



# Redstone Arsenal Military & Civilians' Club

## Newsletter

### From the President

Hello!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with friends or family. Welcome to 2019! A new year always brings new beginnings. It's a blank slate waiting for you to fill in the details of your life. It's a time of renewal and reflection. I hope that you are able to appreciate all the blessings of 2018, and look forward to what the new year will bring.

One of our biggest projects of the year is Wreaths Across America. I want to thank everyone who purchased, advertised and helped lay them in Nashville. We set a lofty goal of 250 wreathes, and we were just 6 shy of this goal with 244. Even though we were short of the goal, we more than doubled our sales from last year. We couldn't have come this close without Fern Brazda heading it up.

I'd also like to give a HUGE shout out to all of volunteers who helped decorate the summit. As usual, Addy did a wonderful job. Sadly we can't leave them up all year, (I would leave mine up all year if I could). If you're in town, mark your calendar now to help take them down on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am. Come when you can, stay as long as you are able. Many hands make light work, and it's always a good opportunity to enjoy each other's company. The summit will be providing a light lunch. Hope to see you there.

~ Sandrah



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The Redstone Arsenal  
Military & Civilians' Club Presents

# Cheers To You!

*Toasting in the New Year  
with Toastmasters!*

**Tuesday · January 8, 2019**

**10:30 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.**

**The Summit at Redstone Arsenal**

**RSVP HERE**

**By Friday, January 4th at Noon**



# Reservations

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:



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](http://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 [rsamccreservation@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccreservation@gmail.com). 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 for 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 & Kerrie



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WOULD BE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE AT THE

# Gala *in the* Garden

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](mailto:rsamccgalainthegarden@gmail.com)  
or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gala-in-the-garden-tickets-52796959126>

\$75 per person ~ \$550 for a table of 8

# Fundraising

## Gala *in the* Garden

Happy New Year!!!

Help us ring in 2019 at the Gala in the Garden February 22, 2019 from 6 - 10:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. There will be music by Free Fall, live and silent auctions, games, and dinner catered by Bubba's Silver Spoon.

On the menu:

London Broil, chicken piccata, fresh basil fettuccine, green beans with peppers and garlic, salad, and for dessert crème brûlée.

Tickets are still available! \$75 per ticket or a table of 8 for \$550. Help us make this the best fundraiser to date. If anyone or any of our groups would like to sign up to donate a basket or items toward a basket, please let us know! Thank you for your support!

### Next Upcoming Gala meeting dates:

January 10<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. at Java Café

January 24<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. at Java Café

January 31<sup>st</sup> – 11 a.m. at Java Café

February 14<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. at Java Café

(Java Café meetings will be in the Pershing conference room inside the ACS/Java Café building on the Arsenal)

~ Brandie & Cherie

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# Outreach

Happy New Year!

I do hope the holidays were joyful and well spent with family and friends with abundant merriment.

We will continue to collect new and gently used stuffed animals to be given to First Responders Jan-Feb. 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. ~ *Mia*

We will be collecting stuffed animals at the January luncheon!



the **CARE** center

A BIG thank you for all the donations at the December luncheon for the **CARE CENTER**. Andrea was thrilled to receive and sends a heartfelt thank you.



# Community Assistance Grants

2018-2019 Community Assistance Grant application deadline is January 31, 2019. All applications must be submitted by the on-line application on the RSAMCC website at [www.rsamcc.org/philanthropy/communityassistance](http://www.rsamcc.org/philanthropy/communityassistance).

The on-line application must be completed at one time and does not save for future application information. Please gather all necessary paperwork before beginning application submission.

Eligibility guidelines:

- Grants are for non-profit organizations and no individuals.
- Project/organization must be within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal.
- The Community Assistance Grant application must be completed and received/time stamped by the deadline listed, January 31, 2019.
- Priority is given to organizations that serve 10% or more active duty, retirees, veterans, DoD civilians, their families, and their community.

See website application for all details. For questions, contact Suzanne O'Donnell, RSAMCC Community Assistance Grants Chairman at [rsamcccommunity@gmail.com](mailto:rsamcccommunity@gmail.com)

~ Suzanne





# WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH

On behalf of the Wreaths Across America organization and its extended family of volunteers and supporters across the country, we want to thank you for your support and commitment to the Mission to Remember, Honor and Teach.

With each of the nearly 1.8 million sponsored veterans' wreaths placed, an American hero's name was spoken out loud so they would not be forgotten. There was also an opportunity to teach, not just the children, but the communities as a whole, about their local history and heritage.

May we all take the time to remember and thank those who served and sacrificed protecting our freedoms, as well as those currently serving, so that we can celebrate as we wish in the land of the free because of the brave.



**Thank you** to everyone who purchased wreaths for this wonderful charity. And thank you to those who volunteered their time placing the wreaths. Together RSAMCC doubled last year's goal and placed **244** wreaths!

I can't thank you enough for your generous support!

~ Fern



# Decorations

**CALLING ALL HANDS!  
IT IS DEGREENING TIME!**

Now that the Christmas is nearly over it is time to take down and pack up the Christmas decorations at the SUMMIT. Work day is THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd at 9 a.m. with lunch at 11 a.m. We need you! Thanks, Atty

*~ Atty*

*Thank You!*



# Volunteer

**DECEMBER  
VOLUNTEER OF  
THE MONTH:  
FERN BRAZDA!**



Mohammad Ali astutely recognized that “service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth”. As we look forward to the future and 2019, we want to recognize a shining example of such service. Creative, selfless and tenacious are some of her most valued characteristics. Her tenacious dedication has broken barriers and established a high degree of excellence and commitment to veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Her tireless commitment and cheerful demeanor have brought tremendous pride and honor to the RSAMCC organization. We congratulate, Fern Brazda, Volunteer of the Month for December 2018.

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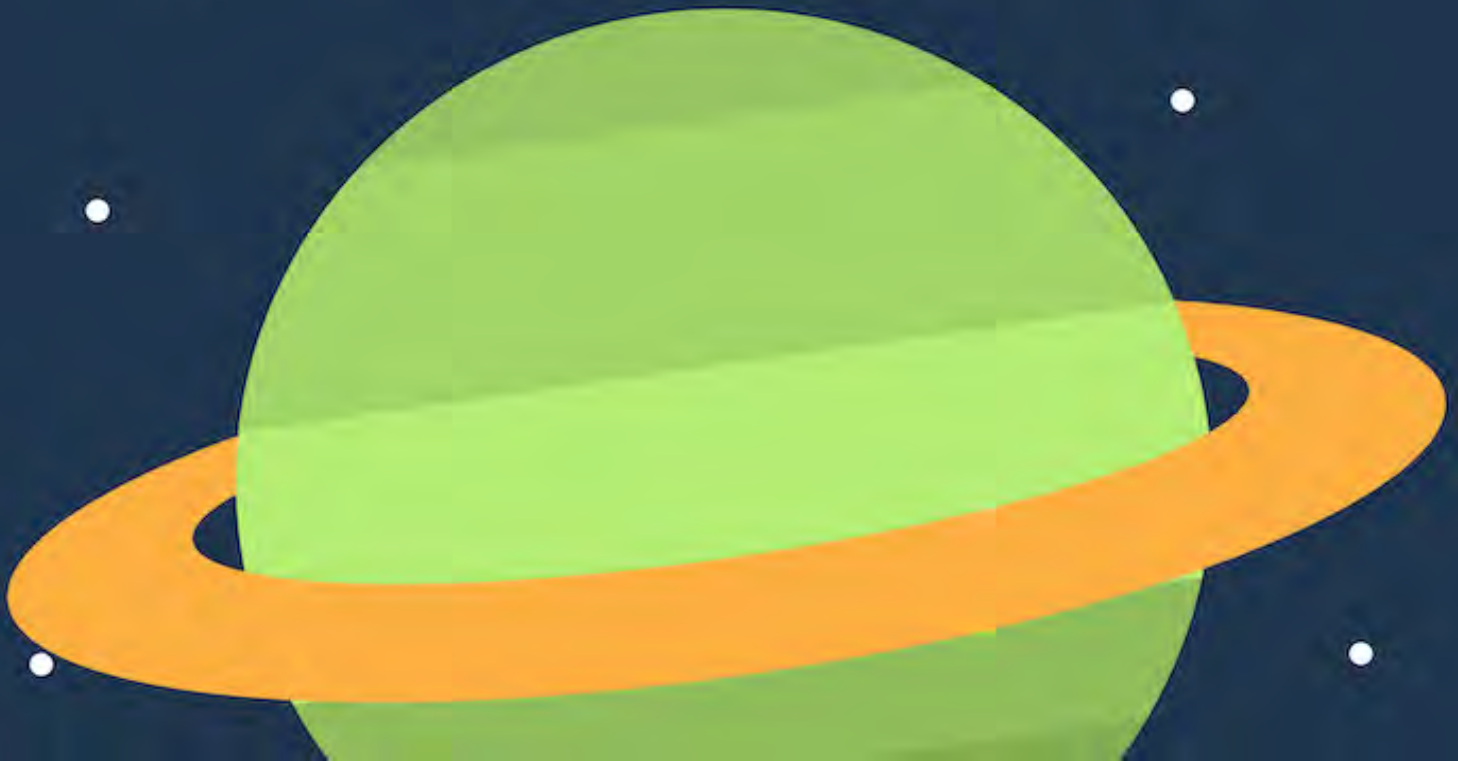
# ***OUT OF THIS WORLD!***

128 Members  
2,662+ hours  
donated to  
Madison Huntsville Redstone Arsenal Communities!

***EACH CONTRIBUTION OF TIME & SERVICE  
MAKES A DIFFERENCE  
THANK YOU!***

**"DON'T COUNT THE DAYS - MAKE THE DAYS COUNT"**

***Muhammad 'Ali***





# Volunteer

## BONE MARROW REGISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 2019!

DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

~ Mary Anne

### 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.



#### Hand Out New Donor Information Card

Provide potential donor with information card and instructions for completion.



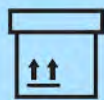
#### Give Donor Swab Kit

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!

Register at <http://signup.com/go/PveqhEF>  
<https://www.facebook.com/RSAMCC> or [www.rsamcc.org](http://www.rsamcc.org)

## Sub-Clubs Activities



**Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**720 Manley Road**  
**Hazel Green**



We will be discussing this month's book (*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah) as well as what other books we've all been reading that we love. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.



**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**11 a.m.**  
**1892 East**  
**720 Pratt Avenue NE**  
**Huntsville, Alabama 35801**  
**[www.1892east.com](http://www.1892east.com)**



Join us in the historic five points neighborhood as we dine at 1892 east. It is a community oriented restaurant serving up locally grown food in a modern tavern. Go online to check out the lunch menu and most importantly the dessert menu! Oh which to choose!

Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow,  
email [rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com) or text 813-713-1402.





**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Sparkle Studio at Lowe Mill**  
**2211 Seminole Dr SW, Studio 103**  
**Huntsville, AL 35805**  
**[www.thatsparklestudio.com](http://www.thatsparklestudio.com)**

The Craft Club will be getting cozy as we take a beginners class in crochet. The cost is \$40 and includes supplies. We will also be dining beforehand at Local Taco at 11 a.m. if you would like to join us.

## Hiking-Walking Club



**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Monte Sano – Three Caves**  
**901 Kennamer Drive, SE**  
**Huntsville**  
**[www.landdrustnal.org](http://www.landdrustnal.org)**

It's time to hike off all those Holiday treats...We are heading to Monte Sano State Park for a moderate hike. We will take the Three Caves loop and branch off onto a few more trails before heading back...for a total of about 2.5 miles.

If we need to reschedule for weather we will plan for the following week on the 29<sup>th</sup> so save that date too.



**Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow,  
email [rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com) or text 813-713-1402.**



**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**111 Cedar Farms**  
**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.

## *Daytrip Divas*



**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
• 12:15 p.m. Lunch  
• 1:30 p.m. Brewery Tour  
• 2:45 Axe Throwing

**Please RSVP  
by January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Campus 805 Al's Kitchen and Civil Axe Throwing**  
**2620 Clinton Avenue, W**  
**Huntsville**  
**[www.civilaxethrowing.com](http://www.civilaxethrowing.com)**

The Divas are channeling our inner lumber jack! Join us at Campus 805 for Lunch at Al's Kitchen, a Straight to Ale Brewery tour and then a one hour throwing session at Civil Axe Throwing (\$20 per person). It's easy to learn to throw and we may get hooked with this unique experience. I need to make reservations ASAP so please respond to your evites immediately so we can get lanes reserved early and I'll need prepayment as well. Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook group or by email or text by January 5<sup>th</sup>.



**There will be no International Women's Club meeting in January.**

**Please RSVP via the evite, Facebook message Lyssa Barrow,  
email [rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com](mailto:rsamccactivitieschair@gmail.com) or text 813-713-1402.**



# Let's Flamingle All Year!

## RSAMCC 2018 - 2019 Luncheon Schedule

August 14<sup>th</sup>



Super Sign Up Come Flamingle with Us

September 11<sup>th</sup>



Red, White & Blooming with Redstone

October 9<sup>th</sup>



BuncoWeen for a Wicked Good Time

**OOPS!**

Our previous schedule had a typo... the January luncheon is the 8<sup>th</sup> instead of the 15<sup>th</sup>!

Remember ~ Honor ~ Celebrate

Oh What Fun! Come Jingle and Mingle

January 8<sup>th</sup>



Cheers to YOU! Toastmaster Club

February 12<sup>th</sup>



When Pigs Fly? Chinese New Year

March 12<sup>th</sup>



Little Black Dress and Fashion Show

April 9<sup>th</sup>



Bridge Street Bingo

May 14<sup>th</sup>



Hats Off to Ascots and International High Tea

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				RSAMCC Summit Decorations "Take Down" 9 a.m. till finished See page 9		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		 RSAMCC Luncheon See page 2		RSAMCC Gala Meeting 11 a.m. Java Café See page 5		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Book Club 10:30 a.m. See page 12	Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. 1892 East See page 12	Craft Club 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Sparkle Studio at Lowe Mill See page 13		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Hiking / Walking Club 10 a.m. Monte Sano – Three Caves See page 13	Bunco 10:30 a.m. See page 14	RSAMCC Gala Meeting 11 a.m. Java Café See page 5	Daytrip Divas 12:15 p.m. Campus 805 Al's Kitchen and Civil Axe Throwing See page 14	
27	28	29	30	31		
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# Out & About

OH WHAT FUN!





# Out & About

## Wreaths Across America





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