

FROM OUR PRESIDENT: AS OF THE DATE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THIS PULITZER PRIZE WINNING NEWSLETTER, THERE ARE NO WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR ILLUSTRIOUS PRESIDENT

FROM OUR SECRETARY:

FLORIDA SUNSHINE CHAPTER MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2021 TITUSVILLE/KENNEDY SPACE CENTER KOA, MIMS FL The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by the President, Leroy Armacost. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President. The Invocation was led by Chapter Chaplin, Shelene Armacost Roll call by the Secretary, Sarah Colt. Those present were: Leroy and Shelene Armacost, Jerry Barson, John and Doris Blanchard, Steve and Sarah Colt, Richard and Susan Fortune, Charlie and Ann Hunter, Steve and Rose Jackson, Jim and Lana Jenkins, Tony and Cathy Korvas, John and Margot Mills, Frank and Elizabeth Petsch, and Jack and Catherine Webb. The President thanked our hosts, Jack and Catherine Webb, for an outstanding muster. The President reported on a SMART national officers Zoom meeting that was held instead of the national muster. Vice President Steve Colt had no report. Secretary, Sarah Colt noted that the minutes of the June meeting had been published in the newsletter and posted on the bulletin board throughout the muster. A motion to accept the June minutes as published was made by Shelene Armacost and seconded by Jack Webb. The motion carried with one abstention. Treasurer, Cathy Korvas, gave the Treasurer's Report. She also requested that members give her their updated email and phone numbers. Muster Master, Tony Korvas, gave a report on upcoming musters and requested that members volunteer to be hosts. Dec. 8-12, 2021—Blueberry Hill Campground, Bushnell FL—Korvas host, Blanchards co-host. It was noted that the Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held later in the month. Jack Webb shared several ways that people can still participate if they wish. Feb. 9-13, 2022—Sugar Mill Plantation—cost \$27 per night. The Jenkins volunteered to host. June 8-12, 2022—Sandy Oaks Campground, Beverly Hills FL. The Webbs volunteered to host. Oct. 5-9, 2022—7 Oaks Campground, Hudson, FL. Korvas host. Dec. 7-11, 2022—Jenny Ridge Campground, Folkston GA. Colts host. Southeast Regional Muster will be April 22-25, 2022 in Eustis FL National Muster will be August 22-26 in Gillette WY. Sunshine Committee Chair, Shelene Armacost, requested that members contact her if they know of a member who is in need of a card from the chapter. She has sent cards to Jerry Barson, Bonnie Shields, SMART National President, the Annarumma family. Flowers were sent to the services for Guy Winkleman. There was no Old Business. New Business: The Florida Roadrunners are hosting the 2022 Southeast Regional Muster and have requested our assistance. After discussion was held Cathy Korvas made a motion seconded by Tony Korvas that we would prepare and serve a breakfast. The motion was carried. The President noted that our chapter will host the Southeast Regional Muster in 2023. Steve Colt explained that the SMART National website is working well and that it can be a useful tool if chapter information is kept up to date. Cathy Korvas gave some information about the December muster. Skymed will be doing a breakfast for us and a presentation there. On Thursday a one hour airboat ride is available for \$37.37 per person. Also on Thursday we will have an early dinner at Captain Johnny's. Saturday night we will have a pot luck dinner with turkey provided by the hosts. She requests each family to call her to sign up for what to bring. There will be a Chinese Auction, so bring a gift valued under \$10. We will be in the small rally room. When calling for reservations, be sure to press 2 for the office as they handle the rallies. The President announced that Catherine Webb has volunteered to be our craft person. He reminded members of the pet parade we are having at 1 p.m. today which will also be a photo opportunity for us to get a picture in the SMART Traveler or E-news. Lana Jenkins suggested that we might bring food for the food bank. Steve Jackson reported that he heard that former Sunshine member, Liz Bailey, is doing well and living in Jacksonville. Jerry Barson reported on his Skymed experience. The President reported that we have received an "Outstanding Chapter" banner for 2021. He also has recruiting posters for display. The 50/50 ticket was drawn by Margot Mills with John Mills winning \$51. The President reminded members to remember the pet parade, afternoon crafts, and dinner. There will not be Bingo tonight. Steve Jackson had compliments for the KOA park office. Motion to adjourn was made at 10:59 a.m. by Steve Jackson, seconded by Catherine Webb. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Colt, Secretary

FUTURE MUSTERS:

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1. 9-13 FEBRUARY 2022, SUGAR HILL PLANTATION RV, OCHLOCKNEE, GA. *****NEED HOSTS (please step up and volunteer).
2. 22-25 April 2022, SE Regional Muster, Eustis, FL. , Thousand Palms, RV
3. 8-12 June 2022, Sandy Oaks RV Resort, Beverly Hills, FL *****NEED HOSTS*****

NOTE: All campgrounds are requesting a reconfirmation of the dates several months before the muster occurs. It's highly unlikely that information above will change. If it does, you can be assured of an early notification.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****If you choose to register for a Sunshine Muster on the National Smart site, please know that your registration WILL NOT be complete unless you notify the host at the number provided and send all required registration fees in advance of the muster to the host at the address provided. As always, you will be required to make your own Camping arrangements. ALSO: Many campgrounds are now changing the rules for booking rallies. There does not appear to be a consistent policy throughout the industry, but I can tell you that the purpose is to limit unused guaranteed sites. Apparently they are being stuck with empty sites that could have been filled if not held to the last minute. Simply put, reservations will have to be made by the published cut off date in the newsletter, which is usually 2 weeks or date shown in an email blast. After that date, sites will only be available on a first come first served basis. The alternative would be that the muster master guarantee the remaining sites with a deposit on each site and I don't think that I will be doing that. Getting hosts to step up in a timely fashion is also becoming more of an hassle. If I can't identify an host a month in advance of the start date, the muster will happen as a meals and activities on your own event, or the muster will be cancelled to avoid any deposit losses by the registrants. We can discuss the matter further at Bushnell in December. Thank you. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING OUR DECEMBER MUSTER.
it'll be a barrel of fun. TK

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