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The Florida Buccaneers is a Chapter of the Special Military Active Recreational Travelers Club (SMART)

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CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joe Faubion

Greetings Buccaneers! We are still on the road returning from the SMART National 40th Anniversary Celebration in Amana, IA. We had a great time with a few other Buccaneers – Jeff and Nancy Stephens, Tony and Gina Mason, George and Sue Young, and John and Kathy Steinbauer. Pam and I always enjoy visiting this part of the country – the food is wonderful! On this trip we made a point to visit the baseball field for the 1989 Field of Dreams movie. It is maintained much as it was filmed and is a must- see site if you enjoyed the movie.

During the muster the Buccaneers held a business meeting during which several matters were attended to. In accordance with Article 8.02 of the Bylaws, Bill Hastings, appointed me as acting vice president to assist him in managing the duties and affairs of the chapter. During the meeting I was voted as Vice-President and am honored to serve with our other officers to support our members and chapter.

Additionally, the Buccaneers were again recognized as a 2023 Outstanding Chapter! While we all know it to be an outstanding chapter, it is nice to be formally recognized as such.

Currently SMART receives about 50% of its revenue from caravans – if you are able and interested, please consider joining one. There are currently 6 openings on the 2024 Maritime Caravan led by Tony and Gina Mason. Also, during the SMART National, Pam, Gina, and I pitched an idea for a 2025 Civil War Caravan and were approved. The title of the caravan is Civil War – Chasing John Wilkes Booth. We have an interesting historical twist to an otherwise traditional Civil War caravan. As we have learned, every villain has an origin story. What could turn a very successful actor into an assassin? The first shots were fired at Fort Sumter however, the war began long before that for John Wilkes Booth. Watch for this posting to the SMART website.

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It's not too late to join us in Zephyrhills, Florida, November 8 through the 12th for our Veterans Day muster. Along with our normal muster activities, we will be attending the World War II reenactment and those interested can participate in the annual Veterans Day parade. We'll have a float, SMART banner, and Bill will be bringing service flags.



Consider bringing a new toy to donate for the Toys for Tots benefiting Pasco County families.

You can sign up now for our spring Murder Mystery Muster. This year we are appropriately themed as pirates! If you haven't joined us before, this muster is 1% murder and 99% shenanigans.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The following members are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the coming months:

Anniversaries

Bill and Kathy Lemon	October 5
Jeff and Nancy Stephens	November 11
Cordell and Sue Vickers	November 20
Bill and Joanne Hastings	November 21

Birthdays

Richard Nieves	October 8
Kathy Lemon	October 12
Gina Mason	October 13
Larry Chayt	October 25
Lisa Collins	October 26
Roni Fritz	October 31

