



## CAPITOL CHAPTER

### FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE # 2026-1

FAMILY RV ASSOCIATION

DC, MD, DE, PA, VA, WV, NJ

#### OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Joe Kromash	240-505-3663	<a href="mailto:jkromash@gmail.com">jkromash@gmail.com</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	Len Mierzwa	301-904-9911	<a href="mailto:len.mierzwa@verizon.net">len.mierzwa@verizon.net</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	Debbie Logsdon	301-229-4189	<a href="mailto:ddlogsdon79@outlook.com">ddlogsdon79@outlook.com</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Joanne Becka	301-742-1911	<a href="mailto:joannebecka@gmail.com">joannebecka@gmail.com</a>
<b>Chapter National Directors</b>	Diane Mierzwa Dana Kromash (Alt)	240-298-5965 301-807-4686	<a href="mailto:diane.mierzwa@verizon.net">diane.mierzwa@verizon.net</a> <a href="mailto:bobosmom1227@gmail.com">bobosmom1227@gmail.com</a>

#### Message from the President

Greetings Capitol Chapter,

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! The winter season is here so we have time to plan our travels for 2026!

We hope to see everyone in Perry, Georgia in March! Look for information on a get together for our chapter at Perry!

We are attaching a list of our upcoming 2026 chapter rallies... if you have any ideas for other events just let me know!

We had a fun and highly attended holiday party in December 2025. Due to the positive feedback we have booked the same location again for 2026 at the West End Grill in Annapolis, MD.

Stay warm! Until next time, keep on traveling!

Joe Kromash, President



The Sunshine Committee is dedicated to keeping our group informed of significant life events and milestones. It brings us together to offer appreciation, recognition and support during happy times and in times of need.

Contact Committee Chair Margie Cohn , [margiezc@aol.com](mailto:margiezc@aol.com) with information you would like share.

## ANNUAL DUES



Don't forget your 2026 dues. \$15.00

Checks should be made payable to: **Capitol Chapter-FMCA**

Include your name and FMCA number. Mail checks to:

Joanne Becka  
4814 Osage Street  
College Park, MD 20740

Any questions, call Joanne  
301-742-1911

Capitol Chapter Members,

Attached is the link to order Capitol Chapter shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. You have the option to have the shirts shipped to you (for a fee) or delivered to you at a rally.

All t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies are available with the Capitol Chapter emblem on the upper left chest. If you have any questions, send an email to [snappyscenery301@gmail.com](mailto:snappyscenery301@gmail.com). Once the form has been submitted you will receive an email within 48 hours with your final invoice including shipping. Online payment forms accepted, Venmo and PayPal.

[Capitol Chapter Shirt Order](#)

Questions? Contact Len Mierzwa, 301-904-9911  
[len.mierzwa@verizon.net](mailto:len.mierzwa@verizon.net)

## **Important Update**

Please check your FRVA profile. When filling out rally events and registrations, it is important to list your copilot's name and information. If not listed, your copilot will not be covered by FRVA's benefits, ie. medical, travel assist, discounts. Call FRVA to verify and update your profile. 800-543-3622. This information will protect each pilot with liability insurance in case anything happens at rallies or events thru FRVA.



The Capitol Chapter would like to welcome the following new members:

Chuck and Maria Rodgers

Welcome aboard! We are excited to have you join our group and look forward to meeting you at our rallies and events. Thank you for choosing to be part of the Capitol Chapter.

## **A Great Way to End 2025**

Thanks to all who came out to celebrate our December Holiday Luncheon at West End Grill, Annapolis.



# 2026 RALLIES AND EVENTS

**March 18 - 21, 2026**

## **FRVA 112th International Convention**

### **“Changes in Latitudes” - RV Beach Party**

Georgia National Fairgrounds

Perry, Georgia



Information for events, fees, volunteer opportunities and registration available on [FRVA.com](http://FRVA.com) After you register, contact Dana Kromash to let her know you are coming. We are planning a potluck dinner for the Capitol Chapter that will take place during the ChapterFest on Friday, March 20. Please see the rally agenda from FRVA.

**APRIL 9 - 12, 2026**

## **Cherry Hill Park Campground, College Park, Md.**

Hosts: Joe & Dana Kromash



Campground: Cherry Hill Park Campground

9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, Md 20740

Group name - FRVA Capitol Chapter/ Dana Kromash

[www.cherryhillpark.com](http://www.cherryhillpark.com)

Call Cherry Hill Campground directly to reserve your site at 240-484-8917. You will not get the Capitol rate if you book online. You must call. Please let Joe & Dana know after you have made your reservation. 301-807-4686

There are 10 reserved full hook up RV sites.

Vehicles- Extra vehicles will be charged \$7 per vehicle. (One vehicle per site at N/C)

Day Visitors - Day visitors must be registered prior to arrival and will be charged \$4 per person, max 5 per site. If not registered, fee is \$7. Visitors must register at the office each day they are visiting.

Payment in full will be taken 10 days prior to arrival if not already paid by guest online.

**June 5 - 9, 2026**

**Williamsburg, VA**

Hosts: Len & Diane Mierzwa



American Heritage RV Park

146 Maxton Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

[americanheritagervpark.com](http://americanheritagervpark.com)

888-530-2267

757-566-2133 - Call to get the Capitol rate. Do not book online.

If we have 10 rigs attending, the nightly rate is \$69 plus tax. No other discounts can be applied to this rate and it is only valid for the actual rally dates. Less than 10 rigs, peak rates for 2026 will be charged, but Military, AAA, or Good Sam discounts can be used. Reservations must be made before April 24, 2026 to qualify as part of the Capitol Chapter and the \$69 rate. Tell the campground you are with the Capitol Chapter.

Once you book your site, please either email Len at [len.mierzwa@verizon.com](mailto:len.mierzwa@verizon.com) or call 301-904-9911 to let him know you are registered.

**July 1 - 4, 2026**

**FRVA's 113th International Convention**

Sedalia, MO

This International Convention will take place at the Missouri State Fair Grounds. Come join the rally.

Information and registration will soon be available online. You may now register by mail-in. See the January/February 2026 Family RVing magazine for the registration form. You can also call 800-543-3622 or 513-474-3622.

**October 22 - 25, 2026**

**Sunfest Ocean City, MD**

Hosts: Len & Diane Mierzwa



Sun Outdoors Campground

12612 Eagles Nest Road Berlin, MD

We have 10 sites reserved. Call Ann Savoia at 248-749-7619 to make your reservation. Let her know you are with the Capitol group.

Sunfest is one of the areas largest outdoor festivals showcasing arts, crafts, music and culinary delights. The music lineup features live performances by top artists and local talents from various genres. Plus you will experience all the excitement the boardwalk has to offer.

**December 6, 2026**

**12:00 - 3:30 pm**

**Holiday Party & Annual Chapter Meeting**

Organizers: Joe & Dana Kromash

West End Grill

2049 West St. Annapolis, MD

## ***WE ASKED..... YOU ANSWERED***

The results of our informal questionnaire, distributed during the holiday luncheon, have provided a helpful snapshot of our group's interests for future travels.



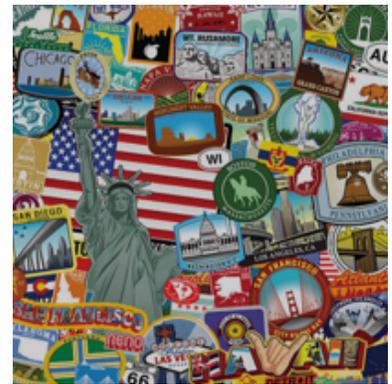
Members expressed a willingness to travel to destinations including Tennessee, Alabama, Western Maryland, North Carolina and neighboring states. Preferred outings range from two to five days, and extend from weekdays into the weekend, with daily travel times of approximately two to five hours. There is a strong interest in incorporating wineries, breweries, historical sites, train rides, and other points of interest along the way.

Another suggestion was the idea of a “rolling rally”- a group of rigs traveling together along a designated route, stopping at multiple campgrounds and local attractions, either in-state or beyond. Think of it as our Capitol Chapter's version of a “fantasy” road trip.



So, where do we go from here?

We are looking for volunteers to coordinate new rally events. If you've discovered a campground or area you love during your travels, we'd like to hear about it. Hosting a rally can be as simple or involved as you'd like - from securing campsites and suggesting local activities to organizing evening gatherings, breakfasts, pot luck dinners or reservations at local restaurants.



Diane Mierzwa and Dana Kromash are available to offer suggestions. You can contact them. Along with Margie Cohn, these ladies have hosted successful rallies. A heartfelt thanks for keeping the camping spirit alive for our Capitol group.

# Celebrate America

**2026 is an exciting time to travel across our country and celebrate America's 250th birthday. Below are a few websites that you might find interesting while traveling this year.**

## **Freedom 250**

The national organization leading the celebration of our Nation's 250th birthday.

<https://freedom250.org>

## **Freedom 250 U.S. Department of the Interior**

Monthly highlights from historic sites and paying tribute to figures that contributed to our national heritage.

<https://www.doi.gov/freedom250>

## **National Park Service**

Proud keepers of our national parks and historical sites, over 400 places that are associated with American history will be highlighted.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/usa-250.htm>

## **Events| Washington DC**

We are in the zone! Celebrate with special exhibits at the museums, live concerts, festivals and ongoing festivities.

<https://dc250.us/events>

## **Virginia 250 Virginia American Revolution 250 Commemoration**

Virginia played a significant role in securing American independence. This website has events, exhibitions, virtual tours, live streams and more.

<https://va250.org>

\*\*If you are driving through Virginia, stop by one of the 12 Welcome Centers to get a Virginia 250 commemorative passport. It highlights 70 historical sites and museums across the state. You can collect stamps at each site and receive special pricing on admission.

## **Ten of the Most Exciting Ways to Commemorate America's 250th This Year**

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/ten-of-the-most-exciting-ways-to-commemorate-americas-250th-this-year-180988106/>

## **Sail250 Baltimore**

A global gathering of International tall ships and aircraft. Baltimore is part of a 5 city national event which includes ports of New Orleans, Norfolk, New York and Boston. The Navy's Blue Angels Squadron and other aviation performers will fly over Baltimore Harbor and Inner Harbor.

<https://www.sail250md.org>

## Ways to Connect and Keep in Touch

You can read about the latest happenings and contact Capitol officers and friends.

★ **Websites:**

[www.frva.com](http://www.frva.com)

[www.frva-ea.com](http://www.frva-ea.com)

★ **Capitol Chapter Newsletter**

★ **Emails**

★ **Facebook-Capitol Chapter-FRVA**

Dana Kromash is the Administrator. Please like and follow us on our Facebook site.



**Celebrate 250**

**Happy Birthday, America!**