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President's Travel Brief



It's the most wonderful time of the year!!! I say this not because of the presents, the hustle and bustle, the travel, and everything else during the holiday season, but because of what the holidays mean personally for all of us. For me, it is about being present, reflecting on the year, protecting my peace, and embracing a slower pace which is a gift all in itself. Whatever the holiday season means for you and your families; embrace it, cherish it, and love the time of making new memories.

And so...WOW, just WOW, and THANK YOU! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the generous gifts you donated for our Toys for Tots Luncheon. I am not sure if you truly realize what a difference you have all made for our area during the Christmas season, you went above and beyond and we appreciate you all so very much. Our local community will receive these blessing this year and you were all part of that, Bravo Zulu!!!

As we finish out the year, we have a few amazing events for you all. We will visit the Home of the Commandants and the Virginia Executive Mansion for Christmas tours. Both of these tours will bring all the beauty of the holidays and history of the homes to life. "Holiday on the Hill" will follow these tours and let me say, you do not want to miss this evening event, it will be one for the books!!! The year will finish with our book club reviewing "Recursion." If you enjoy reading, please try to attend one of our book club events, the company and conversation are some of the best around!

Our elves, aka board members, have been busy planning events for the new year and we promise to not disappoint. May you have joy and peace, love and laughter, and health and happiness! Happy Holiday and Happy New Year, be blessed! "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

Hugs,
Sonserae



MARK IT UP

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NEXT ON YOUR ITINERARY RICHMOND, VIRGINIA VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE MANSION



THE HISTORIC HOME OF VIRGINIA'S GOVERNORS AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1813, THE EXECUTIVE MANSION OF VIRGINIA, SPARKLES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2023
TOUR BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 11:30 A.M.

KINDLY RSVP/REGISTER THROUGH QSSC BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
MEMBER ONLY EVENT; DRIVE YOUR OWN VEHICLE OR WITH FRIENDS

Save the Date!

*YOUR Next Stop is
Mansion Tour*

*December 5th
11:30 am*

**New Member?
Returning Member?
Join with a friend!**
**Click here to register for
your
membership today!**



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**Bring a friend,
everything is
better with
friends!**

**December 14th, 2023
Holiday on the Hill**

Register today!



FIND US:



Thursday, December 14th, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Registration: Members only, register through QSSC, registration closes on December 7th.



What: Progressive ornament exchange in the GO housing on base. Please bring a wrapped, new ornament. (\$20 price limit) Appetizer and beverages provided at each home.

MAKE SURE TO CATCH THIS CONNECTION

www.quanticossc.org



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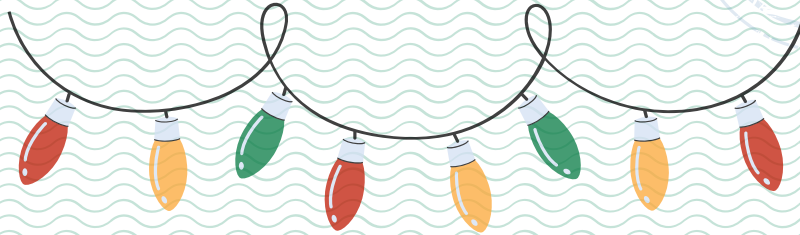


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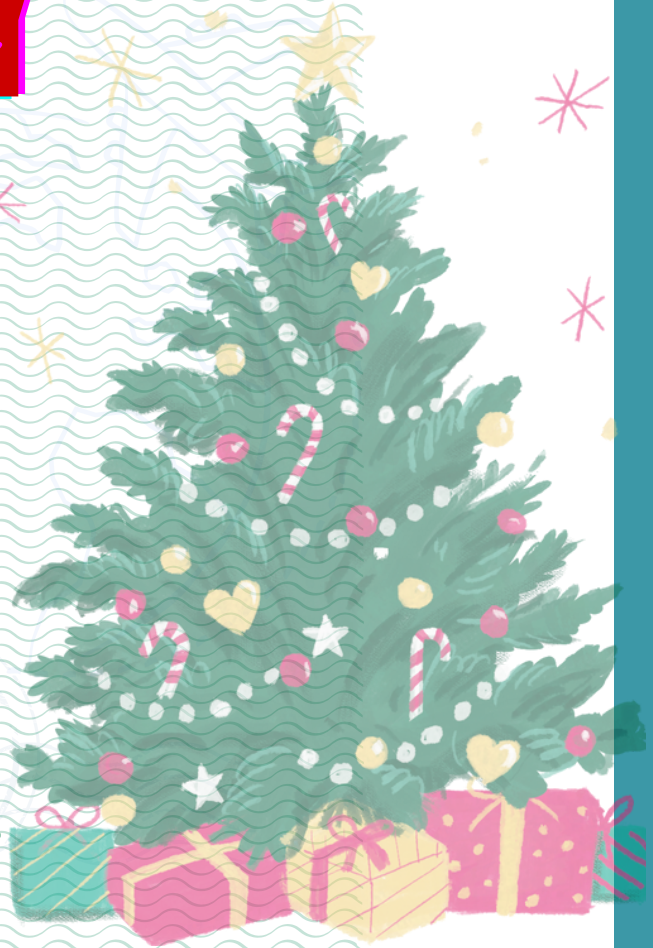
MEMBERSHIP'S MESSAGE

Friends! We are so thankful you are here! YOU are the reason for this club! So thank you for being here, for attending activities, for showing up, for meeting new friends and for being a new friend!



HAPPY *Birthday* DECEMBER!

Nikky Kappert	12/4
Melanie Brown	12/5
Jamie Smith	12/6
Kristie Doran	12/16
Sarah Vance	12/18
Rachel Barry	12/19
Joan Quinn	12/22
Bianca Navejar	12/24
Krystal Cardenas	12/28
Amy Webb	12/29



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BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

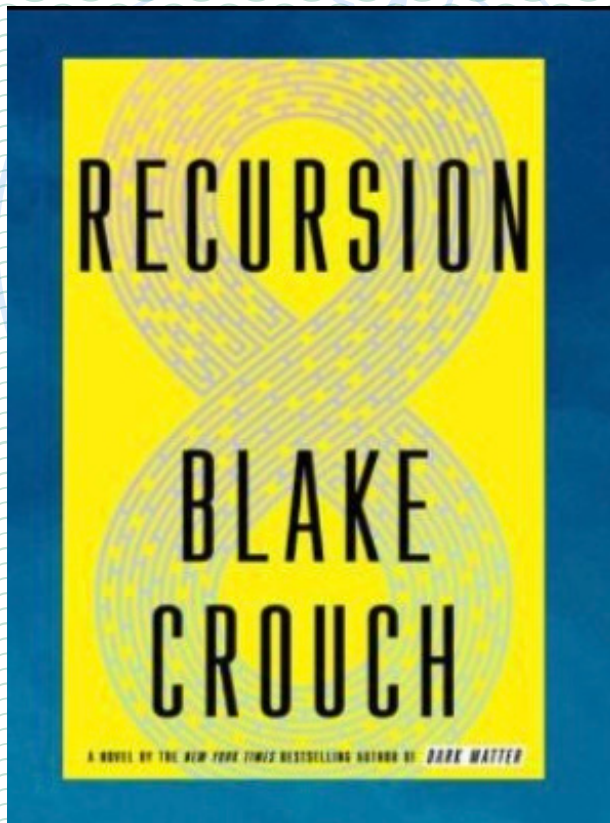
HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB YET NOT A PROBLEM... MAKE THIS YOUR FIRST STOP ON THIS YEARS JOURNEY OF TRYING NEW THINGS!

Please join us for another page turning event on **Wednesday, December 27th : 7:00 - 8:30pm.**

To register for this QSSC Bookworm event please go to our Events Page [HERE](#)

THERE ARE LIMITED SPOTS FOR THIS EVENT, SO REGISTER EARLY!

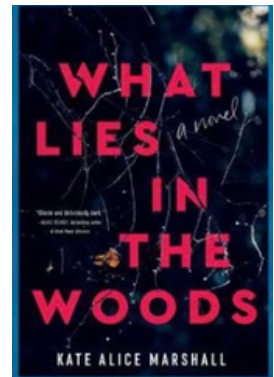
(Address is given upon registration)



Save the Date!

**YOUR
Next Stop is Book Club!**

January's Read



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November Activities Recap!

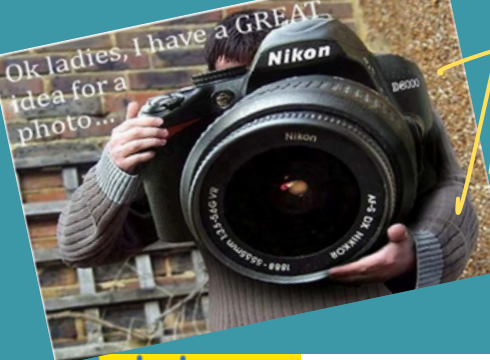
YOU make our community happen! Thank you to all who were able to attend our fabulous events last month! We can't wait to see you at our next activity!



*Toys for Tots luncheon event!

*Tour the Home of the Commandant!





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What's New - Historian

Dearest Friends,

Not only are we making connections; we really are making history together! We can all start looking back over the past months at all the fun we have had together, amazing experiences and the friends that are becoming family. We are all here at the same time for a reason. Let's embrace that and each other.

Did you enjoy all the October and November QSSC events and gatherings? I want to see your pictures!!!

What did you love most about going to the Home of the Commandants? Pics please! Don't be shy!

What about the TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCHEON? I want to see your pics!!! Did you capture any really great candid shots? Please feel free to share!

December is a wonderful month, to be sure. The QSSC December calendar has a few very special and unique event opportunities, such as The Virginia Executive Mansion Tour in Richmond (Dec 5) and Holiday on the Hill on Quantico (Dec 14)! I simply can not wait!

Let's embrace December together with warm hearts, hearty laughs and more good times to be had (and mittens, hats, snow boots, snow shovels...because Virginia!) As you attend events and take pictures, please send a few to me at:

HISTORIAN@QuanticoSSC.org

You can put on the Facebook or on the Instagram:

Facebook: Quantico Spouses' Social Club (Members Only)

www.instagram.com/quantico_spouses_social_club

Our handle: @quantico_spouses_social_club

Please include your name and who is in the picture. Each year, we produce a scrap book, and we submit that to the Quantico Archives. If we don't have pics, then it didn't happen, right?

Enjoy the month and all that comes with it; the family and friends, the parties, the decorating, shopping for special gifts, quiet time in front of the fire, cozy pajamas, flickering candles, traveling and all the memories of the Season.

Have a delightful December and blessings to all,
Ruthie Ruppert
QSSC Historian 2023





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WHAT'S COOKIN'

Soft and Chewy Ginger Molassas Cookies

These cookies will be a hit for Santa or any holiday party!!

Think Snickerdoodle splashed with extra Christmas Cheer!! They are SO good & make a great holiday recipe staple! XO, Becca Carver



Recipe Author: Melanie Gunnell

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups (568 g) all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 ½ cups (340 g) salted butter, softened
- 1 ½ cups (318 g) granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup molasses
- Sugar for rolling

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line a couple large, rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper, silpat liners or lightly coat with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside. Makes 2-3 dozen.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and ginger. Set aside.
- In a large bowl (or in the bowl of an electric stand mixer), beat together the butter and granulated sugar, 2-3 minutes, until light and creamy. Add the molasses and eggs and mix until well-combined, another 2-3 minutes.
- Stir in the dry ingredients and mix until combined.
- The dough can be rolled and baked right away, but the cookies will be slightly thicker and chewier if refrigerated for a bit. If so, chill for 20-30 minutes (or up to several days) before rolling into balls.
- Roll the dough into 1-inch balls (you can make them smaller or larger, too) and then roll the cookie dough balls into granulated sugar. Space the cookies an inch or so apart on the lined cookie sheets and bake for 8-10 minutes (don't over bake if you want a soft, chewy cookie). Adjust the baking time, more or less, if the cookies are overly small or large.
- Remove the cookies to a cooling rack and let cool completely. These cookies stay soft and chewy well-covered for several days at room temperature and the baked cookies also freeze very well.



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THE HAPPENINGS - AROUND TOWN



Marine Corps Base Quantico Holiday Tree Lighting

By: Marketing and Special Events

December 7 | 4 - 8 PM

Marine Corps Main Exchange Parking Lot

Open to DoD ID Card Holders ONLY.

EVENT SCHEDULE

4:00 PM | **Holiday Market**, Rolling Skating Rink, Food Trucks Open

4:30 PM | Quantico Middle High School Band

5:15 PM | Santa Arrives

| **TREE LIGHTING WITH BASE CO**

6:15 pm | Quantico Marine Corps Band

For more information call, 703.784.5803

Plus snowball fights, Toys for Tots Drop, Stocking Stuffing for Troops, Photos, Hot Chocolate, Cookies, and MORE!

TREES FOR TROOPS

PICK-UP REMINDER

Thursday, December 7

3:00-5:00 PM

MCX

THU, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023

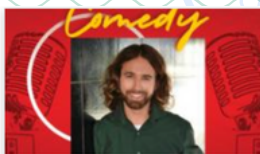
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Quantico Holiday Tree Lighting

Check out the MCCS Quantico Calendar of Events

to see more activities happening on base!

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MON, DECEMBER 4TH, 2023
4:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Holiday Laughs at the Clubs

Join The Clubs at Quantico for an evening of laughter featuring stand-up comedian Jimmy McCartney!
REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE!

Location: The Clubs at Quantico



SAT, DECEMBER 2ND, 2023
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

GLOW BOWLING EVERY SATURDAY!

Glow Bowling is back every Saturday Night!

Location: Leatherneck Lanes



WED, DECEMBER 6TH, 2023
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FAMILY NIGHT BOWLING EVERY WEDNESDAY

Have some fun and make memories taking your family bowling. It is a great Family Night ideal

Location: Leatherneck Lanes



TUE, DECEMBER 5TH, 2023
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Youth Co-ed Basketball Registration

Camp registration Nov 6

Location: Youth Sports

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The QSSC Apparel Store - A.K.A - GRAB SOME GEAR!

24 HRS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK!

GET YOUR GEAR

Remembering your time here with the Quantico Spouses' Social Club is great, but you can make it last a lifetime! Make QSSC gear your favorite most comfy "Go-To" weekend wear! All profits from all orders come back to help the club. Items are fully customizable!

BE COOL LIKE THE COOL KIDS,
GRAB YOUR GEAR FOR THE
NEW YEAR!

Grab some Gear today by clicking below to purchase:
[Official QSSC Apparel Store](#)

Share your wear

Looking forward to seeing everyone in their QSSC Gear!
(We would love for you to send a pic of yourself in your gear. You can post them on our private FB site yourself or send the images right to our [Historian!](#))

Take a pic of you or someone you know in your new QSSC gear and post it to one of our SM accounts! We want to see what you are creating! We would also love to see how far and wide our gear travels! Sort of like where's Waldo!



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