

WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE

URNANNA NATIONAL RALLY

September 21-28, 2019

Women from all branches of military service met at the SMART National Rally September 21 – 28, 2019. While in Urbana we had the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Tours to Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown/Jamestown and Hampton River Cruise were available. The Urbana, Virginia area is full of fascinating history and breathtaking countryside. We were fortunate to create a little history ourselves with the first SMART Women in Military Service chapter.

We had the initial installation of officers on Wednesday the 26th of September 2019. After the installation our officers, members met for a luncheon and brief meeting. We ended the luncheon and meeting with 17 Charter members.

We had four guests: Paul Rider, 1st Vice President, John Shore, Regional President, Scott Godden and Tom Barrett.

Our current officers are:

President: Midge Ward

Vice-President: Marilyn Preuit

Secretary/Treasurer: Lisa Duckworth

Muster Master: Melody Thomas

The ladies' luncheon was held Thursday and followed by an informative and enjoyable lunch. The Current Public Relations Coordinator for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, LTC Marilla Giberson Cushman, USA, Retired, was our speaker for the luncheon. The Memorial and its 33,000 square foot, education center is the nation's only major national memorial to tell the story of women's service, beginning with the American Revolution. More to come on this in the future,

Everyone had lots of fun and played lots of games. We dashed around in our golf carts, met for meals and meetings. The consensus was we all ate too much but had loads of fun.

Our next meeting will be Friday at 10;/30 at the GRC Building in Urbana. Please attend.

Until we meet again, happy trails.

Respectfully submitted.

Lisa Duckworth