

### Redstone Arsenal Military & Civilians' Club

Newsletter

#### From the President



Hello!

I hope 2019 is starting out great for everyone. January is always a nice quiet time in our house as we recover from the holidays and get ready to start a new year. The club year is still going strong as we prepare for our biggest fundraiser. This year's Gala in the Garden will be held at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens on 22 February. We hope you can all come out for an evening of food, fun, and festivities. We are still accepting donations of wine (or other spirits) for our wine pull, and baskets for our silent auction. Please contact Brandie Ragin or Cherrie Cain if you'd like to donate. More info on ticket sales is also available in the newsletter.

I need to give a HUGE shout out to our local Chapter of MOAA for their generous donation of the proceeds from the golf tournament in September. On January 30, 2019, the club was presented with a check for \$11,000. This money will be used for scholarships to benefit area teens with ties to the Redstone community. Information on applying for scholarships is also available in this newsletter.

While we are on the subject of our amazing MOAA chapter, we are looking for people who will be here for the next year to help plan and organize next year's tournament. Meetings have already started, and we are looking for a few people who can attend meetings and help with the event. Because our board year and the planning of the event are on different time lines, we are looking for people to serve from February-September. Please contact me or any board member if you are interested.

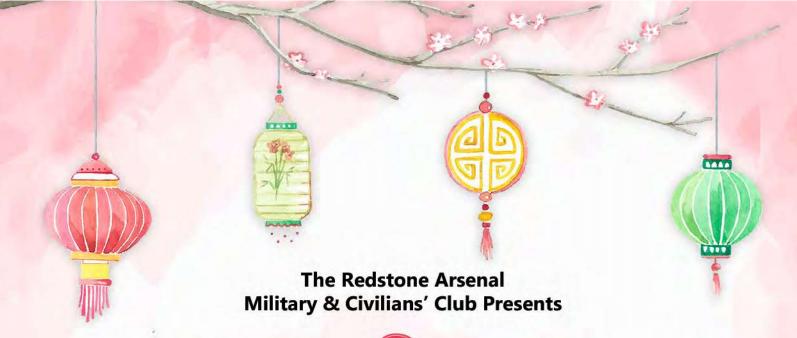
See you all soon at the Chinese New Year luncheon!



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#### The Year of the Pig!

Tuesday . February 12, 2019 10:30 a.m. ~ 1 p.m. The Summit at Redstone Arsenal

**RSVP HERE** 

By Friday, February 8th at Noon



Our monthly luncheons are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Summit on Redstone Arsenal. Each month, you will enjoy a themed luncheon with wonderful vendors and giveaways, all for \$17! Bring a friend or invite a newcomer to join in the fellowship!

Please do not forget to R.S.V.P.! You may do so using one of the following options:

- Qvite 1. Reservations by Evite: Members will receive monthly invitations to our luncheons by Evite. You may enter your response on the site, and your reservation will be automatically sent to our Reservations Co-Chairs. You may pay with cash or check upon check-in on the day of the luncheon.
- 2. Follow the link at the bottom of the luncheon flyer on page 2 of this newsletter. The link will take you straight to the evite.
- 3. Go to www.rsamcc.org and click on the "Reservations" link. Then, on the right side of the Reservations page, click on the "Lunch Reservation" link. You will be redirected to PayPal. Please include your name, phone number, and the month for which you are paying in the "Note" section. Please note that there is a \$.70 fee for using PayPal, which is automatically added to your transaction.
- 4. To make a reservation by phone, please call Celinda Colavita, Reservations Co-Chair, at 253.651.8198. You may pay with cash or check upon check-in on the day of the luncheon.
  - 5. To make a reservation by email, please email <a href="mailto:rsamccreservation@gmail.com">rsamccreservation@gmail.com</a>. You may pay with cash or check upon check-in on the day of the luncheon.

The deadline for placing your reservation is noon on the Friday before the scheduled luncheon. Also, if a reservation is not cancelled by the same deadline, you will be responsible or the cost of the luncheon. Refunds will only be granted for cancellations received prior to noon on the Friday before the scheduled luncheon.

We look forward to seeing you there! ~ Celinda & Shevie

THE REDSTONE ARSENAL MILITARY & CIVILIANS' CLUB WOULD BE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE AT THE

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2019

6 P.M. ~ 10:30 P.M.

HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN



BENEFITING THE RSAMCC COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS &
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
FEATURING THE BAND FREE FALL
DINNER BY BUBBA'S SILVER SPOON
ENTERTAINMENT | CASH BAR | LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

RSVP by February 15th to rsamccgalainthegarden@gmail.com or https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gala-in-the-garden-tickets-52796959126 \$75 per person ~ \$550 for a table of 8



#### It's "Gala in the Garden" time!

As you know, February 22, 2019 from 6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. we are holding our annual gala at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. We are still seeking wine donations (or other spirits), basket donations, and even cash donations (if you'd like us to prepare a basket or pick up the wine/spirits for you). Anything you are willing to contribute is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available through Eventbrite or via board members. We will be selling tickets on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the luncheon, as well. Ticket sales end at 12 p.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be crucial on the day of the event. A big "Thank You!!!" to everyone who has given their time thus far. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. The gala team is going to keep running through the finish line!

#### What does your ticket get you?

Admission to the Huntsville Botanical Garden on the day of the event, one ticket for a free beer/glass of wine/soda, dinner by Bubba's Silverspoon catering to include your choice of: London broil, chicken piccata, basil fettuccine, green beans, mesclun salad, and crème brûlée for dessert; the opportunity to bid in live and silent auctions, games, a beautiful glass to take home to commemorate the event graciously provided by our own Melinda Riling; musical entertainment provided by the band Free Fall (a big "Thank You!" to Judy Bicknell for linking us up); and dancing on the dance floor to close up your week and our event with pizazz. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening and tended by HBG bartenders.

#### **Next Upcoming Gala meeting dates:**

January 31<sup>st</sup> – 11 a.m. at Java Café February 7<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. at Java Café February 14<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. at Java Café February 21<sup>st</sup> – 11 a.m. at Java Café ~ Brandie & Cherie

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MILITARY & CIVILIANS' CLUB

FEBRUARY 22, 2019

6 P.M. ~ 10:30 P.M.

HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

#### There are a variety of ways to join the fun and volunteer/contribute!

Donate a bottle(s) of wine or other spirits for a "Wine Pull" giveaway

- Donate a basket or gift card or sponsor a table
- Haven't bought your tickets yet? Just click here!
- Volunteer for the event:
  - In advance by helping sell tickets or solicit baskets and gift cards
  - The day of the Gala you can help with set-up
  - During the Gala you can help with the silent auction or registration
  - o After the Gala you can help with clean-up ☺













































The good news is that the furlough has ended (for now); however, the employees still remain without immediate access to funding. RSAMCC is asking membership and community friends to assist HSV Cares by donating grocery and/or gas cards to FAA and TSA furloughed employees. Please say YES and bring grocery or gas gift cards in the amount of \$20 at the luncheon on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

RSAMCC will collect cards at the "When Pigs Fly Luncheon" only and will not delay in delivering this much needed community assistance. Thank you KINDLY for your generous support.  $\sim$  May Inn & Mia











Thank you all who contributed in January to the stuffed animal drive for the First Responders. We will continue to collect new and gently used stuffed animals at the February luncheon. Being able to give a young child who has recently been faced with a disaster, a soft cuddly toy to embrace and offer a means of comfort, I am sure will be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for all that 'you' the members continue to do when called upon.  $\sim \text{Mia}$ 



# JANUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: ATTY ALLRED



Long before Joanna Gaines made a big super splash to the decorating scene, a mini version of her has walked amongst us. She uses her keen eye for beauty and balance for any project that requires grace and simplicity. Her small, little hands create big and awe inspiring creations.

She has, without hesitation, said YES for many, many years of service to this community, not only with RSAMCC, but to other organizations as well. She chooses to serve and does so with grace and exceptional quality. She is a leader that we want to follow due to her kind patience and grace under pressure. When she is in charge she has the ability to be in more than one place at a time and never turns a deaf ear to the million and one questions at hand. The choice of a Volunteer of the Month is one that takes into consideration duty to position, contribution to community, attitude and overall hours served. This volunteer has been measured for her overall commitment to excellence for her board position, the immeasurable years of service to community and her ability to answer the call to serve with a loving and enthusiastic YES. The RSAMCC would like to overwhelmingly elect Mrs. Atty Allred as the January, 2019 Volunteer of the Month.  $\sim$  Matu Anne



## BONE MARROW REGISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2019!

In partnership with Salute to Life and Fox Army Health Center, the RSAMCC seeks volunteers to register donors. Bone marrow donors offer hope and save lives. Volunteers will be trained on assisting donors complete the registration form and how to conduct the sample. Thank you! ~ Many Jane

## HOW TO VOLUNTEER AT A BONE MARROW REGISTRY



Attend Local Training

Fox Army Health
Center will provide a
full educational
background on how
to address and
register potential
donors.



tand out New Donor Information Card

Provide potential donor with information card and instructions for completion.



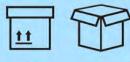
Give Donor Swab Kit

Assist donor with completing the registration form. Instruct donor how to swab mouth and seal kit.



Thank Donor

Provide praise to donor for saving a life. Package the kit for transportation to laboratory.



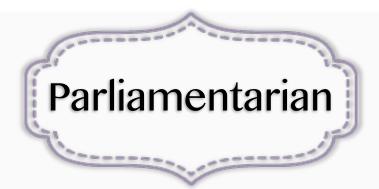
Pack Swab Kit



Prepare packaged swab kits for shipping to laboratory.

### Bone Marrow Recruitment Drive Needs VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers must be vetted prior to volunteering at this location. Please register at http://signup.com/go/PveqhEF before February 9, 2019.



The board year is over half way done! This means it is time for a call to action. Please consider volunteering for the RSAMCC Executive Board for the 2019-2020 board year. The following positions require applicants to contact the Parliamentarian and fill out the application: **PRESIDENT, 1**st **VICE PRESIDENT, 2**nd **VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY** and **TREASURER.** No experience is necessary, just a desire to serve!

Applications to serve on the Executive Board must be submitted to Terry Drushal, Parliamentarian, NLT February 28, 2019. Please review our Constitution and Bylaws for duty descriptions. A digital copy can be requested from Terry at <a href="mailto:rsamccparliamentarian@gmail.com">rsamccparliamentarian@gmail.com</a>. A copy will be available for review at our membership meetings.

In accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will meet prior to the March General Board meeting. Members of the committee are: the Honorary President and/or Advisor, the Parliamentarian (serves as committee chair), and three (3) RSAMCC members. If you wish to serve as one of the 3 volunteer members on the Nominating Committee, please contact Terry at rsamccparliamentarian@gmail.com.

#### The sequence of events in the next few months are as follows:

- 1. Applications for Executive Board submitted NLT February 28, 2019.
- 2. Nominating Committee convenes prior to the March General Board Meeting for presentation and approval. Date and time TBD.
- 3. Slate announced at the March Membership Luncheon.
- 4. Elections conducted at the April Membership Meeting/Luncheon. In the event we do not have a full slate, nominations will be taken from the floor. Person nominated *must* give consent and is a Member-In-Good-Standing.
- 5. Applications for Standing Committees will be accepted starting in March. These applications will be reviewed by the incoming elected Executive Board, Honorary President and Advisor prior to individuals being contacted and confirmed for positions.
- 6. Installation of the 2019-2020 RSAMCC Board conducted at our May General Membership Meeting/Luncheon.  $\sim$   $\int evu$



#### 2019-2020 RSAMCC Executive Board Application

(President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Secretary, & Treasurer)

Standing Committee Applications will be available in March. Upon election, the incoming Executive Board in consultation with the Honorary President and Advisor will determine the Standing Committee for 2019-2020 Board Year.

The Nominating Committee will use this application to assemble a slate for the elected position of the Executive Board. Positions are voted on by our general membership. *No experience is necessary!* All you need is a desire to serve and make a difference in our community.

NAME:		
EMAIL:		
PHONE:		
POSITION(S) INTERESTED IN (	(Rank order if interested in several positions):	
PAST EXPERIENCE (Other Club	b Boards, Fraternity, Sorority, Boy or Girl Scouts, etc.	):
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SIGN:	DATE:	

### Community Assistance Grants

The Community Assistance Grant online applications closed **January 31, 2019.** Disbursements are announced in late March or early April based on proceeds from Gala Fundraiser. For questions, email Suzanne O'Donell at <a href="mailto:rsamcccommunity@gmail.com">rsamcccommunity@gmail.com</a>.

~ Suzanne





The RSAMCC Merit Award deadline to apply is **Friday, March 1, 2019.**Please see website for application and more details:
<a href="https://rsamcc.org/rsamcc-merit-awards-application-2019-2/">https://rsamcc.org/rsamcc-merit-awards-application-2019-2/</a>
For questions, please email Lana Barshinger at <a href="mailto:rsamccmeritawards@gmail.com">rsamccmeritawards@gmail.com</a>



## Thank You!

A very special **THANK YOU** to all who helped decorate the Summit and the Overlook for the Christmas season. I am so proud of each and everyone! Thank you for your time and your talents.

Both clubs looked truly awesome. All the trees sparkled and glowed with holiday cheer. We were ever so fortunate to get an article in the Redstone Rocket. The **Santa Lollipop tree** and the charming **Snow Village** was pictured.

For those members who didn't get to tour the club missed a real treat. All the trees were gorgeous in their own way. Just let me give you a peek.

In the entrance, welcoming everyone, was a dazzling **Top Hat tree**. It was telling everyone of the fun ahead! In the Bob Howe room was a colorful party time **Mardi Gras tree**. Then on to the Twickenham room, you walk into **Winter Wonderland** where a flocked tree is trimmed in red birds, nests, birdhouses, owls, berries and twigs. Fun! The **Santa Lollipop** tree and **Snow Village** graced the dining room. Upstairs was our **Patriot tree**, of course, it was trimmed in red, white and blue. In the Ballroom stood the 14 foot **Victorian tree** beautifully trimmed in burgundy, pink and gold. This was the original tree for the Tree Lighting. All the Victorian ornaments were hand made by Club members in 1980's.

The Ballroom has three other trees. The dreamy **Blue tree** that now has the original Victorian ornaments. The **Red tree**, my signature tree, was simply stunning as it sparkled with all red trimmings. The last tree in the room is the welcoming **Pineapple tree** and it was wrapped up in gold, bright green, pink and copper. As it should not be forgotten, the **Twelve Days Christmas banners** graced the Ballroom walls. The beautiful banners were design and made from the old 1978 banners in 1999-2000 by MCC members.

The Ladies Room also had its own tree and what a compliment we got on that! Received a Christmas card saying that all the decorations in the Club were just beautiful but that the little jewel was in the ladies restroom with the **Black and Gold tree**!

At the Overlook, the **traditional 12 foot tree** trimmed in red, green and gold filled the room with a beautiful sparkle that carried over to the fireplace decorations.

Each room or section had its own tree for the parties. Except in the dining room, the topiary tree came up missing. It was a lovely swirl of gold, copper and wine.

Everything clicked together this year into a stunning parade of trees. A big thanks to the RSAMCC Board for their support, thanks to the Summit staff for their help and the lunches they provided and to all the Club members that participated in putting up, trimming and taking down the trees and decorations. Thank you all so very much.





#### International Women's Club

Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>
11 a.m.
Keegan's Irish Pub
200 West Side Square
Suite 60
Huntsville, AL 35801
http://www.keeganshuntsville.com/

Join us for lunch and friendship with new and old members downtown at Keegans and maybe a stroll in the park after if the weather is good. To RSVP and for more information on this meeting, and upcoming meetings please contact Sandra Smith at <a href="mailto:Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com">Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com</a>.



Friday, February 8th

- 11 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Museum Tour

Huntsville Museum of Art & Pane E Vino Pizzeria 300 Church Street, SW Huntsville

www.hsvmuseum.org

http://www.paneevinopizzeria.com/

The Divas are getting artsy! Join us for the afternoon at the Huntsville Museum of Art and lunch at Pane E Vino. Admission is \$10. Please RSVP by February 5<sup>th</sup>.

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International Women's Club please RSVP to Sandra Smith, <a href="Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com">Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com</a>
All other clubs please RSVP via the evite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow, email <a href="Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com">Irishsandra.smith@gmail.com</a> or text 813-713-1402.



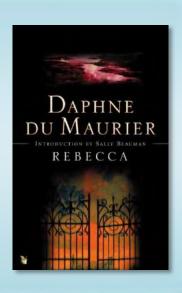
Monday, February 11th
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Craft at Liquor Express
1812 University Drive
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
www.southernartconcepts.net

The Craft Club will be painting pottery at Liquor Express. The cost is between \$30 to \$75 depending on what you select to glaze. You will need to go thru the link in your evite to register for the class. We will also be dining beforehand at Cyn Shea's at 11:00 if you would like to join us.



Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
10:30 a.m.
144 Secretariat Place
Madison
Please see evite for
directions (not on GPS yet)

We will be discussing this month's book (*Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier) as well as what other books we've all been reading that we love. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.





Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>
11 a.m.
Madison Main Street Cafe
101 Main St.
Madison
http://www.mainstreetcafemadison.com/

Join us in old Madison as we dine in the old City Hall which is now the Main Street Café. There are two Jail cell private dining rooms too! Go online to check out the menu and most importantly the dessert menu!

Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow, email rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com or text 813-713-1402.

#### Hiking-Walking Club



Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>
10:30 a.m.
Beaver Dam Nature Trail
Old Hwy 20 Madison, AL 35756
www.landdrustnal.org

We are heading to Beaver Dam Nature Trail for an easy walk in the wintery swamp. This is a short but pretty trail with a total of 1 mile in and out just perfect for a chilly morning. If we need to reschedule for weather, we will plan for the following week on the 28<sup>th</sup> so save that date too. Great for bird watching so bring those binoculars if you want to see some Winter Wren which feed under the boardwalk as well as wood peckers and the occasional winter loving Barred Owl.





Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Melanie O'Neill's Clubhouse 208 Walden Glen Rd., Madison

Join us for our first Bunco of 2019! Bring \$10 to play Bunco and 3 \$1 bills to play LCR. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow, email rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com or text 813-713-1402.

## Let's Flamingle All Year!

RSAMCC 2018 - 2019 Luncheon Schedule

August 14th



Super Sign Up Come Flamingle with Us

September 11th



**Red, White & Blooming with Redstone** 

October 9th



**BuncoWeen for a Wicked Good Time** 

November 13th



Remember ~ Honor ~ Celebrate

December 11th



Oh What Fun! Come Jingle and Mingle

January 8th



**Cheers to YOU! Toastmaster Club** 

February 12th



When Pigs Fly? Chinese New Year

March 12th



**Little Black Dress and Fashion Show** 

April 9th



**Bridge Street Bingo** 

May 14th



Hats Off to Ascots and International High Tea



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	International Women's Club 11 a.m. Keegan's Irish Pub See page 15			RSAMCC Gala Meeting 11 a.m. Java Café See page 5	Daytrip Divas 11 a.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. Museum Tour Huntsville Museum of Art See page 15	
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	Craft Club 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Craft at Liquor Express See page 16	Happy Chinese New Year RSAMCC Luncheon See page 2		RSAMCC Gala Meeting 11 a.m. Java Café See page 5		
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		Book Club 10:30 a.m. See page 16	Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Madison Main Street Cafe See page 16	RSAMCC Gala Meeting 11 a.m. Java Café See page 5	Gala in the Garden! See page 4	
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		Hiking / Walking Club 10:30 a.m. Beaver Dam Nature Trail Madison See page 17	Bunco 10:30 a.m. See page 17			

## Out & About

CHEERS TO YOU!















## Out & About

ACTIVITIES!

















# Out & Activities!













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## Happy, Valentine's Day

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