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President's Message:

I would like to thank you all for helping me through this year as your president. The staff I had was really on the ball keeping me on the right track. Thanks again. Now we move forward to 2010 with two new elected officers: **Treasurer—Ruth Schilk and Secretary—P.J. Cooper**. I have also, appointed two positions: **Storekeeper—Ruth Schilk and Sheriff—Artie Spaw**. A big thanks to **Past Pres Bill Armstrong** for attending the muster to install the officers you voted in for 2010.

The December muster hosted by the **Hardens and Hartleys** is for the books. **BRAVO ZULU** to **Floyd, Judy, Jack and Gloria** for a great muster. We had 14 rigs present with members and friends driving in daily. This included **Mikie Scheuerman, Peggy Warren, Rachel Rodriguez and Bill & Barbara Armstrong**. A special thanks to guest **Dick Carl** for the many pictures he took during the muster (and has taken during past musters).

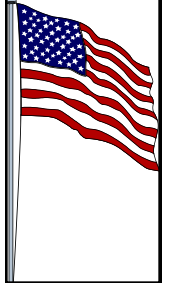
South East Regional Director, David Weis and Jackie were present for the muster. They presented a good look at what is being put together for the **S.E. Regional Muster March 2010**, in Myrtle Beach, S.C. I will be e-mailing more information as I receive it.

Floyd held a very informative VA briefing. He covered many items required to complete a package for your spouse or family member to handle your affairs easier in case of your death.. He also, provided information on, Evaluation of Hearing Impairments. If, you are thinking of having a hearing evaluation contact **Floyd**.

Kay Burch did a great job again as 50/50 lady. **Don and Alice Jackson** won the two top prizes and, **Eileen DePaolo** took the third prize. **Don Jackson** also donated another great lighthouse which, was won by a very happy **Judy Harden**. There was a drawing for the *Teddy Bear* center piece. It was won by our own **Terry (McTeddy) McDonald**. I hope the picture makes the next news letter.

Many baby items were collected and delivered to *Beta Center*. I have received a very nice thank-you card from them.
Items of interest from **S.M.A.R.T.** H.Q. The new e-mail address is: rvmstrtrvl@att.net. Also, **Smart** National Office is on a 4 day work week. Mon.-Thur. 8am to 4pm, central standard time.
Remember, our next chapter muster is February 8-11 in Key West. **Deadline** to register is **January 18th**. It will be Hosted by the **Coles and Benuzzi's**, with help from the **Scogins**. We will be dry camping at the NAS, Key West, Trumbell Famcamp Annex. So, come on down and enjoy the fun.

Paul Cooper, President



D U E S A R E D U E



CELEBRATING



Congratulations! The following members are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this winter.

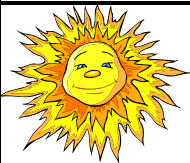
BIRTHDAYS: **JAN:** Melina LeDuc, 8; Erlene Copeland, 13; Frank Patrick, 15
FEB: Alice Jackson, 1; Judy Harden, 4; Ester Machowski, 5; Bill Day, 11; Bob Warbutton, 19; John Glauner, 20; Jasper Roper, 24; Vicki Wallen, 24.
MAR: Martha Cole 5; Ron Freeman,5; Dolores Brown Hayter, 11; Artus Wallen, 11; Lois Jones, 13; Curtis Hayter, 14; Ralph Scogin, 23;

ANNIVERSARIES: **JAN:**
FEB: Steve (deceased) & Peggy Warren, 4
 Melina LeDuc & Michael Steflovich, 14; Floyd & Judy Harden, 18;
MAR: Curtis & Dolores Hayter, 5; Owen & Pat Ivey, 11; Frank & Peggy Patrick, 11



Please let me know if I make an error in either your birthdate or your anniversary date. I *try* my best to be accurate. Thank you.
Terry McDonald, Editor

SUNSHINE REPORT



Several of our members have experienced illnesses. Both **Jack & Gloria Hartley**, as well as **Owen Ivey** and **Smoky Kittredge** were sent cards. Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Bill and Geri Day** on the loss of their great-granddaughter. Our prayers are with you.
Sunshine Lady, Joan McDonald

Don't Forget

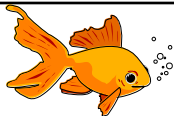
Dues for **2010** membership renewal were due
Jan. 1st, 2010

Please make your **\$10.00** check **PAYABLE TO:**
THE GULF COAST EAGLES
 Please send your check to:
Ruth Schilk
1406 Carswell St.
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Muster Schedule 2010>2011

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
February 8 > 11	Dry Camping Key West, FL	Judy & Gene Benuzzi 941-629-9171 Jerry & Martha Cole 941-792-8607
March *8>13**	SE Region Muster Lakewood Camping Resort Myrtle Beach, SC	Chattahoochee Drifters Muster Master—David Weis , 912-729-4142 *Early bird Mar 6/7 **depart morning of 13th
June 7 > 11	Breezy Oak RV Bushnell, FL	Jim & Ruth Schilk , 941-235-2512 Floyd & Judy Harden , 407-204-5012 Jennie Garrick , 407-439-1748
September 8 > 12	S*M*A*R*T NATIONAL Center County Grange Fairgrounds Center Hall, PA	PA Keystoneers—Victor Muron— muronwvic@yahoo.com 814-837-9753 Harvie Beavers— harvie.beavers@verizon.net





Gulf Coast Eagles Winter Escape Muster

February 8 > 11, 2010

Trumbo Annex, NAS, Sigsbee Famcamp, Key West, FL



Directions—go to page 4

Muster Fee: \$5 per person (\$10 per couple); make check payable to **Gene Benuzzi**.

Mail to: **Gene Benuzzi**
 17307 Lake Worth Blvd
 Port Charlotte, FL 33548

Muster Fee Deadline: **18 January 2010**


Hosts: **Gene & Judy Benuzzi**-941-815-8283; gbenuzzi@cmcast.net
Jerry & Martha Cole-941-518-6299; jermar19@mac.com


Come enjoy a relaxing-laid back muster in the southern most town of the USA. This Muster will bring back fond memories for all who began camping in THE TENT.....NO ELECTRIC.....NO WATER.....THE WASH HOUSE.... Yep! This is a dry camping muster (adventure) and when we head home Friday, we'll be taking home new great memories of our time together here in Key West. Come prepared to share stories of camping and your travels. Be they nightmares and or fond memories. Just keep in mind NOW when it's lanterns out, we have a REAL BED to crawl into and the kids are all grown up & back home in their own beds.


As of this writing you check in at Sigsbee Famcamp before going to the Trumbo Annex. Should this change, we will notify those signed up for the muster.

T E N A T I V E Agenda

Monday February 8
 0800>1530 Early Bird Arrival (Trumbo has coffee & Donuts 7:30 > 9 for \$1 donation; patio by shower)
 0200 PM Social Time (golf game) ← 
 0500 PM Dinner

Tuesday February 9
 08:30 AM Breakfast at the Blue Heaven on your own. Transportation provided.
 02:00 PM Social Time (games) ← 
 05:00 PM Dinner

Wednesday February 10
 08:00 AM Breakfast ← 
 02:00 PM Social Time
 05:00 PM Dinner—On your own (great places to dine in KW)
 We'll decide together later

Thursday February 11
 08:00 AM Breakfast
 09:30 AM Board Meeting ← 
 10:00 AM General Meeting
 02:00 PM Social Time (games)
 05:00 PM Dinner

Friday February 12
 07:30 > 0900 Coffee & donuts at the patio (club pays donation)

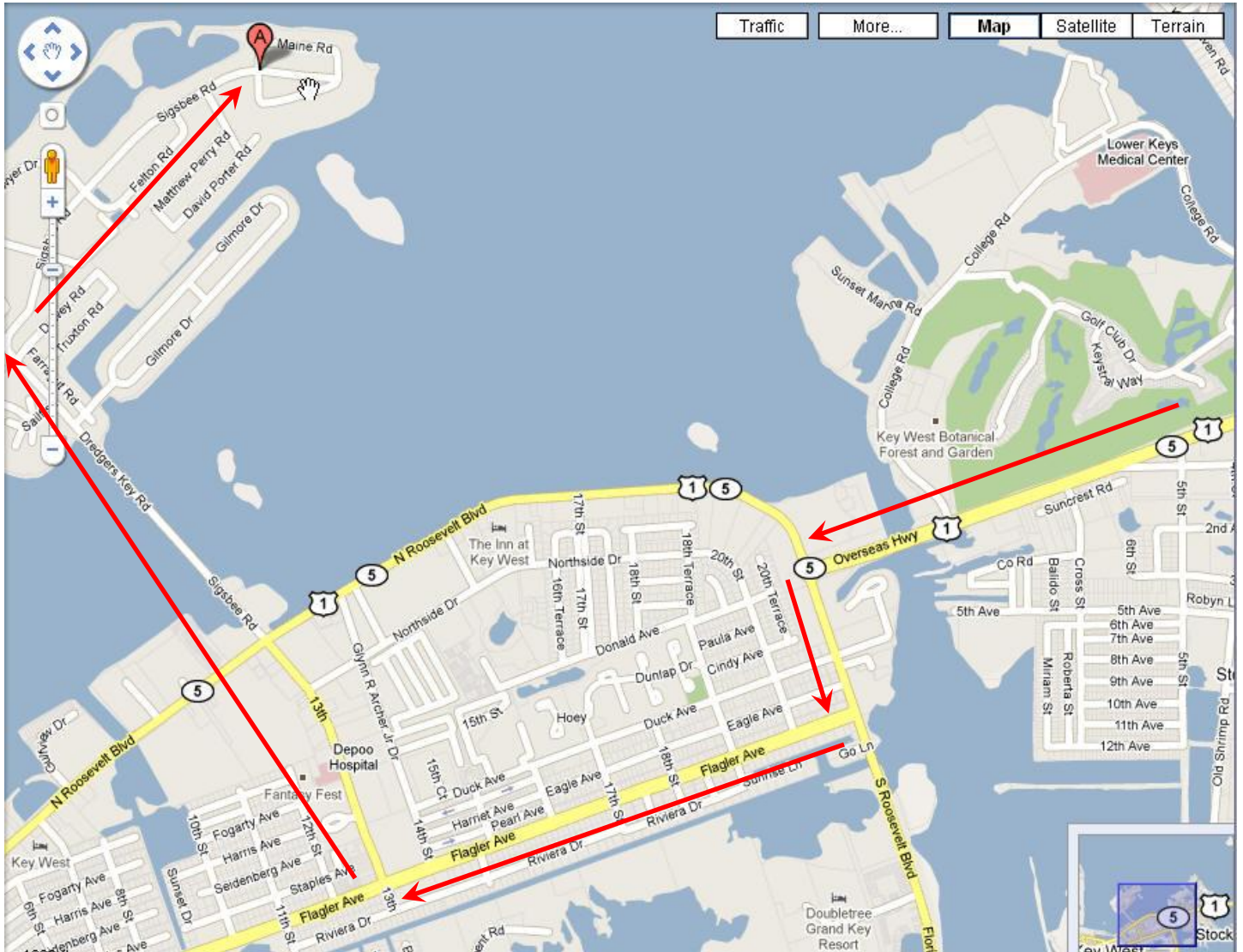


Games—cards & board games are usually played everyday around 01:30 PM for those wishing to play.

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1. to avoid some Key West traffic, from US 1 left to US A1A (Roosevelt Blvd).
2. Right on Flagler Ave (1st light)
3. Right on Kennedy Drive
4. Cross US 1 onto Sigsbee Base
5. Follow Sigsbee Road around to RV office (which closes at 1530 hours (3:30 PM))



Problems once at Famcamp—contact our liaisons: **Ralph & Ilene Scogin: 256-431-1289**



Artie gets a snappy salute from Peggy



Hosts **Jack Hartley, Floyd Harden, Gloria Harley, Judy Harden** Checking out baby gift donations



Kay Burch
50:50 Lady
Extraordinaire



Thanks **Kay!!!!**
Ilene DePaolo, Jim Schilk, Alice Jackson



Don Jackson, President & CEO
Lighthouse, Inc., Ltd.
Winners **Judy & Floyd Harden**



Center Piece Winners
Joan and Terry McTeddy
(aka McDonald)



A **FIRST** (& last???)
A guy's luncheon held,
not at some greasy spoon,
but at a **Hooters!**
Problem: When asked
"what did you eat dear?"
Not one spouse
could remember!



Which one just pinched the **Hooters** girl???



Ruby admires **Terry's** new **ARMY** shirt



Lunch is over, but one attendee is savoring the memories

Newly installed officers for 2010



President Paul Cooper	Secretary PJ Cooper	Treasurer Ruth Schilk	Muster Master Floyd Harden	Vice President Bill Day
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Have you visited the *Gulf Coast Eagle's* web site recently? The web master, **Robert McAndrew**, keeps improving it and is doing a marvelous job of keeping it up to date. I guarantee you, this newsletter will be on our website before most of you read it via e-mail. **S*M*A*R*T** address—<http://www.smartvng.net/index.html>
Gulf Coast Eagles: <http://www.military-rvng.us/GCE/Eagles.html> - HINT—then click on Newsletter



2010 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MUSTER
MARCH 5 > 12 (DEPART 13th)
Lakewood RV Resort 5901 S. King Hwy Myrtle Beach, SC 29575



Chapter Host:
Muster Master
Muster Fee

Chattahoochee Drifters
David Weis 912-729-4142; cell 912-674-9347; e-mail: dweis@tds.net
2 per rig—\$90; 1 per rig-\$45; each guest-\$45
Make check payable to: John Meyers, 386-935-6784
Mail to: John Meyers
5137 256'n Street,
O'Brien, FL 32071* 386-93S-GZB4



DEADLINE FEBRUARY 17, 2010

In Part-Fee includes: 1 catered breakfast, 7 catered dinners, 3 continental breakfasts, and 7 evenings of live entertainment.

ACTIVITIES: Golf, Crafts, Games, Ladies luncheon, Pot Luck Dinner, Tours; books for sale

Applications: **S*M*A*R*T** website (www.smartrving.net) and Jan/Feb **S*M*A*R*T TRAVELER**



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*Baby
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Contest*



**YAK!
YAK!
YAK!**



**EAT!
EAT!
EAT!**



Someone just told a funny!

The Gulf Coast Eagles Chapter of S*M*A*R*T are active and retired military of all the services who meet bi-monthly in the central Gulf Coast region of Florida for Fun & Camaraderie



CHRISTMAS MUSTER 2009

Photo by Guest **Dick Carl** (seen on far right)



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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GULF COAST EAGLES



NATIONAL **SMART** NUMBER _____ NATIONAL DUES EXP. DATE _____

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE **S*M*A*R*T** TRAVEL CLUB TO BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN A CHAPTER

LAST NAME FIRST MI SPOUSE

STREET ADDRESS – P.O. BOX CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE (w/area code) CELL PHONE (optional) E-MAIL

MILITARY SERVICE, BRANCH ACTIVE RETIRED

BIRTHDAY (m/d) SPOUSE BIRTHDAY (m/d) ANNIVERSARY (m/d/y)

SIGNATURE

Please enclose \$ 10.00 Annual Dues (01 January through 31 December)

Make check payable to: GULF COAST EAGLES CHAPTER

Return to Chapter Treasurer:

Ruth Schilk
1406 Carswell St.
Port Charlotte, FL 33953
Tel. (941) 661-8586

-----Below Completed by Chapter-----

Received Date

Signature Chapter Treasurer

Signature Chapter Secretary

C# _____ DATE _____