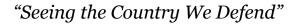


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### **E-NEWS**





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SMART BI -MONTHLY SUPPLEMENT

**AUGUST 2023** 



# Time is getting closer!

If you have not registered for the

# 40th Anniversary Celebration

in Amana Colonies you still have time!

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September 18-22, 2023
Sign up online at <u>www.SmartRVing.org</u>

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Chapters and Members please remember to bring a nice Gift Basket Door
Prize Representing your Area and
Chapter to be given away at the
2023 National Muster.

(Gift cards are Welcomed)



# Watermelon is one of summer's most popular fruits, But is it healthy?

As summer approaches, plans for backyard barbecues, pool parties and extended family time begin to crowd our calendars. And summer's most popular and highly-ranked fruit is about to be consumed in abundance – to the tune of more than 40 million pounds. That's watermelon, of course, the fruit known for it's striking colors, juicy crunch and water-laden slices.

But watermelon offers a lot more than just being a delicious summertime staple. Made up of more than 90% water, the fruit is also incredibly hydrating and is loaded with electrolytes to help one recharge after a morning workout or afternoon of play. It's chock full of nutrients and can even be a healthy companion snack for anyone looking to drop a few pounds.

Watermelon has a host of health benefits including protecting one's joints from inflammation, improving digestive conditions, and being richer in lycopene than any other fruit. Lycopene is an important antioxidant that has been linked to a decreased risk of cancer and heart disease.

The fruit is also a great source of beta-carotene, which works to protect one's body from damaging molecules called free radicals. Watermelon is high in fiber, vitamins A & C, minerals, and phytochemicals. Phytochemicals strengthen one's immune system, helps prevent DNA damage, and helps boost potassium consumption- minerals that contribute to healthy blood pressure.

#### Does watermelon have a lot of sugar?

While watermelon satisfies the sweet tooth, it has less sugar than many other popular fruits. Mangos, grapes, cherries, and pears all have more grams of sugar per serving than watermelon. But watermelon still has about 17 grams per slice, so it's best not to load up too much of it all at once.

While it's often eaten by the slice, the fruit's natural sweetness also makes it a good option to mix with other fruits and vegetables and can keep salads both healthful and far from hum-drum.

#### Can watermelon help with weight loss?

Another one of the health benefits is that that is low in calories while still being filling, making it a popular food some turn to when trying to drop a few pounds. It is one weight management tool because it is high in water, high in fiber, and low in calories. Water and fiber are two components in satiety – the feeling of being full.

A cup of diced watermelon has less than 50 calories and offers about .6 grams of fiber and .9 grams of protein.

Watermelon pieces in a pitcher of water are often used to create fruit water, which can help cut down on the temptation to choose sugar-sweetened drinks. You can nibble on watermelon chunks from a bowl or platter without unintentionally over doing it on calories.

#### Is watermelon healthy to eat every day?

Because of its many health benefits, the standard serving size set by the USDA is twice as big for watermelon as for other fruit, and is OK to eat in moderation every day the fruit is in season.

#### **SMART 1st Vice President:**

**Advertising & Publicity:** As the current chairman for this position I am looking for a replacement that will think outside the box. Under Membership & Publicity,

SR-07-04 and Recruiting & Retention, SOP-15 has all the information needed. We need to continue to get the word out. Flyers, posters, banners, news ads, etc. This position works directly with the Membership & Publicity Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP,

**Recruiting & Retention:** This position is clearly defined in SOP-15. I've been in this position since 2018, and it's time to move on and let some new blood take over. I'm looking for someone that will think outside the box and isn't afraid to take a chance. Recruiting has turned around and we're about at a 2-1, gain to lose in membership. Keep up the good work. Remember, all the Recruiting material you need, HQ has for the asking.

RD's and Chapter Presidents, if you have anyone in mind that can fill either of these positions, please let me know.

Richard D. Palmer SMART 1st Vice President

The difference between Ordinary and Extraordinary is a little Extra.





This year SMART will support the North Liberty Community Pantry with our food and school supply donations. This organization serves the neighboring communities of Amana Colonies. There are many back to school sales going on, to acquire pens, markers, crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, backpacks, etc. I would like to challenge each rig to bring a full grocery bag full of canned and non-perishable food items. In doing so, we could potentially donate close to 400 pounds of food!!

Thank you, Lida Cook, Spouse Advisory



#### From the desk of the 2nd VP...

We are currently up in Alaska leading a very enthusiastic group around the last great frontier. We have seen so many animals in the wild. The caravan is currently camped on Homer Spit, a 4.5 mile strip of sand, rocks and gravel created by an ancient glacial moraine. It is the longest road into ocean waters in the entire world. Still to come are Seward and Valdez. What an incredible journey this has been and continues to be. It is exciting to see all the lifelong friendships that have formed among the participants.

Summer is in full swing and folks are out and about, exploring this great country we live in. Let us also be mindful of SMART activities during those travels. The following musters are planned across the U.S. Include some of these in your planned travels. If something interests you, go online and register for it. You will have a great time. And don't forget about the National Muster in Amana, Iowa September 18 to 22. In just 2 months, we will be celebrating 40 years of SMART travel and camaraderie. Lee Greenwood, singer and songwriter, will be inducted into SMART as an honorary partner. What a great celebration it will be.

**8/19** The AR Hogs are hosting a Summer Potluck and Game Day Muster. Potluck and games will take place at the home of Richard Engel. Sounds delicious! Love those potlucks.

9/14 The White Sands Panhandlers will have a Chow Call at Mugshots Grill & Bar in Pace.

**9/15-17** The Nomads will hold their pre-muster meeting and lunch in Amana, Iowa, prior to start of the National Muster

#### 9/18-23 SMART National Muster Amana Colonies, Iowa (EVERYONE WELCOMED)

9/18-22 The Nomads will hold their annual meeting during the National Muster

**9/23-25** The Nomads will hold their post-muster meeting following the end of the National Muster in Mount Pleasant, Iowa

10/2-5 The White Sands Panhandlers will get together at Twin Lakes Camp Resort in Defuniak Springs, Florida.

10/11-15 Florida Sunshiners and Drifters will hold an October Muster at Jenny Ridge RV Park in Folkston, Georgia.

10/12-15 The Alamo SMARTS are having a fish fry in Fredericksburg, Texas.

10/15-20 The Mississippi Magnolias are having a Halloween Muster at Parker's Landing RV Camp in Biloxi, Mississippi.

I recently sent out a CALL TO ACTION challenging the membership to help with recruiting and retention efforts by setting up information tables at club events and RV shows around the country. Gather your members, solicit volunteers to staff an information table for 2 or 3 hours each, hang up a SMART banner, get ready to hand out brochures, and answer questions. Even just one person can make a difference. You don't have to be at a show the entire time it is open. Be there for just part of the show if that's all you can do. That's OK, too. Just get out and tell people about the benefits of belonging to SMART. There are several upcoming shows that we can participate in. Their schedules are as follows:

9/8-10 Fall Outdoor Showcase, Midwest Gateway RV Dealers Association, St. Louis, MO

**9/13-17** America's Largest RV Show, Giant Center, Hershey, PA. *Note: this is an incredible show with thousands of attendees over a 5-day period.* 

9/22-24 Washington State Evergreen Fall RV Show, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA

11/10-13 Portland Metro RV Show, Expo Center, Portland, OR

1/17-21/2024 Florida RV Supershow in Tampa, Florida. Note: this is also an incredible show with loads of attendees and RVs on display

Melody C. Thomas, 2nd VP



## **RESUME for 2nd Vice President**

I David O. Weis SR. SMART #9428 do hereby apply for and except the nomination of SMART 2nd Vice President.

I have read article 6 of the By-Laws and standing rules and fully understand its contents and agree as written.

I have been an active member of SMART since joining in July 1999 and have held the following positions; Chattahoochee Drifters Chapter President. South East Region Director, Nomads Chapter President, Past National President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President.

Present I'm a Wagonmaster, Travel Committee Member.

My community involvement consists of being a member of the building committee of Magnolia Methodist Church in Magnolia Texas.

I fully support SMART and wish to continue to help SMART as we continue into our 41st year. I feel with the experience I have gained during my time in SMART will help me work with the BOD. National Recruiter and Smart membership to guide Smart into the future. David O Weis Sr. #9428

# **National Muster PHOTO CONTEST**

Submit your 8x10 matte pictures for judging.

There will be five categories:

- 1) Landscapes
- 2) Sunrises & Sunsets
- 3) Pets
- 4) Folks having fun at SMART musters (local, regional and national)
- 5) Folks having fun on SMART caravans

Write the category, location, your name, and phone number on the back of the picture. Do not put any identifying information on the front of the picture. You may submit one picture in each category. Drop your picture off at the Information Center when you arrive (must be present to win). . . Best overall photo will be featured on the cover of The Traveler.





## **BROWN BAG AUCTION**

## at 2023 National Muster





Don't forget to Make up your Brown Bags for the Brown Bag Auction—

<u>Taped</u>, NOT stapled — drop it off at the Registration Desk. You may include any item you want, but it must meet the following guidelines:

- ⇒ Contents must be worth at least \$20.
- ⇒ If you bring any electronics, please make sure the item works and is safe.
- ⇒ The item can be new or used, funny or a gag item, expensive or inexpensive, nice, ugly, a what-not, or even a gift card.
- ⇒ You can even dress up your bag for a designer bag look, they bring more money at action....lol

Donors will be given a raffle ticket for bags donated and bags bought at auction. Raffle drawing will follow after the auction for cash prizes. Come join in all the fun!

# **CARD BINGO**



Come and Win cash prizes at Card Bingo during the 2023 National Muster!

Tuesday, September 19th 1600 hours Bring 5 quarters and two \$1 bills

# **Crafts at 2023 National Muster**

#### **CORN DOLLY**

A Corn Dolly is a traditional English craft (and across Europe), made using wheat, oats, rye or barley, and is associated with a celebration of the harvest. They were thought to give the Spirit of the Corn a home to live in over the winter, as the corn in the fields was harvested, and are used as decorations in harvest festivals.

It also is sometimes called a Wheat Weaving and there are many different traditional designs. Starting with stems of wheat, then braiding them together, you will finish with a 5" ornament. Cost is \$5 per ornament.. **Bring scissors and a towel.** Supplies will be provided.

#### PATRIOTIC FABRIC CLOTH WREATH

A favorite place to hang banners and garlands is in the window. It really dresses up those patriotic holidays like Flag Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. It's an easy DIY and always adds charm to your home. Join us in creating a 5 ft. patriotic garland. All materials will be provided. Cost is \$10 per garland. All you need to



## bring is scissors and a towel.

Linda Mosley is the craft project director. As a Navy spouse, she has had a LOT of alone time! Not one to sit still, she tried all of the crafts available to her. She would sew all of her family's clothes, and to take the fiber thing further, led her to spin wool into yarn, and weaving the cloth, which led to raising her own sheep. Now, Linda is focusing on quilting. After 24 moves, she and husband, Mike, are happily settled in the Hill Country of Texas.

Sign up at 2023 National Muster registration desk.....

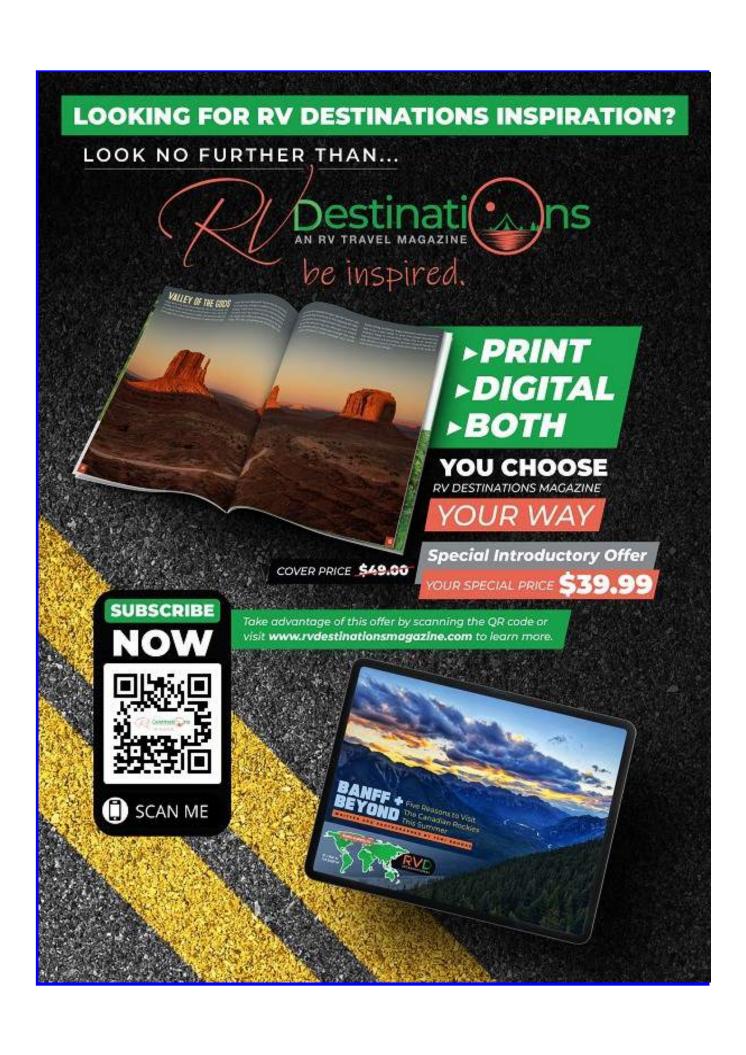
When you receive your 40th Anniversary Lapel Pin at National please make sure you wear it to all meals. This is your meal ticket.

When you get to National at registration don't forget

to sign up for the

**Hand and Foot Tournament** 

on 9/21 at 1:00pm



# 2023 SMART Caravans

#### Autumn in the Appalachians Caravan 28 Sep – 30 Oct 2023

Submitted by Kathy & John Steinbauer, Wagon Masters

Wagon Masters: Kathy & John Steinbauer, jfs9840@gmail.com (John)

kathy.steinbauer@gmail.com (Kathy)

**Tail Gunners:** Tony and Gina Mason, fresno632000@yahoo.com (Tony)

& belle1013@hotmail.com (Gina)

Cost for Double: \$4200 Costs for Single/ \$2950 guests \$1300

Deposits and Payments: \$280 upon application; 50% by six months prior to start;

Full Payment: three months prior to start.

We will be leading the 33 day, 575 mile adventure in seven RV parks which will run right after the SMART National in Amana IA. Traveling along routes close to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian Trail, we will be viewing the beautiful scenery and highlights of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Smoky Mountains, Appalachian Trail, Skyline Parkway, and the Shenandoah National Park.







Along the way, we will experience the grandeur of mountain vistas, waterfalls, and valleys. We will also visit fall festivals, wineries, and travel the "The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail" which winds through the mountains of Southwest Virginia where Bluegrass, Old Time, and Traditional Country music is as beautiful and rugged as the landscape itself.

Number of Days: 33 days; Caravan Limit: 20 RVs; 575 mile caravan in Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. We will start the caravan in Cleveland, GA near Helen; then to Cherokee, NC; Asheville, NC; Bristol, TN; Galax, VA; Verona, VA near Staunton, VA; and end in Luray, VA. Additional Info: All participants will receive an Autumn in the Appalachians Caravan jacket, tote bag, and binder with trip itinerary and activities. For more details on the caravan contact John at <a href="mailto:ifs09840@gmail.com">ifs09840@gmail.com</a> or call 210-386-9018 or go to the SMART website at <a href="https://www.smartrving.org/Caravans/">https://www.smartrving.org/Caravans/</a> (This caravan is full you can get on the waitlist)







## Grand Canyon and Beyond .... April 11th of 2024,

We'll kick off the Grand Canyon and Beyond Caravan in Williams Arizona. We'll tour the bottom of the Grand Canyon by 4 wd Vans, ride a Tram to view the Canyon Rim, enjoy a calm water float trip to Horseshoe Bend, We'll take a Jeep Safari tour of Monument Valley National Park with a real Navajo code talker as our tour guide.



We'll take a Jet Boat Cruise and enjoy a light show and Dinner in Moab Utah. Take a tour with a real code Talker at Monument Valley. We'll take a Jeep tour to Arches NP. We will go on a boat ride at Canyonland NP. We'll take a tour of Capital

Reef by Jeep, tour Bryce Canyon National Park by shuttle, and Zion National Park before we head to Las Vegas, Nevada.

In Las Vegas we'll enjoy a few shows and dinners and take a bus trip to tour the Hoover Dam. This and so much more is what you'll be enjoying from April 11th to May 5th 2024.



Now is the time to get your application and deposit of \$280.00 into SMART Headquarters as we are limited to 20 RV participants.

David & Jackie Weis will be your Wagonmasters

dweis74@hotmail.com

Prices: EST Couple \$6495 Single EST \$4500 Guest \$3495



## 2024 Whiskey and Water Falls

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May 13, 2024 **to** June 12, 2024 This caravan will visit several select distilleries and hike to select water falls along this 31-day 365-mile trip across middle America. Additionally, we will visit key museums, sites and activities along the way. Hiking to see waterfalls is also included as well as time to visit Ft. Knox for their Memorial Day activities and the General George Patton

Leadership Museum.

**Wagon Master(s)**: Joe Padberg & Diane Pepperell email: <a href="mailto:Padberg4Smart@gmail.com">Padberg4Smart@gmail.com</a> **Tail Gunner(s)**: Melody & Paul Thomas email: <a href="mailto:Thomas4Smart@gmail.com">Thomas4Smart@gmail.com</a>

**Cost:** Single cost: \$3600 Couple cost: \$5200 Guest cost: \$1700

**Payments**: \$280 upon application, 50% by November 13, 2023, and full payment by February 13, 2024

Sign up today, We have spots available!



# The Great Atlantic Canada Maritime Experience

June 15, 2024 to August 27, 2024



This caravan promises to provide memories that will last a lifetime!

Spend 74 days traveling throughout the four Canadian maritime provinces. Some of the activities scheduled:

In **New Brunswick** you will see majestic brown-sugar beaches, culturally rich Acadian villages, quaint coastal islands and vast tracks of forests brimming with wildlife. It is also home to the world's highest tides at Hopewell Rocks. During low tide we'll walk among the "flowerpot" formations. We'll visit the beautiful Kingsbrae Gardens – a multi-award winning, horticultural masterpiece. Those brave of heart will have the opportunity to traverse the ocean bed to Ministers Island during low tide.

**Newfoundland,** which is impossible to adequately describe briefly, is where you will have 33 days to explore some of the most unique geology, breathtaking vistas, wildlife galore, icebergs, whales, and puffins. You will immerse yourself in the region's extraordinary history while touring the ancient Viking settlement of L'Anse aux Meadows. And shhh ... we'll visit a Secret World War II Officers Club and a World War II Bunker.

In **Nova Scotia** we'll attend a variety of unique offerings to include; attendance at the Royal International Tattoo, enjoy a Ghost Tour of Annapolis Royal National Historical Park, and, whether you are a believer or not, Oak Island. We'll take a memorable underground mine tour and attend the Men of the Deeps Concert.

You'll have time to explore Cape Breton, rated one of the world's most beautiful road trips with 22 stops for unique crafts or sightseeing. There will be whale watching tours, city bus tours, and a harbor cruise on a tall ship. We'll attend the 159th Antigonish Highland Games to watch competitions of traditional Scottish Heavy Events plus Pipe and Drum, and Highland dance. **Prince Edward Island** is the home of Anne of Green Gables. We will attend the Musical and tour the places that inspired the legend. Spend an afternoon at the stunning Cavandish National Park. You can enjoy their Lighthouses, museums and some of the finest seafood in the Maritime.

We will conclude our trip back in Trenton where Tina's Great Maine Lumberjack Show has extended their season for us. On our last night we will enjoy a lobster dinner and distribute your memory book to share with friends and family back home. Join us on this caravan and make memories that will last a lifetime! Follow this link for a video preview of the caravan: <a href="https://youtu.be/\_hGZRFqx6-Q">https://youtu.be/\_hGZRFqx6-Q</a>

Wagon Master(s): Tony & Gina Mason Email: <a href="mailto:fresno63@hotmail.com">fresno63@hotmail.com</a>
Costs - Single Cost: <a href="mailto:fresno63@hotmail.com">57,100</a> Couple Cost: <a href="mailto:fresno63@hotmail.com">510,550</a> Guest Cost: <a href="mailto:fresno63@hotmail.com">53,484</a>
We have a few spots left!

we have a few spots left

♦ NOTE: For the long ferry there will be a few rooms available that will allow pets or separate kennels for pets only – as the date draws near, we will advise on availability and pricing.

#### 2024 Veterans in Branson

Nov 6th -15th 2024

Branson's Veterans Homecoming week is America's largest Veteran's Day celebration and we'll be there to participate from November 6<sup>th</sup> until November 15th. Throughout the entire week of celebration we'll enjoy various shows to include; Branson Murder Mystery/ dinner show, Christmas Story dinner show, Miracle of Christmas Show,



Yakov and Dolly Parton's Stampede and dinner show. Additionally we'll visit the Veteran's Museum, Aquarium, Christmas Trail of lights (tram ride), Ralph Foster Museum and the Showboat Branson Belle (paddle wheel ) where we'll not only enjoy a scrumptious meal and lively show but a beautiful view of Table Rock Lake. You won't want to miss this fun and exciting Caravan, now is the time to send in your application and deposit of \$280.00 to SMART Headquarters . David & Jackie Weis wagonmasters.



Couple cost: \$2040, Single cost: \$1405,

Guest cost: \$805

There are two cabins left with bathrooms if anyone wants to travel to Branson without their Rig, for more info call HQ. We have a few openings left!

#### 2025 SMART Caribbean Cruise Caravan



SMART Caribbean Cruise

Feb 8-17, 2025

Join your fellow SMART members and step on board the beautiful Celebrity Eclipse. Celebrity is known for its fine dining, service, and spacious public areas. There are also nightly shows and entertainment throughout the ship.

Prices include 4 FREE Perks: FREE Wi-Fi, FREE Gratuities and FREE Classic Beverage Package PLUS \$200 Per Cabin On Board Credit for Balcony and Above and \$100 Per Cabin for Inside Cabins Prices range from \$1384 - \$2929 pp dbl occ

\$450 per person deposit is 100% refundable until Final Payment of November 10th, 2024.

SMART Rally Fee is \$125.00 Per Cabin and must be paid directly to <u>SMART</u> separately. More information may be found at <a href="https://lb59a9-6042.icpage.net/smart-caribbean-cruise-feb-2025">https://lb59a9-6042.icpage.net/smart-caribbean-cruise-feb-2025</a> We have <u>11 cabins to choose from</u>, we have <u>27 booked already</u>

### How to use the Mil RV Parks Evaluation Program

Step #1 – Log in to the SMART website

Step #2 – Sign in under Members Only

Step #3 – On the Members Only page there are three rows of blue ovals – the first row is light blue, the second and third rows are dark blue. The third dark blue oval in the third row is labeled "Military RV Parks." By clicking on that oval, it takes you to the **US Military RV Parks**/RV Park of the Year Awards page.

Step #4 - Go to "Submit an RV Park Evaluation Form"

Step #5 – Select the State

Step #6 – Select the Military RV Park

Step #7 – Complete the Form, making especially sure that you answer Yes or No in line **Four**. If you do not, your evaluation cannot be used in voting for the Mil-Park-of-the-Year. (NOTE: You do not have to stay at the Mil-Park to evaluate it. Ask to see the park and do a drive-through. Write your evaluation from what you observe.)

**NOTE:** The **best** place to leave the Travelers and poster is in the laundry room. More members go to the laundry than to the registration office.

Step #8 – Submit form.

Done! Please submit the Evaluation even if you are not impressed by the Mil Park. This information gives me an opportunity to contact the Mil Park to see if there is a way we can help them to improve.

Thank you. Gene-O Chairman Mil RV Parks Committee

## Cajuns:

During the business meeting for the 2021 "Y'All Come" muster a motion was made and pasted for the chapter to purchase a Brick in the World War II "Road to Victory" walkway to honor Francis Arceneaux. The brick was purchased in June of 2021, but not placed in

the "Road to Victory" walkway until earlier this year. The certificate for the brick and documentation showing the location of Francis' brick was not forwarded, until just before this year's "Y'All Come" muster.

I was honored to present the Certificate to Francis at this year's 'Y'All Come". Douglas Here are the answers to last months Chaplain puzzle.

30 books of the Bible in this paragraph Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elanie Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam. Especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was of the most difficult

Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations those who have to be shown. One revelation at may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

1-Amos, 2-Mark, 3-Luke, 4-John, 5-Joel, 6-Judges, 7-Job, 8-Hebrews, 9-Esther, 10-Acts, 11-James, 12-Ruth, 13-Romans, 14-Titus, 15- Matthew, 16-Genesis, 17-Philemon, 18-Chronicles, 19-Daniel, 20- Nahum, 21-Hosea, 22-Lamentations, 23-Revelation, 24-Timothy, 25- Samuel, 26-Numbers, 27-Malachi, 28-Peter, 29-Exodus, 30-Kings.

Hope you enjoyed trying to find them all.

Lamar Enfinger Smart National Chaplain

# WE NOW HAVE OUR SMART CAR TAGS



in stock go to our SMART STORE

Look for the SMART Store at National

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Don't miss out on getting your Special Addition SMART 40th Anniversary Hat

## **AC-19 GUNSHIP REUNION:**

We are looking for former members associated with the AC-19 gunships used from 1967-1972 in Southeast Asia. We'd like to find aircrew, ground crew, support personnel, Friends & Families and anyone whose bacon we saved. Shadows & Stingers, Air Crew, Ground Crew Support Crew, 71st, 17th, 18th SOS, Also AC-47 Puff the Magic Dragon folks.

Location: Hilton Crystal City, Washington, DC

Wednesday, November 8 to November 12, 2023

54 Years Remembrance of AC-119 Gunships

**Reunion coordinator Armed Forces Reunions** 

Contact: Kelly Bridgeman, <u>kelly@afri.com</u> 757-625-6401

Additional details are on our Association's website:

https://www.ac119gunships.com/reunion/upcoming-reunion/

GO to <a href="https://ac119gunships.com/membership-contactinformation/alpha-roaster">https://ac119gunships.com/membership-contactinformation/alpha-roaster</a>

and add any missing names or contacts you have – we can still reach many <u>IF</u> we know who you are! Jim Dunn AC-119 Association Life Member

SMART Member # 7308



Don't forget to bring your worn and tattered flags for the Flag Ceremony at 2023 National Muster in Amana Colonies....

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