We are looking for several couples to run 2020 Caravans: Maritime, Grand Circle, Great River Road, Bourbon Trail, Niagara Falls or Great Lakes Tour just to name a few...

Please call HQ if you’re interested in being a Wagonmaster or Tailgunner
call 1-800-354-7681 or email melissa@smartrving.org

If you’re interested in running for 2nd VP of SMART please submit your resume to HQ before April 30th.

Attention North Region Directors it’s time to rotate please submit your resumes for North Region Directors also by April 30th to Headquarters.
From Your National President

Caravans! The life blood of SMART! Many of us joined SMART to participate in a caravan. Along with local Chapters, they are where the fun begins. They embody our slogan “Seeing the Country We Defend” and they help keep our annual dues from increasing.

Caravans are similar to cruises. Experts have planned the itinerary, selected the most interesting places to visit, organized side trips, boat rides, obtained bargain tickets for special events like Rodeos, Rose Bowl, Balloon Festivals, Branson, tours, train rides, and complimentary group deals at campgrounds. Imagine planning a multi-country cruise by yourself? Your fellow volunteer SMART Wagon Masters and Assistants do it for every SMART caravan. It may take more than a year to plan and just a few days or weeks to execute.

Who doesn’t enjoy a cruise? They’re expensive. Cruise fees must pay to build those incredible floating palaces, with ballrooms, swimming pools, and fantastic restaurants. They must be profitable as more new ships appear each year...bigger and more beautiful. SMART has conducted “cruise caravans” in the past and could do it more often. All it takes is for a member to step forward and organize it.

On a Cruise, you pay for the planning, services, salaries, gratuities, home office expenses and considerable profit. Commercial RV caravans have many of these same expenses and as a result are significantly more expensive than ours. SMART caravan funds are carefully monitored and audited and are considered belonging to the participants. If there are funds left over, they are shared with the participants. SMART receives only a small percentage.

SMART has conducted hundreds of caravans! In years past, with more members, SMART had both Alaska and Canadian Maritimes caravan every year. We had caravans to Mexico and river barge caravans. Our archives are full of photos and files of some incredible trips. While our world has changed and there are new safety issues, many of the previous caravans could be recreated easily from these files.

What we need is volunteers ... Wagon Masters and Assistants! Everyone has planned family events, anniversaries, class reunions, etc. Planning a “SMART family” caravan is similar, enjoyable and rewarding.

We need caravans! This year, we have four excellent caravans. If you are not signed up for one, check with HQ. There may still be last minute openings. We need more caravans every year. Step up and volunteer. You will receive lots of assistance and lots of satisfaction.

Doug Blaha
From the 1st VP

As I write, we are in the final preparations for the 2019 SMW Regional Muster in Glen Rose TX. The SW Regional precedes the SMW, and others follow soon after. I hope you are able to attend one or more of the regional musters. These are great opportunities to enjoy the fellowship of other SMART members beyond your local chapter.

Spring is definitely in the air here in East Texas. Flowers and trees are budding, and pollen is in the air! Our RV has gone through the annual service and checkup routine, has fresh fluids, and even got a couple of vital fluid leaks stopped. My laptop has a new hard drive and screen and is back to normal. We are getting used to new phones after Jean’s recently failed dramatically. And the humans are renewing also!! ... I have pretty much recovered from the “early spring crud” that attacked me with a vengeance over a month ago, and Jean is recovering from spinal surgery last week. Hopefully all will be ready to travel soon!!

Our National Muster in September is happening in a very historical area of the country with many military facilities nearby, in addition to being an easy drive into Washington DC for those who enjoy heavy traffic. That should be a great time together. If you have not checked it out and submitted your registration yet, the information is available on the SMART website at www.smartrving.org ... you don’t even have to log in to see the muster information ... just click on the link above and then scroll down the page to the musters area. This is a great opportunity to visit family and friends who live far from home along the way to and from Virginia, and also a great opportunity to join with other SMART friends in a SMART Caravan or just to form your own informal caravan. Make the most of it, and create great memories along the way!

There are lots of SMART RVing opportunities to enjoy this year. We hope to make as many as we can, and we hope to see you along the way!

Paul Rider

Where America Began: Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown

Three of the most historic towns in the United States are located on a narrow peninsula in Virginia between the York and James Rivers. A visit to Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown is a visit to America’s beginnings, for it was here that the foundations of our country were formed. From Finley-Holiday’s new "Where America Began DVD ... https://binged.it/2H6L9ln
ATTENTION NOMADS:
The 2019 Nomads Chapter Pre-Muster is scheduled for 18 – 22 Sept 2019 at the Bethpage RV Resort at 679 Brown’s Lane in Urbana, VA 23175. The SMART National Muster is scheduled for 23 – 28 Sept 2019 so when you make your reservation you need to ensure you cover the entire period of 18 – 28 Sept 2019. Departure from the resort is scheduled for 29 Sept 2019.

Camping reservations need to be made directly with the campground. The rate at the resort is $45 per night. You will need to call Bethpage RV resort at (804) 758-4349 (select option # 2) to make your reservation. They will require a minimum of one night deposit. Tell them you are with the SMART Nomads Chapter and would like a site on SYCAMORE. **Location for social hour and games TBA.**

Our pre-muster meeting and Pot Luck Dinner will take place on 20 September. The Nomads Chapter will provide the meat for the meal; attendees need to bring the side dishes. The cost will be $5 per person payable at the meeting. Please be sure to let me know if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough food on hand. The pre-muster schedule will be as follows:

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RESUMES FOR 2ND VP

RESUME of Willie R Pollard Jr

Position: 2nd Vice President of SMART National

I, Willie R. Pollard Jr., SMART Member #11846, do hereby apply for the position of SMART National 2nd Vice President. If approved by the Election Committee, I agree to accept the nomination and responsibilities as outlined in the SMART SR 06-18 and understand there is no compensation for this position, as stated in SMART Bylaws 6.11. I agree to assist in any other areas as needed. I will always uphold the dignity of SMART and all of its membership.

I have been a member of SMART since 2004. I served as Muster Master for Alamo SMART for a period of six years and I’m currently President of Alamo SMARTs Chapter. I was the Master of Ceremonies for the 2018 National Muster held in Mineola, Texas and will be the Muster Master for the National Muster in 2020 in Shawnee, OK. In order to meet members in other chapters I also belonged to the SMART Cajuns, SMART Texans and the Nomads. I am a member of the Star Chapter and a staunch recruiter for SMART and will continue efforts to bring in new members. I am a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and have served as Alamo Chapter 5 Legislative Officer in San Antonio, Texas. I spent over twenty six years on active duty in the United States Army in command and high level staff positions. For the last four years of my active duty career I was the Inspector General for the state of Indiana. Two weeks after retiring from the military in 1994 I transitioned into education with the Northside Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas where I opened the doors to a class called Skills for Adolescents for the Middle Schools. I retired as a High School Principal in 2012.

I am applying for the position of 2nd Vice President of SMART because I believe in SMART and all it stands for. If elected as 2nd Vice President, just as I believe in SMART, I am going to work hard to make sure members of SMART believe in me.

Willie R Pollard Jr

RESUME of Gene E Bennett

for 2nd Vice President, SMART

I, Gene E Bennett, SMART Member #12635, do hereby apply for the position of SMART National 2nd Vice President. If approved by the Election Committee, I agree to accept the nomination and responsibilities as outlined in SMART SR 06-18 and understand there is no compensation for this position, as stated in SMART Bylaws 6.11. I agree to assist in any/all other areas as needed. I will do my best to uphold the dignity of SMART and all of its members, current and future. I have been a member of SMART since 2005. I have held positions of Chapter President (CATS), North East Regional Director for the past 4 years, and currently Chair of the Military RV Parks Committee. I feel the SMART Camping Club is the best in the US and Canada. I’m applying for the position of 2nd Vice President because I feel I can create a positive influence in SMART.

Gene E Bennett
March winds and April Showers bring May Flowers. Well, we haven’t reached April yet but
the Florida Roadrunners held their March Muster at Stagecoach RV Park in St. Augustine
With 15 rigs present. The early birds were treated to a hamburger and hot dog dinner by
our hosts, Steve and Sarah Colt.

We had our Men’s lunch at Schooners Seafood and the Ladies luncheon at
Columbia House. Everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie. That night we en-
joyed Ripley’s Ghost Train Adventure.
We learned about the “Lighthouse Ghost”
and a couple more. I checked when we
returned home; we didn’t bring any with
us. We also enjoyed a fish/shrimp dinner
at one of the local churches. As always on
our return to the RV Park, the ladies
gathered for their games and the men
theirs.

The last night we had a great farewell dinner prepared by our famous chef Steve Colt of
lemon peppered chicken and Winnie Bushours’ world famous Mac and Cheese.. needless to
say the dogs went hungry that night. Sunday morning saw us packing our rigs and securing
everything for our return to our homes; each with fond memories of another muster shared
with our friends and fellow Vets. Looking forward to our next muster when we can again
meet our friends and comrades to share our adventures and stories with each other.

We have SMART BANNERS for SALE at HQ for $20 each.
Order yours today!

Help us get the word out

about SMART!
2019 S*M*A*R*T NATIONAL MUSTER REGISTRATION FORM

“East by Northeast/From the Mountains to the Sea”
September 23 – 28 September 2019- Bethpage RV Resort and Campground
679 Brown’s Lane, Urbanna, VA 23175  Phone Number (804) 758-4349 (option 2)
Contacts: National Muster Chairman: Gene (Gene-O) Bennett genebennett101@gmail (757) 620-7044
National Muster Master: William (Bill) Gooding wggooding@aol.com (703) 878-6827
National Muster Treasurer: Virginia (Ginny) Louis Tom.ginny@yahoo.com (301) 327-6522

Please PRINT the following information clearly

SMART # ___________________  CO-PILOT SMART #__________________  1st National Muster [ ] YES

SMART Chapter(s) representing_____________________________________________________________________________

Last Name___________________________________First_____________________Co-Pilot__________________________
Address_________________________________________________ City_______________________State______ZIP_________
E-mail address____________________________________________________________
Phone_____________________

Arrival Date__________________ Handicap parking [ ] YES  Food allergies ___________________________ Pets [ ] YES

Vehicle : [ ] Motor Home [ ] 5th Wheel [ ] Travel Trailer [ ] Pickup w/Slide-in Camper length_____________ # of slides______

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:
[ ] Past National President  [ ] Medal of Honor Recipient  [ ] Purple Heart Recipient  [ ] POW

Member: [ ] Canadian armed forces  [ ] NATO [ ] SEATO  [ ] Guest (Sponsor SMART #__________________)

Please check any of the following activities you wish to participate in: [ ] Books, VHS/DVD/CD’s movies for book sale [ ] Crafts for sale
[ ] Donation for silent auction [ ] Donation of door prizes  [ ] Indoor games [ ] Outdoor games
[ ] Will volunteer to help at the Muster (Gofer, tram driver, prize runner, server, etc.)

TOURS (All tour requests should be submitted by 1 June, 2109 for bus planning requirements)
[ ] TOUR #1: Yorktown/Jamestown (23 Sept) $75.00 includes Admission Tickets to both venues + box lunch
[ ] TOUR #2: Colonial Williamsburg (23 Sept) $30.00.+ Admission tickets with military ID, ½ price ($25.00 +/-)
[ ] TOUR #3: Hampton Harbor Cruise (24 Sept) $60.00. Includes Admission Tickets
[ ] TOUR #4: Colonial Williamsburg (24 Sept) $30.00.+ Admission tickets with Military ID, ½ price ($25.00 +/-)
[ ] Golf Tournament: 23/24 Sept (Date TBD)

Mail this Registration form with check payable to SMART to cover your REGISTRATION and TOURS.
SEND TO: SMART, HQ  114 Duxbury Avenue, Molino, Florida 32577 (NEW ADDRESS) For all registrations post-
marked before 1 September, 2019: $250 for 2-person rig; $125 for 1-person rig; $125 for each additional person,
plus cost of tours you signed up for). Late entries add $25.00.
Please contact HQ SMART if your decision to attend is made after 1 September, 2019.
fee will be $45.00 per night payable to Bethpage RV Resort (804) 758-4349 (Option 2)
ALL campsite reservations will be made with Bethpage RV Resort and will require a minimum one night deposit.

ALL ATTENDEES AND GUESTS 18 YEARS OR OLDER MUST SIGN BELOW IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE:
For services rendered to/received by those signed below, in their participation of any SMART activity named above, the
undersigned hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless 2019 National Muster staff and SMART Inc, all
officers, directors, employees, agents and their successors and assigns from all liabilities, injuries, obligations, claims, de-
mands, losses, damages, judgments, penalties, expenses and disbursements, including reasonable attorney’s fees of and
kind and nature arising out of or in any way related to the activity listed above. SMART is NOT responsible for the actions of any
participating company or agent with regards to their role in organizing, planning, or for any other service they provide for the benefit
of the persons or activity named herein. All children under 18 must be accompanied by a SMART member and that member is responsible
for the action/activities of which the minor participates.

Signature___________________________Date_____Signature_________________________Date_____
Signature___________________________Date_____Signature_________________________Date_____
Please keep this page for your reference. Mail only the first page with your check.

Upon receipt of your registration, SMART National HQ will send verification of registration along with a copy of the refund policy. Updates will be by e-mail, through the SMART Traveler, Smart E-News, and/or the SMART website, www.smartrving.org.

Travel directions: FROM THE NORTH
Northern Virginia/Washington DC
Traveling south on I-95. Exit on US 17 south at Fredericksburg. Follow US 17 for 70 miles, watching for signs to Bethpage. Turn left on Rt 602. Travel for approximately 5 miles. Look for Bethpage sign, turn left, go about ½ mile, on left.
(Watch for the SMART signs)
Baltimore/Annapolis
Traveling south on US 301, cross the Potomac River Bridge (toll) into Virginia. Go 14 miles to Port Royal. Take US 17 south. Follow US 17 for 50 miles. Turn left on Rt 602, travel for approximately 5 miles. Look for Bethpage sign, turn left, go about ½ mile, on left.
(Watch for the SMART signs.)
Travel Directions: FROM THE SOUTH
Richmond/Petersburg
Traveling north on I-95 or I-295, exit on I-64 East. Follow I-64 to exit 220, West Point, Rt 33. Follow Rt 33 through West Point to US-17/Rt-33. Stay on Rt-33. Turn left Rt 227, go through Urbanna. Approximately 1 mile past city, entrance on right.
(Watch for the SMART signs.)
Norfolk/Newport News/Portsmouth/Hampton/Virginia Beach
Use I-64 to US 17 North. Follow US 17 North, across Coleman Bridge (toll), 35 miles through Gloucester. 1 mile north of Saluda, turn right on Rt-33. Turn left on Rt 227, go through Urbanna. Approximately 1 mile past city, entrance on right.
(Watch for the SMART signs)

GPS COORDINATES
Lat. 37.6489    37 deg. 38.9 min North
Long. 76.5854    76 deg. 35.1 min West

PHYSICAL ADDRESS
679 Brown’s Lane
Urbanna, Virginia 23175

Recommend arriving 22 Sept. or earlier.
Tours #1, #2, and Opening Ceremony are on Monday 23 Sept.
Tours #3, #4 are on Tuesday 24 Sept
Golf is on 23/24 Sept. (Date TBD)
Golf updates and extra tours, if requested, will be posted on the SMART web.
No registration fee will be refunded after 1 September, 2019, unless a verifiable emergency.

ATTENTION*****TOUR INFORMATION*****ATTENTION
ALL TOUR REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY 1 JUNE, 2019

Tours planned on Monday 23 Sept.
TOUR #1- Yorktown (AM), Jamestown (PM) Leave Bethpage 0800 Return by 1600 (extensive walking)
TOUR #2- Colonial Williamsburg: Leave Bethpage 0800 Return by 1600 (extensive walking)
And Tuesday 24 Sept
TOUR #3- Hampton Harbor Cruise: Leave Bethpage 0800 Return by 1600 (tour is 3-4 hours/minimum walking
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Muster & Site Reservations received prior to June 1, 2019 will be eligible for a drawing to receive FIVE FREE nights parking per 100 reservations (100=1 prize; 200=2 prizes; 300=3 prizes etc)

SO
COMPLETE YOUR MUSTER REGISTRATION AND SITE RESERVATIONS TODAY!
SMART CARAVAN APPLICATION

Make Checks Payable to: SMART or contact HQ SMART to pay by credit card
Mail To: SMART, INC. 114 DUXBURY AVE. MOLINO, FLORIDA 32577

A minimum of $280.00 will be submitted with this application. $80.00 of which is a nonrefundable, non-transferable Administrative Fee (unless cancelled by SMART). The remaining $200.00 will be credited as a deposit on the cost of the caravan. 100% deposit refunds will not be made unless a replacement is found, funds for the caravan have not been expended, or the service provider returns funds expended. Trip Cancellation Insurance is at the discretion of the participant. You may wish to contact your regular insurance provider to ascertain if they provide this service.

Please Print Clearly

Caravan Name________________________________________________ Start Date ____________________________
Mbr# _________ Last_________________________First_______________   Spouse/S.O. _________________________
Street Address _________________________________City _______________________________ State ____________
Zip code ______________ How do you prefer to receive correspondence? E-Mail _____ USPS ____________
Phone (Home) __________________________ (Cell 1)______________________ (Cell 2) _________________________
Email (His) ________________________________(Hers) _____________________________________________

Name of Guest traveling in your rig ________________________________

JACKET SIZE (if available): His - (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL) Hers - (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)
Guest - (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL) (Wagon Master may provide additional size charts info later)

Is this your 1st SMART caravan? (Y) (N) Type RV: Class A/C _____5th Wheel _____ Trailer _____ # Slide Out(s) ________
Length ____ft. Coupled (with tow vehicle) ____ ft. License Plate #’s: RV ____________________Vehicle_________________

Do you want 50 AMP at an extra cost (if available - NO GUARANTEE) - (Y) (N) pay at campground.

Do you or your traveling companion use any of the following, cane, walker, wheel chair (electric), scooter, C-PAP? Yes/No If YES, please indicate which one(S) ______________________________________________________Special Diet Needs: (His) ______________________________________________________(Hers) __________________________________________

Do you have Senior, Annual, or Access National Park Pass (Y) (N) Do you have pets (Y) (N) How many ________ Type/ Breed ___________________________________________________________________________________

Birthday: (Month/Day only) His ________________ Hers_______________ Anniversary Date: ______________

ALL SMART Members & Non-SMART members must sign, in order to participate – Please Read:
For services rendered to/received by those signed below, in their participation of the SMART activity named above, the undersigned hereby releases, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SMART Inc, all officers, directors, employees, agents and their successors and assigns from all liabilities, injuries, obligations, claims, demands, losses, damages, judgments, penalties, expenses and disbursements, including reasonable attorney’s fee of any kind and nature arising out of, or in any way related to the activity listed above. SMART is NOT responsible for the actions of any participating company, or agent, with regard to their role in organizing, planning, or for any other service they may provide for the benefit of the named person or activity. All persons must be 18 years or older, and must sign the required application. Name & Signature of Guests in your Rig “REQUIRED.”

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________
Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

ALL CARAVAN MEMBERS MUST HAVE A SMART NAME BADGE.
Contact National HQ to order: Cost is $8.50 (this includes S & H)
Join us at one of our Regional Musters

SOUTHWEST Regional
April 2nd—6th, 2019
Rincon Country West RV Resort, Tucson, AZ
Contact: Sally Kavanaugh (623) 910-1276
ladysallyk@msn.com

SOUTH MID WEST Regional
April 11-15, 2019
Oakdale RV Park, Glen Rose, TX
Contact: Paul Rider (903) 574-1217
afchap@gmail.com

SOUTHEAST Regional
May 2-5, 2019
River Vista RV Resort, Dillard, GA
Contact: Keith Hardman (770) 490-6269
hardman.keith@gmail.com

North Mid West Regional Muster
May 2nd thru 4th 2019
Higginsville, MO
at the Great Escape RV Park & Campground
Rick Thibodeau (785) 226-0323
thibodeau66514@earthlink.net