



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 3rd 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.

~ Sandra



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The Redstone Arsenal
Military & Civilians' Club Presents

Cheers To You!

Toastling 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 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.



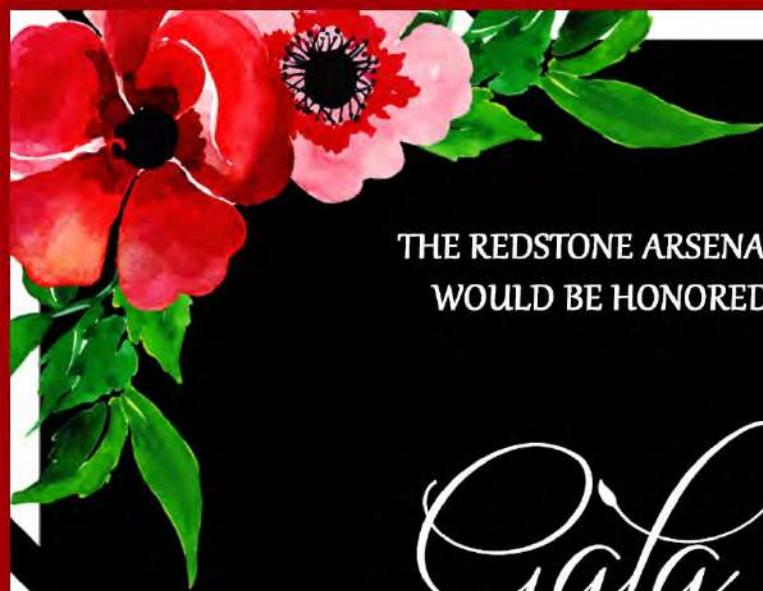
4. To make a reservation by phone, please call Celinda Colavita, Reservations Co-Chair, at 253.651.8198. You may pay with cash or check upon check-in on the day of the luncheon.



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



THE REDSTONE ARSENAL MILITARY & CIVILIANS' CLUB
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
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 10th – 11 a.m. at Java Café
January 24th – 11 a.m. at Java Café
January 31st – 11 a.m. at Java Café
February 14th – 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!



theCAREcenter

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.

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'Donell, RSAMCC Community Assistance Grants Chairman at 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.

REDSTONE ARSENAL MILITARY & CIVILIANS' CLUB

OUT OF THIS WORLD!

128 Members

2,662+ hours

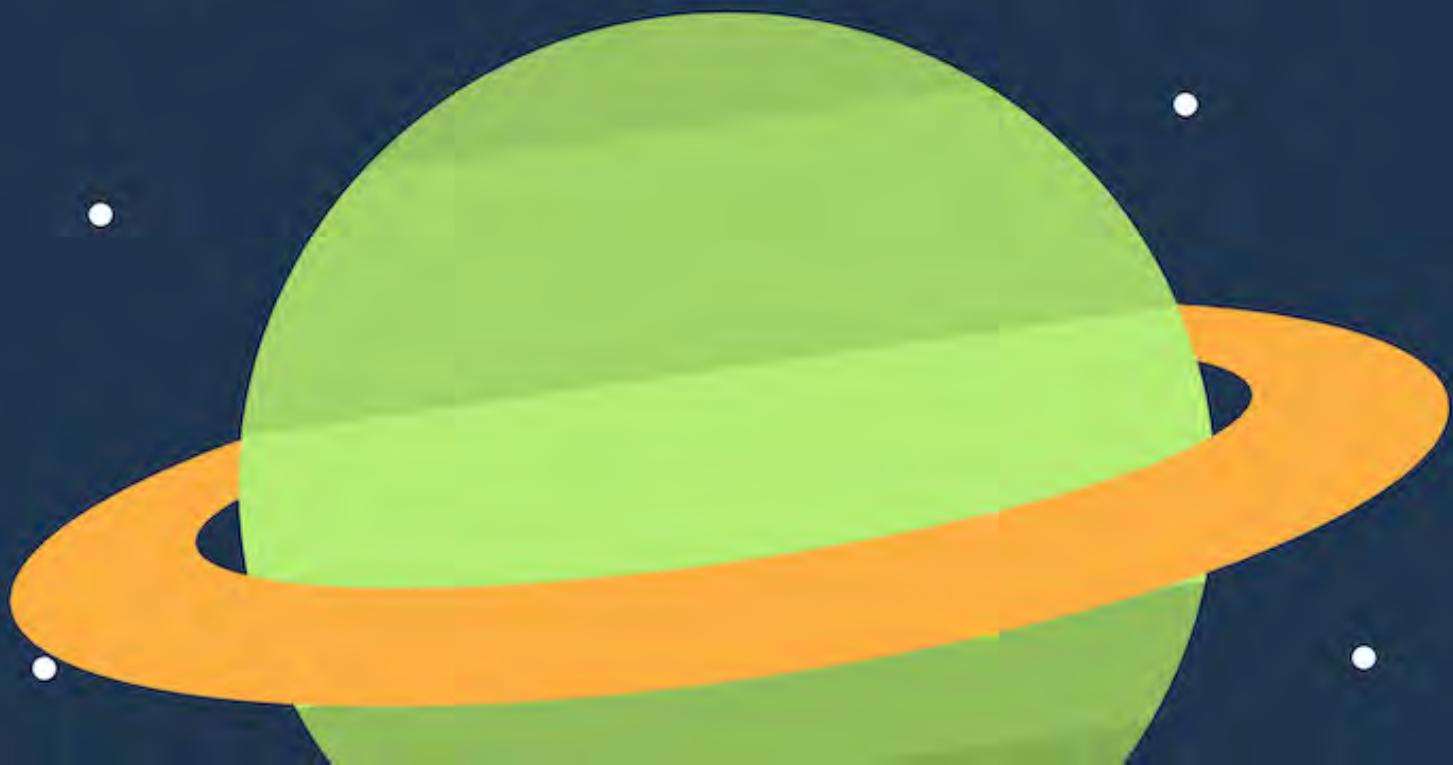
donated to

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



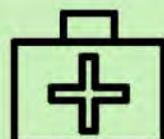
Attend Local Training

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.



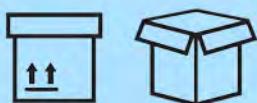
Give Donor Swab Kit

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

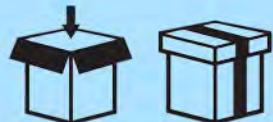


Thank Donor

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

Sub-Clubs

Activities

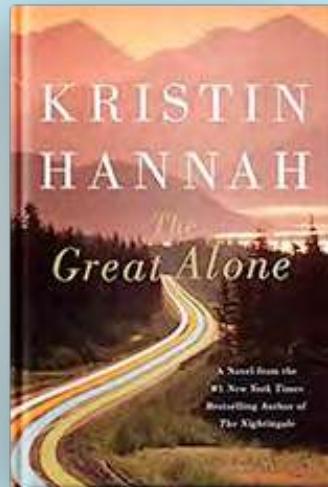


Tuesday, January 15th

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 16th

11 a.m.

1892 East

720 Pratt Avenue NE

Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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 or text 813-713-1402.**



Thursday, January 17th
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Sparkle Studio at Lowe Mill
2211 Seminole Dr SW, Studio 103
Huntsville, AL 35805
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 22nd
10 a.m.
Monte Sano – Three Caves
901 Kennamer Drive, SE
Huntsville
www.landdrustnai.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 29th so save that date too.



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



**Wednesday, January 23rd
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 25th
• 12:15 p.m. Lunch
• 1:30 p.m. Brewery Tour
• 2:45 Axe Throwing

**Please RSVP
by January 5th**

**Campus 805 Al's Kitchen and Civil Axe Throwing
2620 Clinton Avenue, W
Huntsville
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 5th.



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

**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

OOPS!

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

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

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		
				RSAMCC Gala Meeting 11 a.m. Java Café See page 5		

Out & About

OH WHAT FUN!



Out & About

Wreaths Across America



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Hello New Year

LET'S DO THIS!

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