



## *A Note from Your Muster Master*

The start of the 2024 SMART National Muster is almost here. Please see **new info** at the bottom of this page and read the entire Muster Information Sheet which will tell you everything you will need to know.

Keep track of all the latest info by reading the Charleston Ragtime's Newsletter which is sent to all SMART members and is also available on the SMART website, [SMART Facebook](#), and [SMART 2024 National Facebook](#)

**Some important changes to the schedule have been made all need to know about.** Check out the entire schedule on the SMART website at [Schedule of Events](#) and below:

★ Wednesday, September 18

Start	End	Event	Place	Notes
08:00	09:00	Coffee & Pastries	Blue Room	B2 Bolger
09:00	10:00	Grant Writing Workshop	Blue Room	Instruction intended for the SMART BOD in writing grant requests for SMART - Lou Finkle, Ph.D.
09:00	11:00	First Aid Station open	Pavilion	Blood Pressure, Health Screening, First-Aid
10:00	10:45	Motivating Volunteers Seminar	Blue Room Atrium	Lou Finkle, Ph.D.
11:00	11:45	Senior Fitness	Blue Room Atrium	Johnny Leggett
11:00	12:00	Grant Writing Workshop	Blue Room	Instruction intended for the SMART BOD on writing grants for SMART - Lou Finkle, Ph.D.
13:00	13:45	Wholesale Warranty Seminar	Blue Room	Zoom seminar discusses the benefits of extended warranties
14:00	15:30	Bean Bag Baseball Game	Outdoor Pavilion grass area (weather permitting)	Joe Padburg & Paul Thomas
15:30	17:00	50/50 Sales		
16:00	17:00	Social Hour	Pavilion	
17:00	18:30	BBQ sponsored by the East Region Presidents with Bill Hastings as Committee Chair	Pavilion	hamburgers, hotdogs with delicious side dishes
19:00	22:00	Entertainment	Blue Room	Night Shift Dance Band

**R.E.D. Friday** is a day to wear red to show support for troops and veterans who are deployed in the US and overseas. R.E.D. is an acronym for "Remember Everyone Deployed". The day is meant to remind people of their troops and to spread the message of how important it is to keep troops in our thoughts.

*John Steinbauer*

**Shuttle Service will start between the campsite area and Exchange Hall on Sunday, 15 Sep.**

**see Important info on ARRIVALS on page 4, New Wash & Detail Vendor, Update on Golf Cart Rentals,**

**and Kleen Tank Service starting on Page 9**



## 2024 SMART NATIONAL MUSTER INFORMATION



### First Aid & Safety

**EMERGENCY SECURITY: CALL 911.** Tell the dispatcher that you are at the Exchange Park campground and give them your site number\_\_\_\_\_.

**THEN call our Sheriff/Security Coordinator, Brian "B2" Bolger** 202-744-5879.

For non emergency security issues call B2 who will assess the situation and call the local police department 843-743-7200, if necessary.

**ILLNESS OR INJURY** call **Miriam Metz RN CEN 24/7** 954-802-2951 to assess the patient and provide immediate treatment. If EMS is not necessary, the patient will be directed to an Urgent Care Center, if appropriate.

### FIRST-AID STATION WILL BE OPEN 0900-1100 EVERY DAY DURING THE NATIONAL MUSTER, IN THE PAVILLION SEPTEMBER 16-20

#### Available services include:

- Blood Pressure Reading
- Cardiac Monitoring
- Wound Care
- Minor Injuries treated
- Coordination for urgent care or hospital transport

If you feel ill or sustain an injury, call Miriam Metz 24/7 and she will respond and assess you for any further care, i.e. stitches, x-rays or medications.

**Miriam Metz, RN CEN, 954-802-2951**

### Plan of Action for Medical Emergencies

Miriam Metz RN CEN, National Muster First Aid & Safety Coordinator is a registered emergency room certified nurse and will be in the campground and available 24/7. Immediate treatment will be given by her while waiting for EMS to arrive. If EMS is not necessary, the patient will be directed to a nearby Urgent care center, if appropriate. Any wound care will be done on site or at first aid station. She will make sure that all attendees are well taken care of no matter how minor or major their medical needs are. She will make sure that someone will be at the entrance of the campground to guide EMS should they need to respond.

#### Hospitals:

##### Trident Medical Center VA Medical Center

9330 Medical Plaza Dr 109 Bee St  
Charleston, SC 29406 Charleston, SC 29401  
843-797-7000

##### Trident Health System

295 Midland Pkwy  
Summerville, SC 29485  
843-832-5000

##### VA Medical Center

9330 Medical Plaza Dr 109 Bee St  
Charleston, SC 29406  
843-577-5011

**MUSC Medical Center**

171 Ashley Avenue  
Charleston, SC 29425  
843-932-3225

**Roper St. Frances Berkley**

100 Callen Blvd  
Summerville, SC 29486  
843-529-3100

**Bon Secours St. Frances**

2095 Henry Tecklenburg Dr  
Charleston, SC 29414  
843-402-1000

**Urgent Care Centers**

**MedCare Urgent Cetner River Avenue Urgent Care**

1675 N. Main St 7519 River Ave  
Summerville, C North Charleston SC 29406  
843-863-8507 843-735-5020

**Mason Med Center**

4278 Ladson Rd  
Summerville, SC 29485  
843-203-2240

**Veterinarian: Pharmacy**

**Ladson Veterinary Hospital CVS**

3679 Ladson Rd, Suite 101 9625 Hwy 78  
Ladson, SC 29456 Ladson, SC  
843-620-9091 843-285-2169

**Pharmacy**

**CVS**

9625 Hwy 78  
Ladson, SC 29456  
843-285-2169



**2024 SMART NATIONAL MUSTER INFORMATION**

By Lonnie Alley Assistant Muster Master, Parking, and Facilities Coordinator



Let me provide some important information about Charleston South Carolina, Exchange Park and the 41<sup>st</sup> SMART NATIONAL Muster hosted by the Eastern Region. I would like to pass on a few tips, heads up and advice. This muster has the potential to be one of the best and the planning and execution committees are trying their very best to make it a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Charleston is a very interesting and historic city where several options for tours are available. The tour period is 12 to 15 September 2024. Wednesday 18 September is an open day for the tours scheduled by Viator, ITT or your personal plans. Driving

around Charleston is a challenge on the best of days. The streets tend to be narrow and rough with limited parking. For those who prefer other options, UBER and taxis are available at your cost. For reference, links to downtown Charleston parking are:

[https://en.parkopedia.com/parking/downtown\\_charleston/?arriving=202401301300&leaving=202401301500](https://en.parkopedia.com/parking/downtown_charleston/?arriving=202401301300&leaving=202401301500)

<https://www.charleston-sc.gov/1025/Parking-Information>

For those interested, I am providing a link to the golf cart vendor. Some of the campsites are some distance from the meeting hall and vehicle parking will be limited to the campground and the parking lot in front of the meeting hall. Shuttle service within the campground will be available, with a schedule posted. Arrangements have been made for discounts to members desiring to rent a cart for personal use. **Please contact** Danielle Morgan Email: [Daniellem@trucarts.com](mailto:Daniellem@trucarts.com) Tel: 843.809.1001 **and be sure to mention you are with SMART**. The carts will be delivered to and picked up from the campground every day except Sunday.

[TruCarts | Golf Carts For Sale Near Me | Golf Cart Dealer | EZGO, Yamaha, Club Car, More](#)

Several vendors and services providers are expected to be on hand to provide various goods and services. Negotiations are ongoing and more information will be published when it is available/confirmed.

### **Arrival and Departure 2024 National Muster**

**Important new arrival info:** It's been reported by Exchange Park Management, when you put Exchange Park in your navigation app, it's usually best to search for "Exchange Park" in Ladson, SC or 9850 US-78, Ladson, SC 29456. There's an error in Google Maps that sends you to the wrong place if you use the mailing address (9850 Hwy 78, Ladson, SC 29456).

The GPS Coordinates 32°59'45.0"N 80°06'29.0"W will take you to a location inside Exchange Park next to Exchange Hall, the Blue Room.

It's also been reported delays due to construction on there is a stretch of construction on I 26 that may cause some delays. The project and location can be found here: <https://scdotmidlandsconnection.com/>

Arrival: Exchange Park 9850 Highway 78, Ladson SC 29456 (NOT EARLIER THAN **11 September 2024 at 1200 Noon**). **Arrivals and parking on Thursday, 12 Sep, Fri, Sat, and Sun is 0900 -1600. On Mon arrivals are from 0900 to 1200 so plan to arrive NLT 1200 Noon** Starting with arrival where you will be greeted by the parking team who will assign spaces, assist with parking and pass out the **Muster Booklet, and SkyMed Lunch Survey**.



After parking and setup, you will be available for tours, meetings, social hours, etc. until Sunday. Welcome and Check-In are **Sunday 0900 to 1600 and 0900 to 1200 Noon on Mon** in the meeting room (Blue Room). See the muster schedule on the SMART website for details. **Unavoidable late arrivals** please call 910.709.9477 or

910.308.2882 for site assignment and parking assistance. All site assignments are “first come, first serve” with no pre-assignments. Exit 203 Interstate 26 either east or west bound. Follow signs on Highway 78 to Exchange Park. The Exchange Park entrance is on your left if coming from I26 under the Exchange Park sign. Look for signs for SMART at the turnoff. From the entry road, turn left and go through the handicap parking lot, then follow the road through the gate at the end of the parking lot around to the right to the campground gate. Parking assignments will be made upon arrival at the campground gate and a SMART parking team member will guide you to your site and assist in parking. NOTE: all spaces are back in only and are the same size approximately 50 feet long and 20 feet wide. The parking lot will also be used for vehicle parking at the Blue Room Muster Booklet and m. Handicap rules are not enforced in the Handicap parking lot during our Muster. Please stop at the gate to get your site assignment and welcome package. This is also the ideal time to disconnect towed vehicles. Please leave towed vehicles outside the camping or in the area to the rear of the camping spaces area until you have parked your camper. There are no designated handicap spaces in the grass campground sites. There are approximately 15 spaces on pavement near the meeting room building that I am setting aside for handicap, plus I will set aside several spaces in the campground as close to the building as possible if necessary. Recommend those with limited mobility issues **mark your online registration Handicap box and note if you need close in parking. If you have already registered and failed to mark the box, go back to the registration form and mark the Handicap box.** In addition, if you use any of the help devices, mark accordingly or reregister to enter the appropriate devices. Groups and individuals wishing to park together must arrive together and place an 8X10” paper in the left front of each member’s windshield with your group name/number in large letters/numerals, i.e. 1 of 5, 2 of 5 etc. Please have the group leader email Lonnie Alley, Parking Coordinator as soon as you plan to arrive in a group with the group name, number, and arrival date at [lonniealley@earthlink.net](mailto:lonniealley@earthlink.net) or 910.709.9477. There is ample space available to gather in the fair parking lots prior to entering the campground. The only stipulation is that due to lease restrictions, all campers must be in the campground overnight. No campers may dry camp or remain in the parking lot overnight. There are several campgrounds, both military and commercial, in the area where you can stay overnight prior to arrival at the National to await your group.

**Park and Power:** The main camping spaces are three long rows. Rows 2 and 3 will be back-to-back and have both 30-amp and 50-amp connections, all other spaces are 50-amp only. **Recommend 30-amp campers arrive with a 50/30 adapter as you may be in a 50-amp spot.** All hookups (power, sewer and water) are in back of the camper. Be prepared with sufficient hoses and power cable to **reach approximately 10 feet behind your camper.** Water is city water, we recommend pressure regulators. All campers must be self-contained. This is not a “campground” in the traditional sense. There is no campground office. DO NOT call Exchange Park for any reason. Contact Lonnie Alley, Parking and Facility Coordinator 910.709.9477 for all questions/issues. All reservations and normal campground operations and parking are handled through SMART National Muster Staff. **THERE ARE NO DUMP STATIONS (Sewers at all campsites) , SHOWERS or BATHROOMS in the camping area.** The restrooms are in the main facility (Blue Room Atrium) open 24 hours a day. While in the campground: • Limited WIFI is available (may not support streaming) • Broadcast TV only, no cable • No open fires including no fire rings. • Quiet hours 10PM to 6 AM (This is a residential neighborhood) • No garbage collection, take your garbage to the dumpster located near the gate  
Departure: Due to heavy traffic on highway 78, for your safety and to ensure smooth traffic flow, all departures will be right turn only when exiting Exchange Park. This will lead you directly back to I26 interchange 203 where you can go west (left turn) or east (right turn). Interstate 95 is west. Please leave the campground clean and orderly. Do not leave garbage

on your site for others to cleanup. Questions/concerns please contact Lonnie Alley, Parking Team Coordinator 910.709.9477 or [lonniealley@earthlink.net](mailto:lonniealley@earthlink.net).

## TOUR CHANGES

The Charleston Convention and Group Services, Inc. (CCGS) notified us all the tours, except the Sunday Dinner Cruise, have been cancelled due to insufficient sign-ups. All those who have

signed up will be notified and a full refund will be issued. While this is unfortunate, the minimum for a tour to go was 30 and the advertised cutoff date was 12 Aug. The Dinner Cruise still has room for more, so if you want to go on it, sign-up on their website at

<https://www.wetravel.com/users/charleston-convention-group-services-inc>

Other Tour Options: For those who want to drive on their own, carpool, or go by a taxi service like Uber, Lift, or a traditional taxi company, we suggest two options:

1. Viator is a worldwide tour company who offers a wide selection, excellent prices, and terms at: Charleston's Old South Carriage Ride and Guided History Tour 2024

All you have to do is go to the Viator website and make your reservations.

2. Information, Tickets, and Travel (ITT) at Jt Base Charleston. While the ITT option may be the most cost effective, the process only works if you purchase the voucher(s) in person and is somewhat complicated. ITT caters to military members who are in the local area since tickets must be purchased in person, and are non-refundable. In order to purchase the vouchers from ITT these are the recommended steps.

a. Review the tour options on the ITT website at <http://www.ibcharlestonorc.com/tickets>. Note: The ITT website does not provide any detailed info about the specific tours; therefore, you have to check each tour operator's website by searching the internet or viewing tours listed on Viator or another tour sales operator.

b. Once you decide which tour(s) you want, plan your arrival date for the muster so you have time to go to the ITT office at Jt Base Charleston to purchase the voucher(s). It will then be your responsibility to contact the tour company and make the reservation(s). The benefit of completing your part sooner than later is to have a better chance of getting the tour you desire. ITT assures vouchers will be available for each tour option, however, only the tour operator can provide info on the availability of specific tours and dates..

Questions? Contact John Steinbauer, Tour Coordinator



**Note:** If you have already registered for the National and decide to change your arrival dates to facilitate tours and need to revise, no problem. Just go the SMART website, sign in and go to your reservation and make the change which will generate a new reservation with any payment due or refunds for site payments.

If you have any questions, you can contact John Steinbauer, Muster Master/Tour Coordinator at [jfs9840@gmail.com](mailto:jfs9840@gmail.com).

### Brown Bag Auction and Raffle



The traditional Brown Bag Auction and Raffle has been a great tradition at our National Musters and it will be even better in Charleston. We have decided to make some rules adjustments based on feedback from our members. It's an excellent way to have a good time, gain some interesting items, and have an opportunity to win some money.

If you choose to bring a Brown Bag for the auction, you can only bring one per "Rig" and it must be worth at least \$20. All bags will be given a number when dropped off at Welcome Station Check-In and the name of the donor registered for future reference. At the end, the bag with the highest auction amount will be recognized with the donor and winner with photos taken to celebrate and recognize these outstanding members.

The bag must be TAPED closed so there is NO peeking.

NO STAPLES IN THE BAGS They can cause injuries if left in the bag and will not be accepted for the auction.

Items can be a new nice item or a gag. If the item is a gag, at least \$20 cash or a gift card must be included. If a gift card, it must be used anywhere.

You may bring any item you want but it must follow these rules

- If it's an electronic item, it must work and be safe
- It can be new or used, funny, or a gag item, expensive or inexpensive, nice, ugly, or whatever, or even just a gift card.

- If it's a gift card, make sure it can be used anywhere, not just the local area
- If it's a gag gift of NO value, \$20 cash or a gift card of at least \$20 MUST be included

**BROWN BAG RAFFLE TICKETS** You will be given one raffle ticket when you turn in your bag. You will also be given one raffle ticket for each bag you win in the raffle. Each bag will contain one raffle ticket which must be removed and retained. To participate in the auction, you must bring a bag or win a bag or both.

**BROWN BAG AUCTION** Each bag will be auctioned to the highest bidder. The minimum bid will be announced prior to the start of the auction. The person winning the bag will remove the ticket, open the bag and show what was won.

**BROWN BAG RAFFLE** At the end of the auction, the money received will be counted and divided into several prizes. The number and amounts of the prizes will be determined after the auction and before the raffle. They will be announced to all present, winning tickets will be drawn and the cash prizes will be awarded.

### **Mail Delivery Information**

**MAIL FORWARDING** If you need to have mail sent to you at Exchange Park, you can use the following address. Make sure it has your name and SMART Muster on the envelope. They do not accept deliveries over the weekend. YOUR NAME, The Exchange Park/SMART Muster, 9850 Hwy 78, Ladson, SC 29456

### **President's Cup National Golf Tournament**

You will want to show up early and join in the fun at Joint Base Charleston's championship Wrenwood Golf Course. We will be using a handicap scramble format so players of all skill levels can compete. The green fees are very reasonable, and the entry fee will be \$10 to cover prizes. You need to come to the meeting on Sunday, September 15 at 1900 hours.

Please email [Jack Fritz](mailto:Jack.Fritz@jbc.mil) to sign up and include your handicap.

More information on the tournament can be found by clicking this [link](#). Practice rounds can be anytime, individually or with your golfing buddies, by scheduling with the course.

### **Night Shift Dance Band**



The Night Shift Dance Band will be our featured entertainment from 1900 to 2200 hours Wednesday evening right after social hour, and the cookout. They are one of, if not the top Charleston dance band that's been wowing fans for over twenty years. The band is a six piece horn band with a female vocalist, drummer, saxophone, trumpet, guitar, and bass players. They play R&B, Funk, Country, Rock & Roll and Beach Music that will keep everyone on the dance floor all evening.





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**Jeff Gaston** [jeff@myrvschool.com](mailto:jeff@myrvschool.com) [www.myrvschool.com](http://www.myrvschool.com)

### Carolina Mobile Car Wash

<https://carolinamobilecarwash.com/about-us/>

RV, Motor Home detailing services Contact Phil Millonzi, National Vendor Coordinator, to book an appointment! [Kar154@aol.com](mailto:Kar154@aol.com) or 843.846.5648

### PERSONAL GOLF CART RENTALS

Contact Daniella Morgan 843-809-1001 at TruCarts **ASAP to reserve a cart** due to limited availability because of high demand by SMART members. You **will not have to go to their office to rent a cart.** unless there is a problem, such as an accident or cart damage.



Tom Mordaunt will be the Kleen Tank Representative at the SMART National and will get your holding tanks cleaned. Services include cleaning holding tanks and sensors, water plumbing systems. Also teaches you what you need to know in order to keep the systems clean, Regular cost is \$300

**Special SMART National \$275**

To schedule your appointment, Contact Phil Millonzi, Vendor Coordinator at 843-446-5648 or [kar154@aol.com](mailto:kar154@aol.com)