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FRIENDSHIPS, FUN AND CONNECTIONS!!!**
Fostering Friendships at the Crossroads of the Corps

President's Travel Brief



Spring is just around the corner and we cannot believe how quickly time is passing by! Fresh air, warmer weather, blooming flowers, spring cleaning, and nature calling...what is not to love about spring! This season also brings; new orders, PCS dates, DMO scheduling, retirements, ALL the emotions, and so much more.

With all of this happening, we want to still make sure to connect with you while we are all together here in Quantico and the National Capital Region. Beautiful friendships are created through these connections which can last a lifetime.

The Marine Corps truly is a small world and you will most likely come around the same way with some of the same people you have met here.

With that being said, we have some events in March to help foster these connections and friendships. I hope all of you saw the email that went out to our membership about the International Show on March 7, 2024 at the Crystal View Event Center. You do not want to miss this event with over 30 countries represented, please see the flyer in this newsletter for registration links.

We will also take a drive through the country out to Vita Nova Creatives Coffee Shop in Nokesville, guests and children are welcome to attend this day. Please keep an eye out for our Live Laugh Lunch location and Book Worms Book Club event as well.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU again to our QSSC International Spouses!!! What an amazing time spent learning about their countries and cultures. Ladies, we truly appreciated all your time creating a picturesque glimpse into your countries. Days like those, we will treasure for a lifetime and know we have made friends all around the world.

Spouses, we are still in need of "A Few Good Spouses" for our board next year. Please reach out if you have interest or any questions regarding positions

For those who celebrate; Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter! Spring break is upon us this month as well. For all of our members and families traveling or enjoying a stay-cation here; safe travels, and may your time be surrounded with laughter, love, and the making of new memories.

Be blessed,
Sonserae



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Travel Itinerary!*

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March 7, 2024
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CrystalView Event Center
12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway
Fairfax, VA 22033



Save the Date!

YOUR Next Stop is International Showcase

March 7th @ 11:00 am

Thanks to the ASCGWA for the invite!

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

Please join us for an unforgettable cultural experience as over 30 countries showcase their unique food, art, history, traditions, and more! This open house / drop in event is open to the public but tickets are \$16.50 and required in advance. Please register at one of the links below no later than March 1st:

Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club: <https://www.afoscdc.com/>
Army Spouses' Club: <https://www.armyspousesclub.org/>

This year's Showcase benefits the Fisher House for Families of the Fallen. You can learn more about their mission and make a donation during registration.

Special Thanks to our Event Partner  USAA



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JOIN US FOR
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FUN!

*Thursday,
March 14th*
SIPPING W/ FRIENDS!

Register today!



Calling all Coffee Lovers!
Join us on Thursday,
March 14th at 9:30am
at Vita Nova Creatives
and Coffee.
Kindly RSVP/Register
through QSSC
by Monday, March 11th.



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INDUSTRIAL
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and
COFFEE

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Chunky Knit Blanket Workshop!!

Chunky Knit Blanket Workshop



Use your phone for online registration



April 2, 2024
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Instructor: Viviana Scrivner

Join us for a cozy and creative experience where you'll learn the art of creating a beautiful 40" x 50" Chenille Throw Blanket in our three-hour class.

USO Warrior & Family Center
 5940 Ninth Street
 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

This is a member only, non-transferable, non-refundable class.

OPTION 1: DIY Enthusiast
 \$28

YARN NOT INCLUDED
 (Members bring 6 skeins of OWN YARN)
 Yarn can be purchased at Michaels or Hobby Lobby
RSVP by 18 March 2024

OPTION 2: All-inclusive Package
 \$118

INCLUDES ALL MATERIAL
 (6 skeins of yarn + Bag)
 Various colors available: color sheet attached and available to choose colors during registration.
RSVP by 18 March 2024

Register and pay: www.quanticosc.org

JOIN US FOR FRIENDSHIP & FUN!

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024

Register today!



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BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

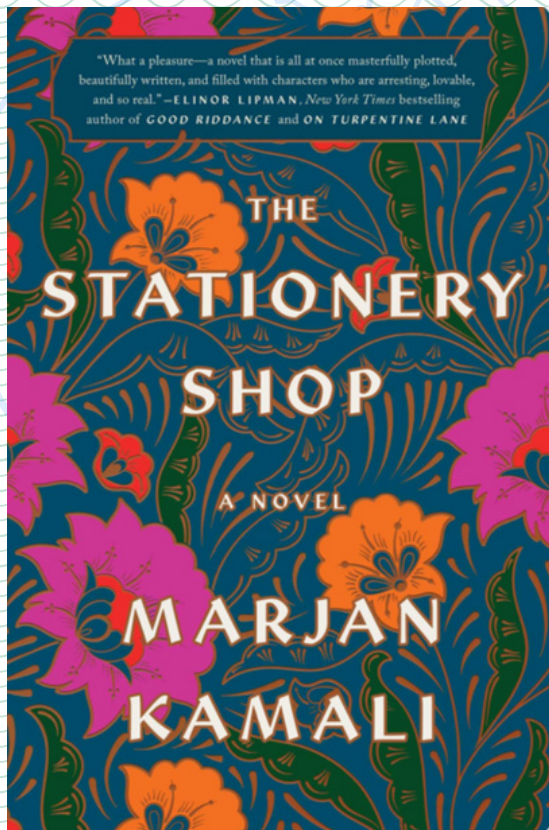
HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB YET NOT A PROBLEM... MAKE THIS YOUR FIRST STOP ON THIS YEARS JOURNEY OF TRYING NEW THINGS!

Please join us for another page turning event!! Date to be determined! Look for the email!

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

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

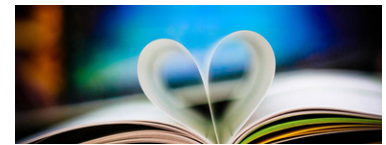
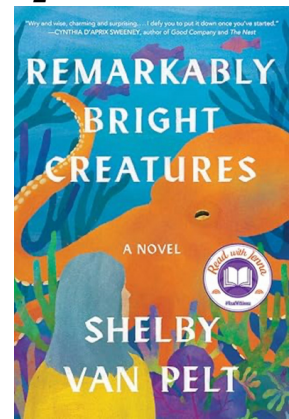
(Address is given upon registration)



Save the Date!

**YOUR
Next Stop is Book Club!**

April's Read:



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



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MEMBERSHIP'S MESSAGE

Friends!

If you are a member reading this and you haven't made it out to an activity yet, consider making it a goal to come out and join us! AND if you are up for a fun challenge and new opportunities, contact us to volunteer as a board member!

YOU are the reason for this club! Thank you for being here!

HAPPY *Birthday* MARCH!

Caitlyn Poggione	3/03
Heather Garcia	3/04
Aileene Redeker	3/07
Onchuma Japrun	3/08
Lauren Katona	3/17
Dawn Ellison	3/21
Nakpangi McClam	3/22
Erika Meier	3/22
Feride Gharati	3/24

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Good Timber

Douglas Malloch

The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
But stood out in the open plain
And always got its share of rain,
Never became a forest king
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil
To gain and farm his patch of soil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow with ease,
The stronger wind, the stronger trees,
The further sky, the greater length,
The more the storm, the more the strength.
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In trees and men good timbers grow...



February Activities Recap

Thanks to our international spouses for presenting at our Sipping w Friends event!



Our Galentines event was another fun event of connection!



Lunch Bunch!





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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.

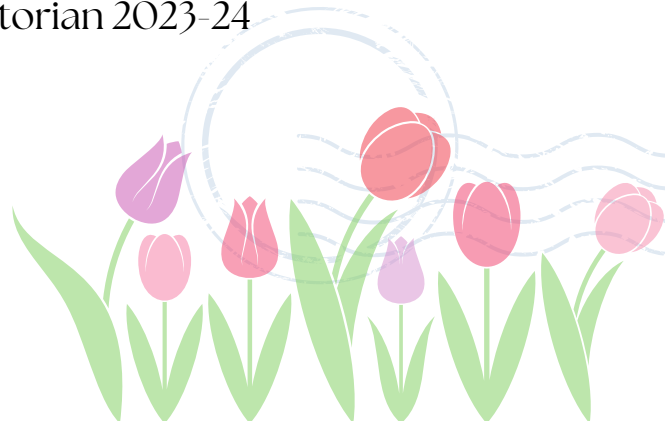
Please help us create a "time capsule" of photographs of all the events you attend with QSSC. Help me document our time together. To think that some day Spouses will look back at the fun we had, just like I like to look back at all the Spouses that came before us to see what they did 'way back when' is a warm and delightful feeling! As you attend events and take pictures, please send a few to me at: HISTORIAN@QuanticoSSC.org

Please include your name and who is in the picture. Each year, we produce a scrap book, and we submit that to the archives.

Like I said, we are making history together!!

Merry New Year and blessings to all,

Ruthie Ruppert
QSSC Historian 2023-24



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Advertising Opportunity!

Greetings from the Quantico Spouses' Social Club (QSSC)!

We are thrilled to announce we will now offer advertisement spots in our monthly newsletter!

These spots are open to the local businesses and nonprofit organizations. With distribution to over 100 emails, advertising with QSSC is an excellent way for your organization to reach Military Spouses and Families, letting them know your service is available nearby.

QSSC Newsletter Advertising

Our monthly newsletter is distributed to all our members and to the representatives from local sister clubs. If you are interested in advertising in the Newsletter, please submit your ad, signed contract, and payment by the 5th of the month.

Coupon or Discount

Would you like to offer a discount on your product or service for our QSSC members when they have your advertisement in hand during a visit to your business?

We appreciate your support of the Service Member Spouse community and thank you for the role you take in helping military families to thrive.

If you would like to advertise in our newsletter, please contact our Marketing Chair, Amy Webb.

Amy will be happy to provide you with the package which needs to be completed.

Any further questions regarding QSSC or advertising please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sonserae Martinez,

QSSC President president@quanticossc.org

Becca Carver,

QSSC Newsletter Chair newsletter@quanticossc.org

Amy Webb,

QSSC Marketing Chair marketing@quanticossc.org

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NEW YEAR - NEW BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

VOLUNTEER AND CONNECT

QSSC relies on our membership to grow, connect, and create community for all military spouses in the area.

Are you ready for your next adventure?!

Do you have the gift of organization? Throw the best parties? The one with the best local finds? Just want to hang out with great people?

The Quantico Spouses' Social Club is looking for NEW Board Members for next year!

Without our volunteers we can't thrive.

Available positions include:

PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY
TREASURER PARLIAMENTARIAN SOCIAL MEDIA
HISTORIAN PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER
MARKETING RESERVATIONS HOSPITALITY
WEB ADMIN MEMBERSHIP INTERNATIONAL REP

Feel free to reach out to any boardmember for more information about positions that may be a great fit for YOU!

If you're interested in being a part of our fantastic team, send an email to QSSC President:

president@quanticossc.org for more information about the positions available.

Take a look at our Facebook page and website:

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SOCIAL - FUN - CONNECT-TOGETHER

Membership is open to spouses of active-duty, reserve, and retired servicemembers of all ranks in the U.S. Armed Forces who reside in the National Capital Region to include Spouses of International Service Members attached to U.S. Marine Corps Units/Schools.



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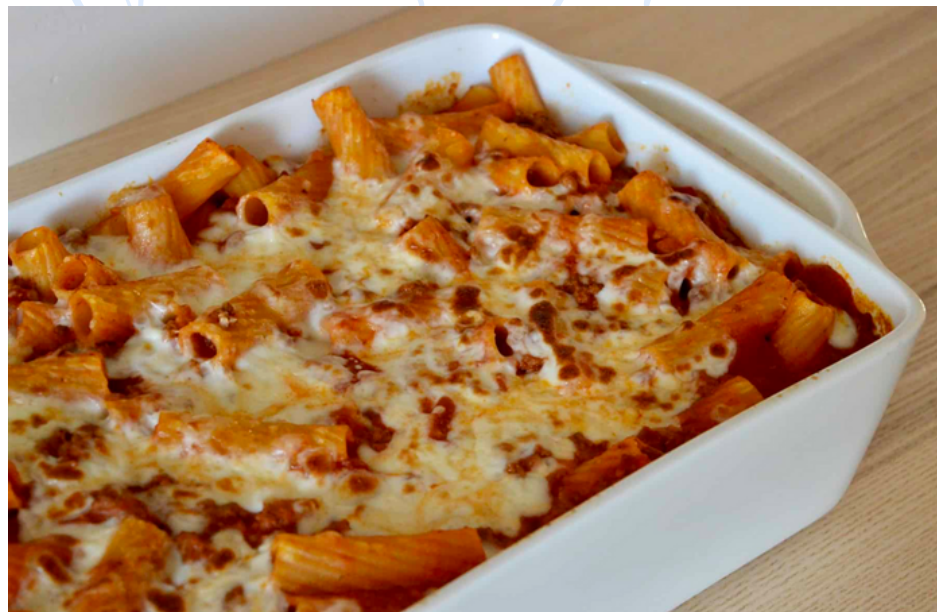
WHAT'S COOKIN' Baked Ziti!



This recipe comes from our membership board member, Heather Garcia!
It's a simple yet savory family favorite dinner staple!

Baked Ziti
 1 lb. hamburger
 2 ½ jars (15 oz) Prego with meat sauce
 2 lb. ricotta cheese
 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
 2 eggs
 1 pkg. (1 lb.) ziti noodles
 1 pkg. (8 oz.) Mozzarella cheese
 grated (sometimes, I just use slices of the block of mozz. and it works great)

Brown the chopped meat and drain. Make ziti to package directions. In a large bowl, mix Ricotta, 1 ½ jars spaghetti sauce, cheese, & eggs. Mix well. Add meat and ziti. Place in large casserole dish (13x9). Top with remaining sauce and the Mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350 till bubbly, 20-30 minutes.





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THE HAPPENINGS - AROUND TOWN

COFFEE CONNECTION LIVE with **BRITTANY BOCCHER**
Continuing Your Journey Edition

BOUNDARIES

Join us for a chat with Brittany Boccher and special guest, Catherine Vandament, to discuss personal and professional boundaries.

MARCH 13
12:00PM ET

bit.ly/usocj13mar



with Special Guest



CATHERINE VANDAMENT



IRISH HERITAGE PARTY
MARCH 14

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy a Leprechaun Trap craft, shamrock shakes and Shepherd's Pie!

USO QUANTICO WEST
6-7:30PM

HAPPY PI DAY!

@ USO QUANTICO MAIN AND
USO QUANTICO WEST STARTING AT 11AM
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

[Click Here](#)
for USO
Registrations
and Calendar!

Check out the MCCS Quantico
Calendar of Events

to see more activities happening on base!

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

24 HRS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK!

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!

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

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!](#))

GET YOUR GEAR

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

Share your wear

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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