DRIVE DIRECTIONS TO Solomons for walk on May 26, 2012
From I-95 North/South: Turn EAST toward Andrews AFB on Capital Beltway I-495/I-95 to Route 4, Exit 11A.
Turn South/East on Route 4 toward Upper Marlboro.**
Continue for approximately 50 miles, passing thru Prince Frederick, to the 1st traffic light at Solomons (Solomons Towne Center and McDonald’s on your left.)
Turn LEFT at the traffic light and an immediate RIGHT onto Solomons Rd. for about ¾ of a mile to Holiday Dr. Turn LEFT on Holiday Dr. to the Start/Finish at the Holiday Inn.
From MD-97/MD-301 South: Exit at Route 4, South toward Prince Frederick. ** Continue as above.

Spend the night at the Holiday Inn, 155 Holiday Drive, Solomons, MD 20688 with special volksmarch group rate of $124.00 per night double occupancy. Make your hotel reservations now. Call 800-356-2009 use code FH2 for rate. Rate available thru May 11th.

Dear Volksmarchers,
Freestate members thank you for your continuing support that you have given us for the 28 years our club has sponsored bike, walk and swim events. Without you Freestate couldn’t sponsor these upcoming quality events on Solomons Island, in Historical St. Mary’s City and our gem at Chesapeake Beach. Thanks again and hope to see you on Memorial Day Weekend 2012.
Bob Wolfe, President, Freestate Happy Wanderers
SPONSORED BY: The Freestate Happy Wanderers
Volksmarch Club AVA-190, a walking club.

START/FINISH: The Holiday Inn Select Solomons, 155 Holiday Drive, Solomons, MD 20688.

TIMES: Start time anytime between 9 AM-2 PM and finish by 5 PM.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION/DISTANCE: There is a 10-Km trail and 5-km, both with a rating of 1A. The trails consist mainly of local streets, pathways and natural surfaces. AVA Special Program Honoring Law Enforcement and Walking America’s Murals.

REGISTRATION: Walk fee for IVV Credit/Non-IVV Credit is $3.00. Children 12 and under (IVV-Credit included) walk for free courtesy of Freestate Happy Wanderers. The same trail may be walked for credit twice on the same start card on the same day with no extra charge. These walks are open to the public.

PROCEDURE: Each participant must register at the start and fill out a start card to be carried on the walk and presented at each checkpoint. Participants must turn in start cards at the Finish Table after completing the event.

CONDITIONS: Littering along the trails is prohibited. Calvert County requires that all pets be leashed and that owners clean up after their pets. The event will be held in all reasonable weather. Dogs are not allowed in the Holiday Inn or Museum.

REFRESHMENTS: Restrooms, hard candy and water are available at the Start/checkpoint. Please carry water bottles on the trail.

SANCTION: The event AT12/90518 is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA) and Maryland Volkssport Association (MVA), members of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV).

DISCLAIMER: Every reasonable effort will be made to conduct a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event. The Freestate Happy Wanderers, the Holiday Inn, Calvert County Museum, Solomons Landing Condos, Solomons Landing Homeowners Assoc. shall not be liable for any accidents, theft, or material damage.

Sunday, May 27 - Enjoy another great walk at St. Mary’s City YR1620 this weekend. Start at Historic St. Mary’s City Visitor’s Center -18559 Hogaboom Ln., St. Mary’s City, MD 20686, Trail is on natural paths along the St. Mary’s River. Drive directions from Solomons to St. Mary’s available at the Start on May 26. Voted the #1 YRE in 2010. Start YRE box will be manned by club members from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and finish walk by 3 PM. No entrance fee charged this date.

Monday, May 28 - Join walkers up the road from Solomons at the lovely Town of Chesapeake Beach and walk Freestate’s YRE1087. Start YRE box will be manned at 10 AM by club members. If you are driving down for the two YRE’s only check the ava.org website or the AVA Starting Point for drive directions. Directions from Solomons to Chesapeake Beach will be available at the event May 26. No food is available for purchase in St. Mary’s on Sunday at the walk. We suggest box lunches from Spyro’s Deli (410-394-6565) or sandwiches from Food Lion, Subway or several fast food and mini-marts in Solomons. Walkers are encouraged to bring coolers with food and drink. All rooms at the Holiday Inn have refrigerators.
A group dinner is planned on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the Holiday Inn. Advance payment and reservation are required and everyone is welcome. Request a reservation form via email at wahasse@ix.netcom.com.

INFORMATION: Call 410-437-2164 or 301-717-3604 before 9 PM or via email at wahasse@ix.netcom.com.