

GEN. GEORGE G. MEADE CAMP #5
PAST CAMP COMMANDER LOUIS SMITH
2002 – 2003



PCC Louis Smith was the founding commander of the General George G. Meade Camp #5. Working with founding secretary/treasurer Eugene Mortorff, the camp of 15 members received its charter in February of 2002. Lou served as Camp Commander until 2003.

Under Lou's leadership, the camp worked with the Maryland Department of Transportation to place a roadside historic marker in Annapolis, noting the location of Camp Parole. He also led the camp to participate in the Annapolis Memorial Day ceremony, Confederate navy Day, Remembrance Day and various other local events.

A native of Grafton, WV, he graduated from West Virginia University, served in the Korean War and worked for the National Security Agency for 35 years. In 2005, he was the Memorial Day speaker at the Grafton National Cemetery.

His SUVCW lineage came from his great-grandfather, Ernst (Schmidt) Smith, who mustered into the service on March 3, 1864 into the 3rd Maryland Potomac Home Brigade as a private. Ernst mustered out on May 29, 1865 at the end of the war.

Lou passed away following a stroke in 2006. Following his passing, the Camp named its annual Preservation Luncheon in his honor.