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The Florida Buccaneers is a Chapter of the Special Military Active Recreational Travelers Club (SMART)

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CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOE FAUBION



Greetings Buccaneers! Our fifth Mystery Muster just finished and we want to thank our muster hosts, Jack and Roni Fritz, as well as Tony and Gina Mason who were instrumental in planning and executing the murder mystery. We were pleased to welcome some new members as well as

several regulars and honored guests. Regional Director, Leroy and Shelene Armacost can now check the box for attending a Buccaneer Murder Mystery, and Shelene was voted *Most Dramatic* for her acting ability portraying



Most Dramatic – Shelene Armacost



Best Profiteer – Joanne Hastings

her character Mad Rose. Bob Zeller was voted *Best Costume* for his representation of Buccaneer Bradshaw.

her mad powers of bribing, the Best Profiteer award for during the evening.

We were pleased to have Skymed Palmer and her husband Jeff did a characters. Also, we were pleased SMART member and Skymed ambassador on the Feb 2025 attending this muster are also registered for the 2025 cruise, we were thrilled to have Candace join us and can't wait to set sail in February.



Joanne Hastings demonstrated coercion, and extortion and won collecting the most money

join us again this year - Niki great job getting into their to welcome Candace Donnell, a employee, as our Skymed SMART cruise. As over half

We were also pleased to have Bob Zeller, Joe and Nancy Karwatka, Bill and Ruth Hemphill, David and Carolyn Rilling join us for the first time and look forward to seeing them again at the National Muster and/or our November - Veterans Day Muster.

Our Skills night included a rum tasting, games, and a Walk and Talk Like A Pirate contest. A crew of pirates competed for a coveted "golden" skull trophy. Only three could win - that was all the trophies we had - but all were deserving!



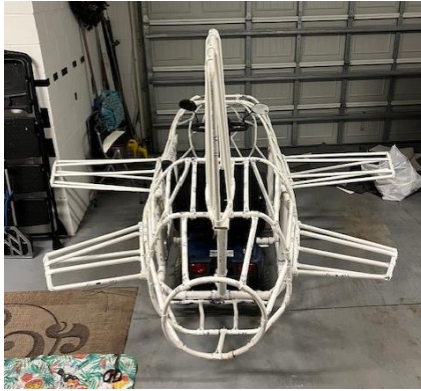
We have posted a number of pictures to the SMART Florida Buccaneers Travel Club, facebook page. We will try to email some pics when we get back home - if there is a particular picture you would like please let me know. We had a wonderful time getting to know each of you and hope to see everyone again soon at the National Muster.

Upcoming Muster:

Join us in Charleston, SC for the SMART National Muster, September 16 - 21, 2024. We are planning to coordinate our arrival so we can be parked together during the muster. We are looking at potential campgrounds near the National Muster for an overnight stay prior to arriving at National. If you are planning on attending and would like to participate, please watch for an email coming soon that will solicit your travel plans and campground options.

In November we will be holding our Veterans Day muster, Nov 8 - 12, 2024, at Palm View Garden, 3331 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541.

Our chapter will be participating in the Zephyrhills Veterans Day parade again this year and hope to have enough folks to carry the service flags, our SMART banner, plus pass out candy and whatever tchotchkes you may wish to bring. We will again have a float that will need to be decorated ahead of the parade as well as two jets that will need to be assembled. The pictures show jet #1 assembled onto an inoperable scooter loaned by our partner scooter store - one with the vinyl skin and one without. We also look forward to the WWII reenactment hosted by the Zephyrhills Military Museum. There were some great photo opportunities last year and I'm looking forward to more this year. For more information or to register go to the SMART Buccaneer page: <https://smartrving.org/bucs/>.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

April 1 Richard and Brenda Hitt
 April 24 Daniel Levinson and Arlene Mandell

Birthdays

April 6 Bill Peterson
 April 13 Larry Fuchs
 April 28 Jeff Gaston

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