



General William Smallwood Chapter
 Military Officers Association of America
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The Smallwood Crier

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is a busy time of the year. Many events are at our doorstep: As previously announced, Retiree Appreciation Day at Andrews AFB will be held on 16 October. La Plata's Salute to Veterans Parade is also just around the corner. And it is not too soon to begin planning for Chapter activities in 2011, so your input is valued in deciding on the continued direction of our Chapter, types of guest speakers, local community support, etc.

At the most recent MOAA Maryland Council meeting it was decided that in 2011 a Legislative Luncheon would be planned for the spring. The purpose is to meet with legislators from across Maryland to make veterans' voices heard on important issues and to solicit support. While details remain to be worked, each chapter is asked to commit a minimum level of participation to make this event a success. I ask that all chapter members consider the value of this activity and support the event. More information will follow.



Our September guest speakers, **Ed Nicholson, CAPT, USN (Ret.)**, and **Ferris Butler, CPT, USA (Ret.)**, were very well received. Their remarks to make us aware of the efforts of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing was indeed inspiring. We appreciate their presentation.



Our featured WWII veteran, **Jim Howcroft, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)**, showed us what a tremendous impact one person can have on his profession (meteorology in this case). **Jack Fringer, Jr., LTC, USA (Ret.)**, President of MOAA Maryland Council of Chapters, also made remarks and key observations on MOAA activities.

Our guest speaker during our October 23 luncheon is **Clinton Burrell, LTC, USA (Ret.)**. Clinton will talk about why the DoD established the Joint Improvised Explosive Devices Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), and its ongoing initiatives. A 1983 graduate of The Citadel, Clinton's 21-year army career included command, battalion and regimental signal officer positions, and a tour as the Deputy Director of the Army Spectrum Management Office in Alexandria, VA.

Our featured WWII veteran is **Claris "Ashley" Smith, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)**. An intelligence officer and a pilot who flew B-47s, Ashley served during WWII, Korea and Vietnam, and retired in 1969. He is a Charter Member of the General Smallwood Chapter, as well as a past chapter president.

See you at the October 23 luncheon!

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

Chapter Notes

Local Activities of Interest

La Plata's **Salute to Veterans Parade** will take place on Sunday, November 7. The parade goes down Charles Street, through downtown, and ends at the Town Hall for a Veterans Day ceremony. As in previous years, the Chapter will participate.

All are invited to join the annual **Veteran's Day commemoration and spaghetti** dinner held on November 11 at the Christ Episcopal Church in Wayside, Maryland. **Jim Goldsmith, CAPT, USN (Ret.)** will be the guest speaker. The program will begin at 5:30 PM in the church parish hall. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home members will also participate. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. For more information contact **Larry Poe, RADM, USN (Ret.)** at 301-259-4787 or LPOE07@comcast.net. General Smallwood chapter members may also notify Polly Zimmerman at pollyzimmerman@gmail.com who will submit a count of chapter members attending.

Officers serving for calendar year 2010

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

Director: Darlene Keller

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.

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.

Chapter Luncheon Schedule for 2010

The following dates are planned for the balance of 2010:

- Oct 23
- Dec 11

Date: Saturday, October 23, 2010

Cost: \$17.00

**Place: VFW Post 8810
RT 925 (Old Washington Road)
Waldorf, MD**

**Menu: Chicken,
sweet potatoes, California medley
vegetables, salad, rolls, applesauce**

Dessert provided by Chapter members

Time: 1130: Social hour

**Speakers: Clinton L. Burrell, II
LTC, USA (Ret.)**

1200: Lunch

**Ashley Smith
Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)**

1245: Speakers

WWII Veteran

Note: We need to provide the number of luncheon attendees to our hosts at the VFW, so please confirm your reservations with Sandy Mitchell (mail the reservation form or call her at 301-934-8086 to pay at the door)—THANK YOU!

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Reservation Form for Luncheon, October 23, 2010

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Cost: \$17.00 per person

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

**Please mail this form or call Sandy Mitchell at 301-934-8086 no later
than October 18, 2010.**



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