

Are you a member of a SMART Chapter?

If not, it's a great way to make new friends, enjoy seeing old ones and receiving and giving support to fellow military veterans and their families. If you are already an active member, then you know the benefits and can help spread the word. If not a member, take a few minutes so you can learn a little about what a chapter has to offer. Chapters are the social arm of our club and the best way to keep the close family feeling so important to all of us. Chapter membership is an extension of the best part of the military lifestyle so many felt throughout our careers and enjoy the close knit feeling members feel.

There are 48 chapters in just about every state and many meet four or five times a year to hold musters where members camp together. Activities include sightseeing, playing both indoor and outdoor games, dining out, having pot luck dinners, and just having a good time together enjoying the camaraderie no other group can enjoy. In addition, chapters support other veterans by visiting VA hospitals, making items in support of Sew Much Comfort <http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org/> and participating in ceremonies on Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America at national cemeteries.

Musters are entertaining, enjoyable, exciting, and all chapters welcome SMART members or those eligible to join SMART to visit to see what's happening with no pressure to join. Some chapters also get together for dinner or lunch out to socialize especially when the weather is not real inviting. First and foremost are the many years of fellowship and friendship long time members enjoy. Keeping in touch with these new found veteran friends and their spouses for many years to come is an important aspect of chapter membership. Chapters give you support when you just do not feel like getting out camping next weekend.

The muster calendar on the SMART website lists all the planned chapter musters so if there is one in your home area or where you are traveling, call the muster master to sign-up..it's just that easy. You can also check out this link which provides a map and contact points for all chapters. Make the effort, you won't regret it!