



Redstone Arsenal Military & Civilians' Club Newsletter

From the President

Hello RSAMCC membership!

I can't believe the end of the club year is here already. It seems like just a few weeks ago I was being installed as your president. That was such a proud and exciting moment for me. The RSAMCC was the first group of people that I met when we got to Huntsville almost 2 years ago. I want to thank Kristina DeBusk for reaching out to me when I was still at Fort Hood and asking me to be a part of the board. At that time, president wasn't anywhere in my plans.



I had such a great time serving our community with this amazing organization, and I was honored to be considered for president. Words can't express the pride I feel for this group. Every single member brings something to the table, and this diverse group work together to make such a lasting impression on the Huntsville community. It was a blessing to be a part of the magic that has happened over the last year.

I want to thank all the members of the general board for the hundreds of hours they have given over the last year. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the special touch that each of you brought. You have made a difference in this community, and I hope they you are aware of the impact that you have had.

I want to thank my executive board. Michelle Nash, Brandie Ragin, Stephanie Walburn, Melody Mansker and Terry Drushal. Each one of you has helped and guided me, laughed and cried with me at one point or another in the last year. I will hold your friendships dear to my heart as my family and I prepare to leave the area.

Lastly, the unsung heroes, our club advisors Kelly Pardew and Susan Perna. You are always there with an encouraging talk, words of wisdom, and a listening ear. It has been my pleasure to serve with and learn from such amazing military spouses. I hope that one day I can help another spouse as you have helped me.

To next year's board, I wish you the best of luck. Don't forget to stop and have some fun and enjoy the friendships along the way.

Thank you all for an amazing year! ~ Sandrah

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RSAMCC PRESENTS

High Tea

As We Honor the 2018-2019 Board and
Welcome the 2019-2020 Board

Wear Your Favorite  and
Bring Along Your Most Treasured 



Tuesday • May 14, 2019

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

The Summit at Redstone Arsenal






RSVP HERE

By Friday, May 10th 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 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. 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

Volunteer

Collaboratively, the RSAMCC asked a lot from every board member and member at large this year. There was a resounding YES to those requests... a yes to exemplify our purpose to:

- a. Preserve the ideals of good fellowship
- b. Promote social welfare
- c. Support military families

Our year began in August, 2018 and is nearing completion in May, 2019 as we bid farewell to some exemplary members and welcome new members. I am not going to lie, there were hours of hard work and challenging barriers to overcome. Our ability to communicate and execute a plan was quite literally an orchestra of effort. Any organization with a room full of women trying to decide on one purpose could be seen as a negative environment. However, the common goal to support our communities in any fashion necessary, was the golden thread which weaved all the effort together into a melodic symphony.

We have had some pretty fantastic Volunteers of the Month. The hours, the creativity, the determination and ideals are unmatched for those who were chosen. However, choosing one is impossible because we, as the RSAMCC, are only as strong as the foundation in which our membership is formed. There simply was and, never will be, a single volunteer greater than another – together we make a difference!

That difference came in the form of an amassed amount of volunteer hours – 3,701 volunteer hours! Those hours transformed into \$25,000.00 which will fund community-based grants as well as scholarships to college bound students.

We congratulate the April, 2019 Volunteer of the Month... YOU! Each of you has contributed greatly to our military, our community and one another. It has been a great year and we thank all the members who shared their time and talent with the Redstone Arsenal Military and Civilians' Club.

Congratulations to the RSAMCC:

Volunteer of the Year: Melody Mansker

Helping Hand: Lyssa Barrow

Helping Hand: Atty Allred

RSA Lifetime Achievement Award: Atty Allred

Melody Mansker, first and foremost serves our community as a military spouse, but is profoundly dedicated to her military family in the Redstone Arsenal and surrounding communities.

Further evidence of dedication in that she serves two positions
1) Executive Board Treasurer 2) Newsletter chair position.

She is a tremendous asset to our organization as demonstrated by her keen, artistic talent when producing the RSAMCC monthly newsletter and promotional graphics for our events and monthly luncheons.



Melody's selfless, dedicated service to two board positions and amassing a total of 653 hours brings great honor to the RSAMCC!



Congratulations to Lyssa Barrow: Lyssa has taken the Activities position by storm! Her vision and networking skills have joined the Huntsville community at large with the vivacious members of the RSAMCC. RSAMCC is all about the town – thanks to Lyssa and her warmth, fun and charm. She volunteered 300+ hours and brings great credit to RSAMCC!

Congratulations to Atty Allred: Atty has continued to serve the RSAMCC and RSA community through her talents for decoration and hospitality. She is the first recipient of the RSA Lifetime Achievement award for her continued service and dedication to Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal communities.

What began in 1985 as an opportunity to highlight homes in downtown Huntsville, Alabama has now flourished into a lifetime of beautification and leadership throughout the community. Atty Allred, then an active duty spouse, collaborated with the Huntsville Garden Club to highlight the historic homes located in the Twickenham District. She viewed this request as a "Call to Action." She immediately agreed to decorate the homes, but needed an Army of assistants. She recruited from within; she chose spouses from her husband's, unit and went to work on a Victorian Christmas theme. The community enjoyed this event and the City of Huntsville was so impressed that Atty continued to lead this for many years. Once word began to circulate throughout the communities of Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal, everyone clamored for her visionary and beautiful creations. The Bicentennial Chapel have been under her watchful eye and supervision since the late 1980's. The chapel is graced seasonally with her divine floral arrangements and full-scale Christmas decorations. In typical Atty Allred fashion, she continues to lead, inspire, and bring beauty and grace to not only her creations, but to all those she serves with.



~ Mary Anne

Merit Scholarship Awards

We are excited to announce a total distribution of \$32,050 for the 2018/2019 Community Assistance Grant/Merit Awards. Twelve Community Assistance Grant recipients will receive \$7,550 while twenty students will receive a total of \$24,500 in Merit Awards. Please join us at the Community Assistance Grant / Merit Awards ceremony and reception at The Summit on Redstone Arsenal on Tuesday, May 14th ~ Reception at 5 p.m. and ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

~ Lana & Suzanne

Membership

Thank you for helping RSAMCC finish strong with 144 members this year! We will take early sign-ups at the May luncheon so stop by the registration table, fill out the 2019/2020 application and pay the \$25.00 registration fee.

The Executive Board is ready to build an energetic team so please sign up to be a committee chair or volunteer to serve on the general board. ~ Gina

Sub-Clubs Activities

Daytrip Divas



Sunday, May 5th
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Arrington Vineyards
6211 Patton Rd.
Arrington, TN
www.arringtonvineyards.com

Please RSVP by
May 2nd

The Divas are celebrating Cinco de Mayo by heading to Tennessee to Arrington Vineyards for wine tasting, music and food! Join us as we picnic in the pavilion, enjoy the music of the San Rafael Band and eat delicious food from Chivanada or Simply Living Life Cottage food trucks. The music is free, the food you buy and the wine can be sampled as we please for different price packages. If you would like to carpool with a designated driver, we will be departing from Harvest Publix at 12:30 p.m.



International Women's Club

Monday, May 6th
11 a.m.
Home of Susan Perna
1 Besson Drive
Huntsville, AL 35808
(On the Arsenal)

For GPS directions, please use
10 Wadsworth Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35808
(1 Besson is across the street)

Join us for a lovely lunch at the home of Susan Perna. This is an RSAMCC members only Lunch but if you have a 1st time guest they are welcome to join us but please include in your RSVP.

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

Hiking-Walking Club



Thursday, May 9th

10 a.m.

**Green Mountain Nature Trail
5000 Nature Trail Road, SE
Huntsville**

www.madisoncountyal.gov/services/green-mountain-nature-trail-1594

We are heading down to Madison County's Beautiful Green Mountain Nature Trail. This is a 1.5 mile walking trail around Sky Lake. An easy walk for our last trek of the club season. Please let me know if you want to carpool down from the West Huntsville area you can meet me at Target at 9:20 a.m. Please keep the 13th open as our rain date.



Wednesday, May 15th

11 a.m.

**Brickhouse Sports Café
7 Town Center Dr., NW, Suite 103
Huntsville, AL 35806**

www.brickhousesportscafe.com

Join us for a delicious Lunch at Brickhouse in Providence. Enjoy a fantastic array of choices from their tempting menu! Hope to see you there!

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



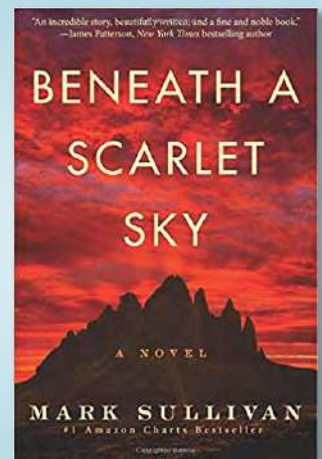
Friday, May 17th
12:00 p.m.
Chalk Couture at University Pickers
3024 University Dr., NW
Huntsville, AL 35806
www.rocketcitychalkin.com

Please RSVP by
May 11th

Craft Club will be attending a Chalk Couture Workshop where we will create a DIY home décor item. Check out your evite for design choices and registration info. Must RSVP and register by May 11th!



Monday, May 20th
10 a.m.
Edgar's in Providence
472 Providence Main Street, Suite 100
Huntsville, AL 35806
www.edgarsbakery.com



We will be discussing this month's book (Beneath a Scarlet Sky, by Mark Sullivan) as well as what other books we've all been reading that we love. Grab a bite to eat and some coffee or tea while we discuss.



Wednesday, May 22nd
10:30 a.m.
Home of Terry Drushal
1 Wadsworth Dr
Huntsville, AL 35808
(On the Arsenal)

Join us for our May Bunco! 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



May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daytrip Divas 2 – 6 p.m. Arrington Vineyards See page 7	International Women’s Club 11 a.m. Home of Susan Perna See page 7			Hiking / Walking Club 10 a.m. Green Mountain Nature Trail See page 8		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		RSAMCC High Tea Luncheon See page 2 Grants / Merit Awards Ceremony See page 6	Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Brickhouse Sports Cafe See page 8		Craft Club 12 p.m. Chalk Couture at University Pickers See page 9	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Book Club 10 a.m. Edgar’s in Providence See page 9		Bunco 10:30 a.m. Home of Terry Drushal See page 9			
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Out & About

BRIDGE STREET BINGO



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HAPPY
*Mother's
Day*

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