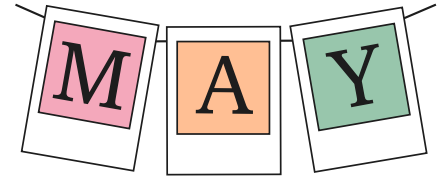




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So long, Au revoir, Adios, Arrivederci, Sayonara, Auf Wiedersehen, Dag, Antio, Do widzenia, Sampai jumpa, Namaste, Hej da, La revedere, Kwahili, Annyeonghi gasipshio, Sawasdee Krab/Ka, Selamat tinggal...the time has come.

As I sat down to write this, I was reminded how quickly this club year has passed, but also how incredible our time together has been. Each of you has made an impact on QSSC, so thank you for being part of our club journey.

At the end of May, QSSC will have officially completed its third year. That does not sound like a lot, but we have made leaps and bounds.

We are the only all hands/all ranks Marine Spouses Club in northern Virginia. Friends, I am proud of this and I hope you are as well! We have done things this year that have not been seen in a long time and had events that have never been done. The Toys for Tots Luncheon had not been scheduled since 2017 and Holiday on the Hill was brand new for us. We brought the house down on both of these events, you all were amazing!!! Again, it is because of our members and our love of supporting our spouses that we do what we do. Our love for our members does not slowdown in May either, we have quite a few events this month. We will host our "Hail and Farewell" on base and we are also going to have a "Five Love Languages" couples' event on base, both of these events will be held in the evening. Along with these, we will still have our Sipping w/Friends, Book Worms, and Live Laugh Lunch events. Keep your eyes open for all the details and registration information.

"Connecting" was our theme this year, my hope is that you each made at least one connection to carry with you whether you are moving on or staying in the area. As military spouses, these connections are priceless to us. They are a staple on this roller coaster which we call military life. It takes a special person to be a military spouse...your strength is unwavering, your support is endless, and your love is unconditional. In the Marine Corps, we like to say it is the toughest job in the Corps. Bravo Zulu to all!!! With that, it has been an honor and a privilege to support and serve you, thank you. Never "Good bye," always "See you later!"

With love and blessings,
Sonserae.



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Join us to celebrate our year, say our "see ya later," thank yous, and welcome new board members!

HAIL AND FAREWELL

May 14, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Register through our website by Sunday, May 12.

Address given upon registration



Save the Date!

*YOUR Next Stop:
Hail and Farewell!*

*May 14th @
6:00pm*

*Farewell
—PARTY—*

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LIVE LAUGH Lunch

Join us for friendship and fun with the QSSC lunch club !

Wednesday 22 May
Time and Place TBD

Keep an eye out for updates!
Come enjoy lunch with your new friends!

Pay on your own event.



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Wednesday,
May 22nd

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FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

Where is the love? Join us to learn what your and your spouse's love language is.

Presented by Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB)

May 23, 5:30 PM
Quantico Housing Community Center
13201 Perkins St., Quantico, VA 22134

Spouses welcome and encouraged to attend!



Register through our website by Monday, May 20.

JOIN US!

Thursday,
May 23, 2024

Register today!



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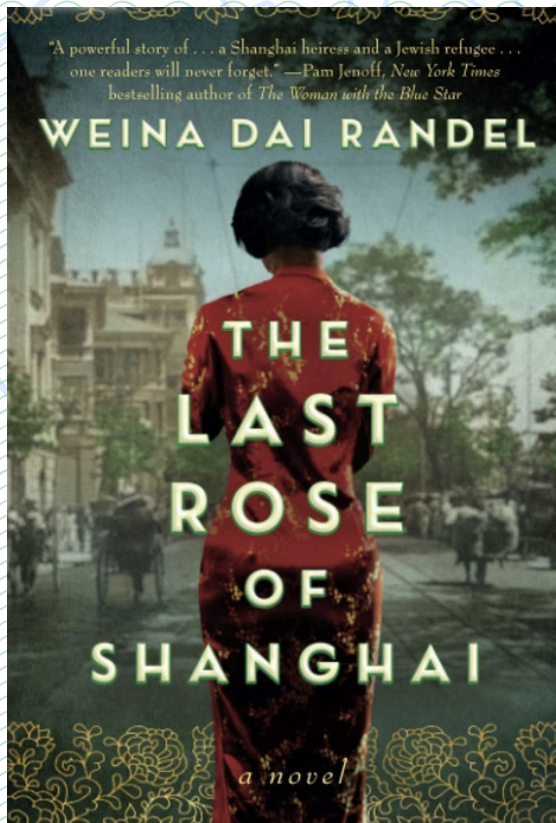
HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB YET NOT A PROBLEM... MAKE THIS YOUR FIRST STOP ON THIS YEARS JOURNEY OF TRYING NEW THINGS!

Please join us for another page turning event!! Our next book club will be on Wednesday, May 29th! Look for the email for more details!

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)

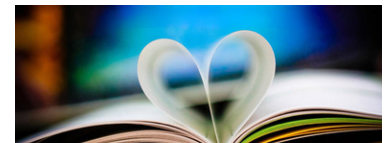
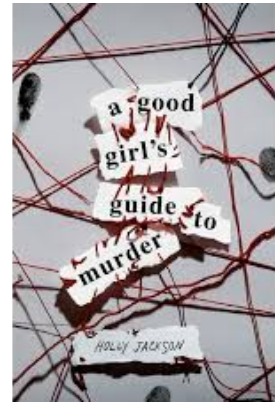


Save the Date!

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Next Stop is Book Club!

June's Read:



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MEMBERSHIP'S MESSAGE

Friends!

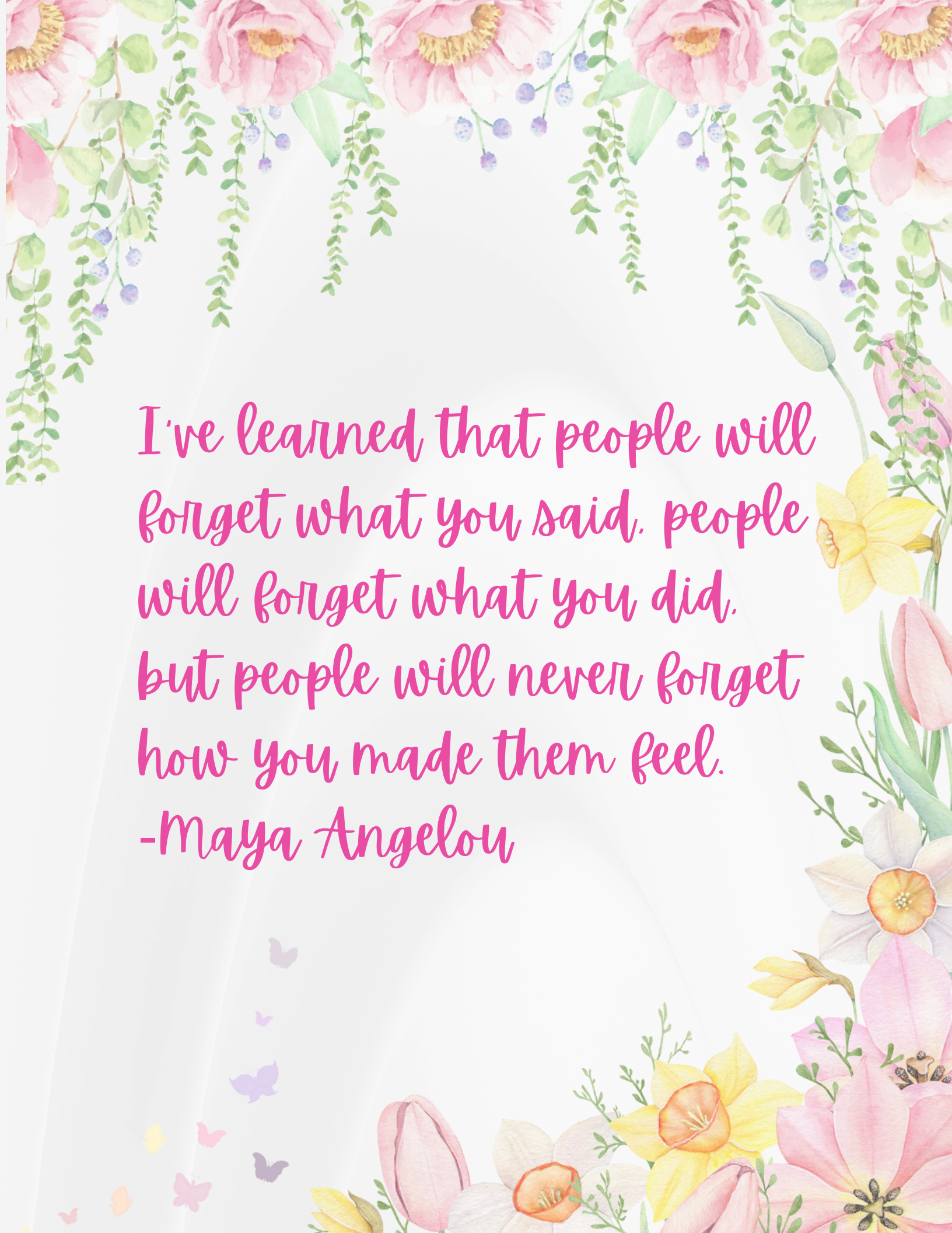
If you are a member reading this and you haven't made it out to an activity yet, consider making it a goal to come out and join us! AND if you are up for a fun challenge and new opportunities, contact us to volunteer as a board member! YOU are the reason for this club! Thank you for being here!

HAPPY *Birthday* MAY!

Lisa Farnsworth	5/04
Shaylee Osborne	5/04
Yoly Cuccio	5/09
Dulce Garcia	5/27
Anais Marin	5/29

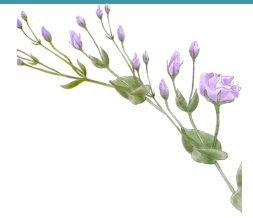
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I've learned that people will
forget what you said, people
will forget what you did,
but people will never forget
how you made them feel.

-Maya Angelou



April Activities Recap

Library of Congress tour! If you haven't had the opportunity to visit yet, get this on your bucket list!



Live, Laugh, Lunch with friends!



A visit to a local winery!





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What's New - Historian



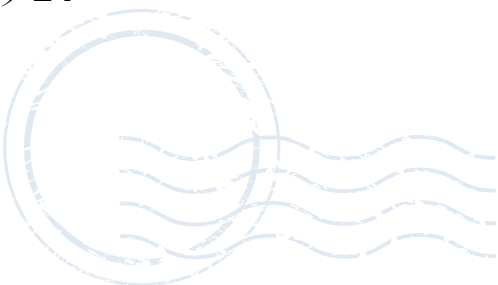
Dearest Friends,

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!!

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'

Southwestern Egg Rolls with Avocado Ranch Dipping Sauce
This month's recipe comes from our Social Media board member, Christina Carter!

Ingredients:

For the egg rolls:

1 lb chicken breast*
2 tbsp olive oil, divided
1 tsp salt + more for seasoning
1 red pepper, minced
½ can whole corn kernels, drained
½ can black beans, drained & rinsed
1-4.5 oz can diced green chili
1/3 cup frozen spinach, thawed & drained
¼ cup sliced green onions
4 tsp ground cumin
1.5 tsp chili powder
½ tsp garlic powder
¼ tsp cayenne
2 cups shredded Monterrey Jack cheese
10-12 burrito sized tortillas
1 egg beaten

For the sauce:

1 avocado
½ cup milk
¼ cup sour cream
1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
1 tsp lime juice
1 tsp dijon mustard
½ tsp hot sauce
1 clove garlic
¼ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper



Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Remove the skin from the chicken breasts and cut each breast in half. Place the chicken on a baking sheet and drizzle with 1 tbsp olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Roast for 30-35 mins, or until chicken is cooked through. Remove from the oven, and once cool enough to handle, cut into small cubes. (*Alternatively, you can use pre-cooked rotisserie chicken to save time!)

While the chicken is cooling, add 1 tbsp olive oil, red pepper, corn, black beans, green chili, spinach, green onions, cumin, chili powder, garlic powder, cayenne, 1 tsp salt, and 1 tsp pepper to a large skillet on medium heat. Sauté for 6-8 mins. add in the chicken and 2 cups cheese, stirring until well combined and cheese is completely melted. Place the tortillas in the microwave and heat for 2 mins. scoop 1/3 cup sized spoonfuls in the bottom center of one tortilla and spread it into a rectangle shape. Fold the bottom part of the tortilla over the filling, then fold the sides in towards the center. Roll the tortilla up towards the top, and brush the edge with a bit of the egg to secure closed. Store the tortillas seam side down while you roll the rest.

To cook the egg rolls, you can either bake or deep fry. To bake, heat the oven to 375 degrees and spray the egg rolls with cooking spray. Bake for 20-25 mins, turning often, until browned. To fry, heat 2-3 inches of oil in a large pot on high heat. Once hot, drop in a few egg rolls at a time and fry until golden brown. Drain before serving. Slice egg rolls diagonally before serving.

To make the sauce, add all of the ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth.

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QUANTICO BASE LIBRARY

SUMMER TRANSITION

Date



Friday, May 3, 2024

Time



10:00 am - 01:00 pm

Address



Quantico Base Library
2040 Broadway Street
Quantico, VA 22134

Check out the base library for programs available through the summer!

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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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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