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President's Travel Brief



Happy New Year!!! We hope all of our members and families had a wonderful holiday season whether you were near or far.

As I reflected on the first half of our club year, my heart was warmed with so many thoughts. We truly have had an amazing year so far and it is all because of our wonderful members and our board. So many firsts for QSSC this year and hopefully those new traditions will continue into the next club year. With that being said, if you are local and will be in the area for the 24-25 club year and would like to be part of the QSSC Board, please reach out to me and let's chat. (Email me at president@quanticossc.org)

The second half of the club year is beginning with three events in January. We hope to see you register for the Book Club, Sipping w/Friends, and QSSC Super "Bowl." Also, you will see this month, we are sharing information about advertising in our newsletter. Please take time to review the advertising information and use the contact information provided for any questions or additional information.

We will continue on this adventure together over the next few months with some of us remaining here, some of us moving just "down the road," and with some of us venturing cross country and over the seas. That is the military life, but always remember... "May your adventures bring you closer together, even as they take you far away from home." – Trenton Lee Stewart

Best,
Sonserae



MARK IT UP

*Here is your
Travel Itinerary!*

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SIPPING W/ FRIENDS

Calling all Coffee Lovers!
Join us on Wednesday,
January 17th at 9:30am
at Agora Downtown
Coffee Shop.
Kindly RSVP/Register
through QSSC
by Monday, January 15th.



520 Caroline Street
Fredericksburg, 22401

Save the Date!

***YOUR Next Stop is
Sipping with Friends***

***January 17th,
9:30 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!**

**Wednesday
January 31
QSSC Super "BOWL"**

Register today!



**YOUR EVENING ITINERARY
TAKES YOU TO LEATHERNECK LANES FOR
QSSC SUPER "BOWL"**



**REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 5TH AND WILL
CLOSE ON JANUARY 26TH. PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH
QUANTICOSSC.ORG**

**WEDNESDAY
31 JAN
6:00 PM**

**ENTRY
\$10**

**SNACKS
AVAILABLE
FOR
PURCHASE**

**LOCATION: LITTLE HALL.
2034 BARNETT AVE, QUANTICO, VA**



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BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

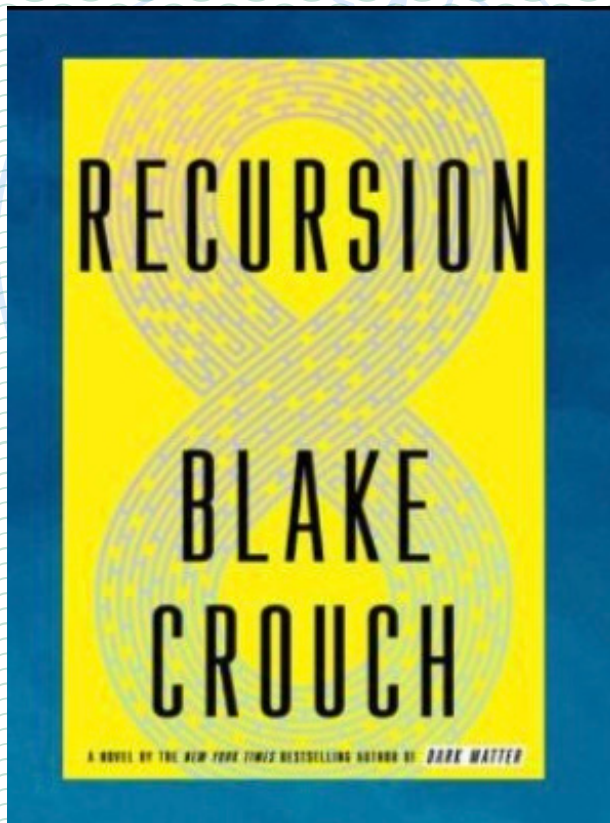
HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB YET NOT A PROBLEM... MAKE THIS YOUR FIRST STOP ON THIS YEARS JOURNEY OF TRYING NEW THINGS!

Please join us for another page turning event on Friday, **January 5th : 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!

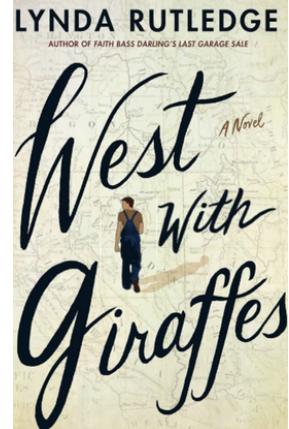
(Address is given upon registration)



Save the Date!

**YOUR
Next Stop is Book Club!**

February's Read



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Click here to register for
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MEMBERSHIP'S MESSAGE

Friends!

As we ring in the New Year, we ring in new goals!
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!

XO, Becca Carver

BOARDING PASSES

HAPPY Birthday JANUARY!

Suzanne Benson	1/?
Lidia Gonzalez	1/05
Tara Trimble	1/07
Cyndi Graul	1/11
Bianca Rosado	1/16
Heather Esamilla	1/17
Lara Nellie Eastman	1/08
Shelly Logar	1/20
Michelle Smith	1/21
Madison Warner	1/21
Jordan Harris	1/22
Samantha Mulvaney	1/23
Jacklyn Pugh	1/26
Mari Gregory	1/31



December 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!



*Tour of the Virginia Governor's Mansion:

What a great time learning about the history of this beautiful Virginia home.

As an added bonus, Mrs. Youngkin met us before the tour for a quick chat and a photo!

*Holiday on the Hill: a special THANK YOU to all the lovely spouses who opened up their homes to host this fabulous event!





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What's New - Historian

Dearest Friends,
And now it is 2024!

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

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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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WHAT'S COOKIN'



Black-Eyed Pea Soup

I always make this black-eyed pea soup for the New Year! I add fresh kale to it for good luck with money! It's perfect on a cold winter night. It is very flavorful and savory... it's a favorite! XO, Amanda Kilfoil



Ingredients

- 1 pound bulk pork sausage
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 large onion, diced
- 4 cups water
- 3 (15 ounce) cans black-eyed peas, drained
- 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers (such as Rotel), undrained
- 1 (4 ounce) can chopped green chilies
- 4 beef bouillon cubes
- 4 teaspoons molasses
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon garlic salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground black pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cumin

Directions

1. Heat a Dutch oven over medium heat. Cook and stir pork sausage, ground beef, and onion in the hot pot until meat is no longer pink, 10 to 12 minutes; drain off excess fat. Pour in water, then stir in black-eyed peas, diced tomatoes, tomatoes with green chiles, canned green chilies, beef bouillon cubes, molasses, Worcestershire sauce, garlic salt, salt, black pepper, and cumin until thoroughly mixed.
2. Bring soup to a boil; reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 45 minutes.



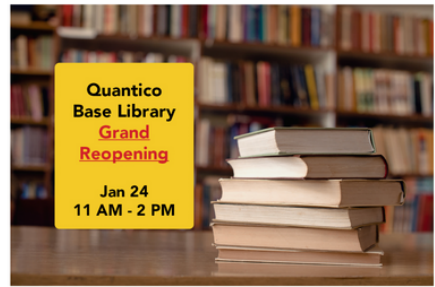
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THE HAPPENINGS - AROUND TOWN



Quantico Base Library Grand Reopening

January 24 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Gray Research Center Quantico Base Library
2040 Broadway Street

- Date**
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
- Time**
11:00 am - 02:00 pm
- Address**
2040 Broadway Street
Gray Research Center
Quantico, Virginia 22134
- Contact**
Phone: (703) 784-4348

Quantico Base Library grand reopening showcasing the final results of a 3.5-month renovation. The results are a more family-friendly environment with designated eating area, cozy couches, additional resources, and more books!

Col Brooks, Commander of Quantico Base and BGen Hennigan are the guests of honor.

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For more information, call 703.784.4348.

Check out the MCCS Quantico Calendar of Events to see more activities happening on base!



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

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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
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!

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!](#))



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