



CHARLESTON RAGTIMES

News for the 2024 National Muster in Ladson/Charleston South Carolina

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**SMART's National
Muster takes place
in just 6 months!**



DANCING TO CHARLESTON

We now are less than seven months away from the 2024 SMART National Muster. I'm pleased we already have 56 registrations and we only recently published the Tour and Sightseeing Options. So now is the time to look at all the options and plan to arrive early. We have an outstanding special guest speaker during opening ceremonies, some excellent catered meals, great vendors, and seminars planned. This year we also have a golf tournament, the President's Cup National Golf Tournament, at Joint Base Charleston's championship Wrenwood Golf Course. Weight stations for your camper, trucks and tows will be available during arrival and departure. Our National Quilt Project is going well because of chapter support across SMART, so get ready for a high bidding auction.

If you've been a SMART member for awhile, you will get to see old friends and make new ones. If you are a new SMART member, this National will be an excellent opportunity to make lifelong friends.

Our motto, "Dancing to Charleston" will be continued during the muster with varied music genres, so don't forget your dancing shoes.

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 to 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.

There are so many other activities scheduled, you won't want to miss out.

Our team has worked really hard putting together a great muster but we need every SMART member who plans to attend, register NOW!

See you in Charleston,

John Steinbauer, Muster Master

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



General Walter Eugene Boomer is a **retired four-star general** and assistant commandant of the United States Marine Corps and business executive. Boomer led all Marines in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm during the Gulf War.

Fun Tours

- Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Fort Sumter
- Historic Charleston
- Old South Carriage Tour
- Civil War & H.L. Hunley Tour
- Patriots Point
- South Carolina Aquarium
- Magnolia Gardens
- AND MANY MORE!!!



SOOOO much fun!!



GAMES

- * Hand & Foot Tournament
- * Pegs & Jokers Tournament
- * Beanbag Baseball
- * Bingo



DRAWINGS

- * Early Bird
- * Door Prizes
- * Grand Prize Winners



CEREMONIES

- * Opening
- * Closing
- * POW/MIA
- * Flag Retirement

PHOTO CONTEST

LOCAL TOURS

HAPPY HOURS





DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE PHOTO CONTEST!!

Dust off your favorite 8x10 matte pictures (no glossy pics) taken during your travels around this great country and enter them in the contest. Categories are landscapes, pets, wildlife, your favorite grandchild, and folks having fun at a SMART activity.

ENTRY FEE IS \$1 PER PICTURE

Bring them to the information desk when you register.

**The grand winner's picture will be featured on the front of SMART's
"The Traveler" magazine.**



EXCITING CLASSES & SEMINARS



- ⇒ RV Weigh-Ins by the South Carolina Police Department and My RV School
- ⇒ How to Navigate the SMART Website
- ⇒ Vendor Seminars
- ⇒ Review of all the exciting 2025 SMART Caravans
- ⇒ Medical Classes
- ⇒ Craft Classes
- ⇒ RV Living Seminars

AND SO MUCH MORE!!

REGISTER BY MAY 1st TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE EARLY BIRD DRAWING —
WIN THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR
THE NATIONAL MUSTER

**\$100 per person or
\$200 per couple**

- ⇒ **Earliest allowable arrival date is Wednesday, September 11th at 12:00 noon**
- ⇒ **Tours begin Thursday, September 12th**
- ⇒ **National Muster begins September 16th**
- ⇒ **Muster departure date will be no later than noon on Saturday, September 21st**
- ⇒ **Nightly camping fee will be \$50 per night payable to SMART; sites will be assigned by registration staff**
- ⇒ **Those who want to park together must arrive together**