



Redstone Arsenal Military & Civilians' Club Newsletter

From the President



COVID CANCELLATIONS & CLOSURES!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our 2019-2020 RSAMCC Board, I hope that all of you are healthy and safe and are not allowing this confinement to become too much of isolation and loneliness, which we all know is the social distancing consequences for so many of us!

Thank you to so many individuals who contributed from the leadership to the membership for the wonderful achievements and successes we have accomplished. We have some board members who are moving on due to circumstances and orders of course, so a very special thank you to Lana Barshinger and Ana Lewis who have served in leadership roles and done an outstanding job, each with a servant's heart. I must also state the obvious that the role of Hospitality really exceeded our expectations with Renee McCaleb and Melanie Brockhard who made it a point to ensure each and every member would be greeted and acknowledged. They always had smiles on their faces and smiles in their hearts... true southern hospitality. A special thank you extended to Lyssa Barrow who continues to run our website and activities and is our historian, always enthusiastic and inclusive. Melody Mansker, who has been our treasurer for 3 years now and NOT only doing our checkbook but our newsletter as well, thus keeping everyone informed and enlightened through her caring and meticulous detail that has served us well!

The next set of unsung heroes that I would like to address are Kerrie Sheppard, Gina Botters, Suzanne O'Donell and Rachele Moore. These Chairs have impressed us so much by overseeing their committees who worked diligently in making sure our Merit Awards and Community Grants were selected and addressed. During this very unpredictable time it was quite an undertaking! Thank you! We are awarding 15 students with Merit Scholarships that total \$25,700 and 13 Organizations with Community Assistance Grants that total \$8,200. WOW! WOW! WOW!

Our organization is worth your effort! We have missed physically being with all of you at our monthly luncheons, activities and events but look forward to 2020-2021 and continuing the friendships, service, and purpose.

Gratefully yours, *Michelle*

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From the Honorary President

Dear fellow Redstone Arsenal Military and Civilians' Club (RSAMCC) Members,

I'd like to take a moment and deliver my first and final letter to RSAMCC members. The time has come to say good-bye to all the great people that I've met and encountered over the past three-plus years as being your Honorary President.



From October 2016 when the club was Redstone Arsenal Community Women's Club to its now updated version in 2017 – Redstone Arsenal Military and Civilians' Club, it has been a pleasure to be apart of a growing club with so many caring volunteers.

I'd like to thank the past Presidents who were Tonya Daniels, Kristina DeBusk, Sandrah Fager, and Michelle Nash. These ladies stepped up and led the way, and made each year better than the previous, in my opinion. How do you define "better"? Is it the money raised for scholarships and community grants... sense of community shared by its members... befriending a new member... kindling old friendships... or a simple smile given to someone new at our Tuesday luncheon? Well, I believe it is all of that and more. For me, it was an honor to keep military spouse traditions current, yet watching the club grow in new directions.

I'd also like to thank Kelly Pardew, Advisor, for taking on this volunteer position for the past four board years. I believe we worked well together, and only a few times was she the yin to my yang (in a good way). Kelly not only advised, she also took on many other roles to benefit the club. Thanks a million, Kelly!

Lastly, but not least, I'd like to thank the wonderful Executive Board Members, Members at Large, Vendors, and Donators. As we know, it takes a village for a non-profit organization to work well...Thank You!

To all the volunteers, your countless hours and dedication to the club were not unnoticed, and you all know who you are. You were the glue that held the club together, which in-turn made the club grow exponentially. You should be proud of your accomplishments!

As Gus and I head to retirement land in the near future, we wish you all the best and continued success. I'm sure our paths will cross again, as we are retiring down the road in Alabama.

Thanks for your friendship!

Sincerely,
Susan Perna
Honorary President
2016-2020

Merit Scholarship Awards

The Merit Awards Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to review and rate the 20 Merit Awards applicants this year. We were impressed with the maturity, variety, leadership, and resilience shown by many of the applicants. Although we will be unable to recognize the awardees at our traditional banquet, we are working to make the announcement of their Merit Award a memorable one.

Of the 20 applicants, RSAMCC awarded \$13,700 to 8 applicants and through our MOAA donation, we awarded \$12,000 to an additional 7 applicants. The total amount of \$25,700 will make a huge difference to the recipients and their families! Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our fundraisers to ensure we continue a legacy of giving back!

Sincerely,

~ Kerrie & Gina



SCHOLARSHIPS

Sub-Clubs Activities

All Sub-Club Activities have been suspended for May but we look forward returning to our wonderful activities and events in August! Depending on health recommendations and Board approval we might even have an outdoor pop up or two in July!

We hope everyone stays healthy and that you enrich your time at home with safe and fun activities. Keep up to date with fall plans thru the Facebook pages and the website.

Hope to see y'all soon!

~ Lyssa

Hospitality

Happy Mother's Day in May!



Hospitality wants to wish all MOM'S a Happy Mother's Day from RSAMCC. Send your appreciation for all moms by smiles, hugs, gifts, cards & phone calls across our nation as we are trying to stay well & safe in quarantine.

Communicate and share to everyone how we have grown as a club & hope to come back together for a new year refreshed after we have grown from this experience.

Hospitality can't wait to welcome you at our table when we are all together again.

Stay safe and well.

 ~ Renee' & Melanie

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Fun with Fido
at HSVIBG



Titus Dobby Chester

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*We look forward to
seeing you next year!*



HAPPY
*Mother's
Day*

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