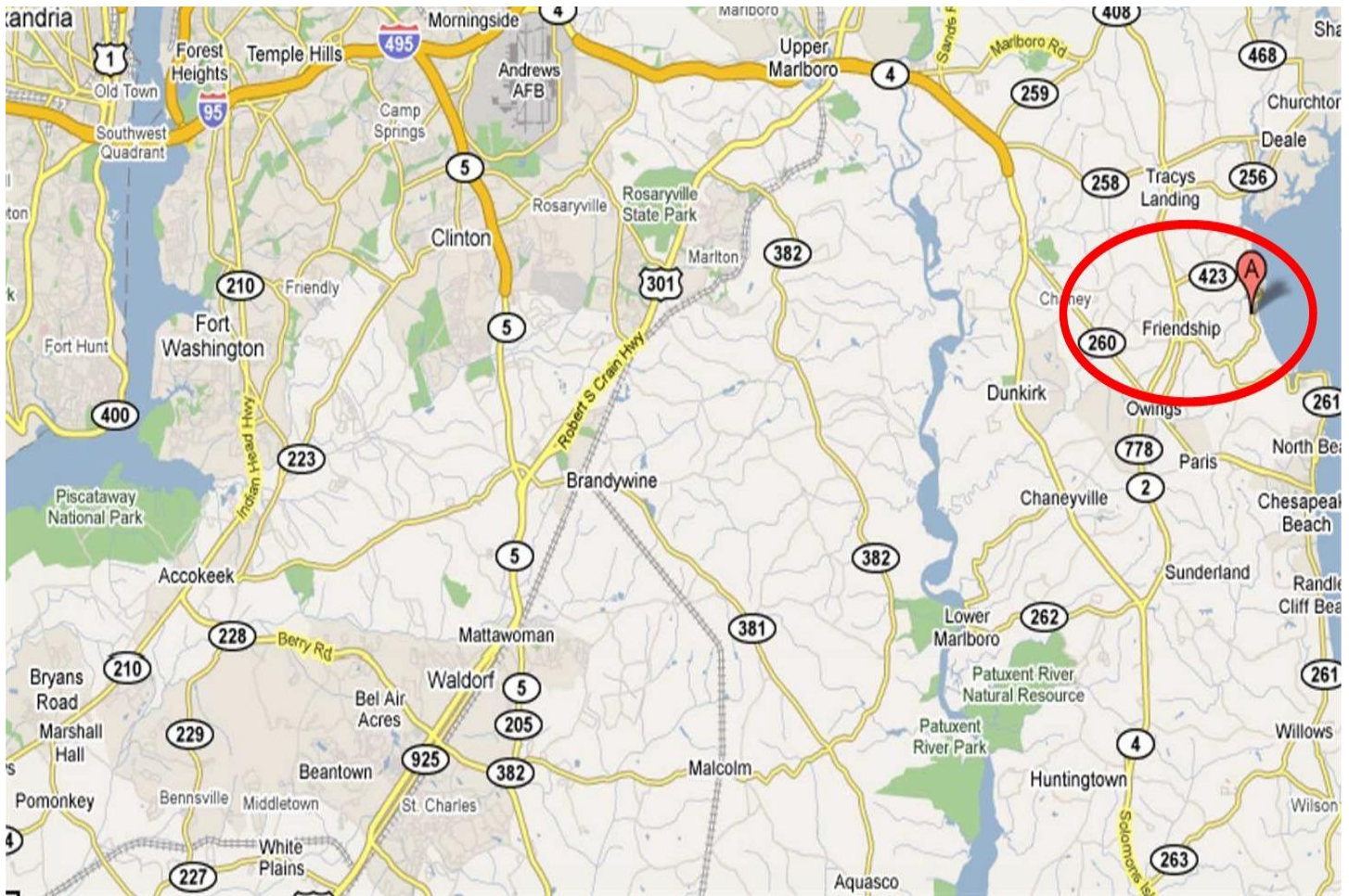
- **Programs:** This committee secures guest speakers and entertainment for Chapter events.
- **Personal Affairs:** This committee answers questions about benefits for members and spouses, and assists when a member passes away.
- **Legislative Affairs:** This committee keeps the membership up to date 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.

- June 6, Gen. Smallwood Chapter Cribbage and Picnic Event
- August 15, Southern Maryland Chapter Picnic
- September 19
- October 31
- December 12

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



**Directions to the June 6 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 3, 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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