

TRI-STATE TRIBUNE



Special Military Active Recreational Travelers

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From the President's Corner:

I would like to start out by saying thank you for electing me to the position of President. It is an honor and I will do my best to uphold the position. Also, congratulations to all the other new officers and appointees. Bob Zeller deserves a big Thank You for his leadership for the past two years. He did a fabulous job. We had a great muster at Ocean Lakes Family Campground and RV resort. Larry White did a superb job locating this resort for this time of year. A big thank you to Ocean Lakes for their hospitality. A special thanks to our hosts, Steve and SherryAnne Smith and Larry and Debbie White, for all the delicious meals and entertainment. Great job! Welcome to our new members who attended. It's always nice to see new faces. We are looking forward to our next muster in March. Happy holidays to all and please remember our men and women currently serving at home and abroad.

Robert De Vere, President (please note corrected spelling)

Happy holiday season everyone! We have come to the most awe-inspiring, exciting, exhausting and dreaded time of the year. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and blessed days ahead. Have a very happy and safe New Year. See you in March (3/18-3/22) at Fair Harbor RV Park in Perry GA!!!
 Registration is open.

We had a terrific turnout for our November muster at Ocean Lakes Campground in Myrtle Beach. We welcomed two new couples, Joe and Fran Kossan and Diane and James Steppe. They blended in and were instant friends. We also have two other new couples, Wayne and Susan Church from NC (yea!) and Joe and Mary Ego, both of whom were unable to attend. Joe and Mary join our ever-growing group from the Charleston area. We also added another couple at our Regional Muster in April, Robert and Myra Tiedemann (another NC!). Welcome aboard. We're glad you're here. Our hosts provided a silent auction, a brown bag auction, and an "as seen on TV" white elephant gift exchange under a beach-themed tree with hanging monkeys. The picture also includes our new President, Robert, playing Christmas music on his sax. Wonderful way to enjoy

dinner. Thank you Robert. Go to the SMART website and to our member page (the photo with the group next to a motorhome), scroll down to 23-11 Photos. There you can see the tree. We did well with our donations and netted over \$900 for the week. Several members returned their winnings to get to that amount. I think that's a record. We had delicious meals with a Christmas turkey and ham at our potluck, fun and games and mini golf.

Because of some problems with returning to Hoboken next November, we will again be camping at Ocean Lakes. It's a lovely campground and we were a two-minute walk to the ocean, with the meeting room nearby. We elected new officers (and some old) and new appointments, as follows:

Officers:

President Robert De Vere

Vice President Lonnie Alley

Secretary Gail Alley

Treasurer Gail Alley

Muster Master Larry White

Web Master Tim Burke

Appointments:

Sheriff Bill Peterson

Sunshine Daphne Peterson

Chapter Photographer SherryAnne Smith

Haberdasherer Lee Ramsey

Chaplain Joe Kossan

Congratulations to all the new officers and appointees.

Please remember all of our house-bound, ill and/or hospitalized members and those who are recovering. If any of you are having health problems or are hospitalized, please **text** our Sunshine Lady, Daphne Peterson so all members can be aware.

We still have red shirts with the Tri-State logo available. This is a polo shirt in a blend of cotton/poly 60-40 or 50/50, both with a collar. If you would like to order, please contact Lonnie at lonniealley@earthlink.net. They cost \$25 and will be delivered at a muster.

The website for the 2024 National Muster in Charleston SC (12 September – 21 September 2024) is up and running. They are planning tours in the Charleston area for Friday (all day) thru Monday daytime (12 -16 Sept), before the muster begins on Monday at 4:30 for happy hour with dinner and opening ceremonies at 5pm. Please register for this great event, sponsored by the Eastern Region. It promises to be a fun-filled time for all! Go to smartrving.org home page and scroll down to 2024 National Muster links. Some things are not finalized yet, but will be added as they are determined. Volunteers are needed to fill various committees in support of the muster. Watch your email for details.

For those who haven't attended the musters lately, the SMART board at the 2023 National muster changed the way the regions are located. We now have only five (5) regions for the country. Eastern, which encompasses all the states from Maine to Florida (17), Central (14), Midwest (10), and West (7). The at-large group is also included. You can view these on the SMART home page.

In January our chapter dues (\$12 per rig) will be due. If you have already paid, (from the muster) thank you. They need to be in before 31 January. You can send a check to me (Gail) made out to the Tri-State Travelers. Thank you in advance. If you decide *not* to renew your membership with us, please let me know that as well.

We are expecting an exciting new year with new campgrounds to explore and getting to know all our new members. Next year will bring exciting places to visit and activities to enjoy. Hoping to see those of you who haven't been to a muster in a while. We miss the camaraderie. Hope you do too.

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