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# President's Travel Brief



Welcome aboard,

Initial boarding call to your official Passport to Adventure!! First stop on your itinerary takes you to our Welcome Aboard on September 14, 2023 at McHugh Wood Community Center, arrival time is 10:30am. If you have not registered yet, please take the time to do so...more passengers make for mor fun!!!At this first stop you will have the opportunity to make many wonderful connections with other spouses and explore some the resources available to you on Marine Corps Base Quantico. Of course, we will be offering a beverage service and in-flight snacks for you to also enjoy. If you are a member already, you will be receiving your passport that day and will get your first official stamp. At each connecting event, we will ask you to bring your passport to receive additional stamps.

As we approach the fall season, be sure to keep an eye out for your next connection. We have so many fun events planned for your itinerary. Each month, you will be seeing at least three different stops on your itinerary and we hope you can make a reservation for all of them. These events will include one main QSSC event, a "Bookworm" book club event, and a "Sipping w/ Friends" event.

What an honor it is for the QSSC board to serve as your travel agents this year! Our goal is to serve you to the best of our ability and help you to make those lifelong connections all while having the best time ever!!! Always remember, "The journey matters more than the destination." - Tony Fahkry

--Sonserae Martinez  
2023-24 QSSC President



MARK IT UP  
*Here is your  
Travel Itinerary!*

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September 2023 Stop 2/11



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JOIN US FOR THE QSSC 2023 WELCOME ABOARD!



## QUANTICO SPOUSES' SOCIAL CLUB

09.14.23

MCHUGH WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER  
18005 CUTTS AVE, QUANTICO, VA 22134

10:30AM-12:30PM

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 12TH TO

[www.quanticosc.org](http://www.quanticosc.org)

MAKE SURE TO CATCH THIS CONNECTION



Have you booked your ticket yet?

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

September 14th  
Welcome Aboard



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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!

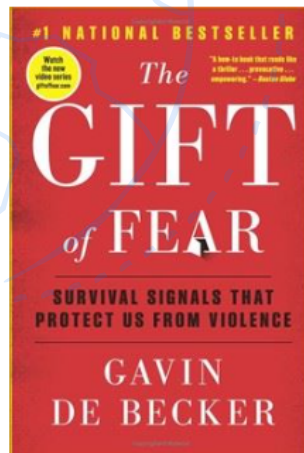
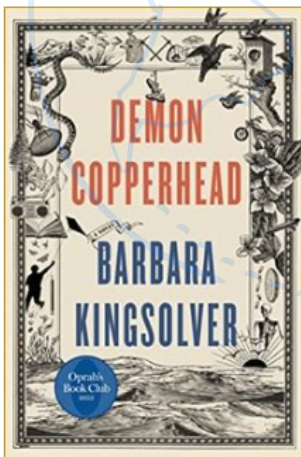
Please join us for another page turning event on **September 20th: 7:00 - 8:30pm.**

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

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

**RSVP FOR THIS EVENT CLOSES ON 15 SEPTEMBER**

**(Address is given upon registration)**



**Save the Date!**

**YOUR  
Next Stop is Book Club!**

**September 20th**



**New Member?  
Returning Member?  
Join with a friend!  
[Click here to register for your membership today!](#)**





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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!



**New Member?**  
**Returning Member?**  
**Join with a friend!**  
**[Click here to register for your membership today!](#)**



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## MEMBERSHIP'S MESSAGE

Hello to our new and returning members! Can you believe that it is September already? The board is so very excited for this year to kick off. Not only do we have our amazing Welcome Aboard on September 14th, but we have so many exciting events planned for the year! If you're new to the area please consider joining, chances are you will know someone already, if not you will by the time the year is over! Be sure to reach out to your fellow spouses and invite them to attend the Welcome Aboard, it's free to attend. I'm looking forward to this year, as well as to meet all of our members.



# HAPPY *Birthday* SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday to the following members, here's to another year around the sun!

**Jeanette Eshoo - 09/13**

**Karyn Mcnerney- 09/21**

**Nancy Harrington- 09/29**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**29 SEPTEMBER**  
Coffee meet-up  
(More details to follow)

**OCCOQUAN SPIRITS HAUNTED PUB CRAWL & GHOST TOUR**

**12 OCTOBER**

**7PM (arrive at 6:45pm)**

**\$24 per person**

**RSVP & PAY BY 4 OCTOBER**

**Member Only Event**

**20 Spots only!**

Look to the Event page for more  
Event opens 15 September



**19 October**  
Possible Sipping w/  
Friends:  
(Paint and Sip Event!)

For details on all these events, look to our events page





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## What's New - Historian

This year we are asking YOU, our members, to be the historians, to take pictures and record your perspective of friendship and camaraderie at each QSSC event. Whether you find yourself at one event or all, from the renewed Sipping with Friends to the final Hail and Farewell and anything in between, take that shot: the silly shot, the group shot, the selfie, the group selfie, the artistic "the light was speaking to me" shot. It's all you - and in this way it's all about us. No one member need be responsible for attending all events and all members can contribute. We don't need fancy, we just need you and if "you" is fancy, outstanding! Send it. We'll take that, too. 😊

Please send your pictures to [historian@Quanticossc.org](mailto:historian@Quanticossc.org) and include your name and contact information. All pictures will be safely maintained and preserved by QSSC and may be subject to content approval and minor editing as needed. No photographs will be shared with outside vendors or non-QSSC members. Photographs may be featured in various QSSC media such as, but not limited to, our newsletter, website, or our private Face-book page. Caveats and assurances aside, this is going to be a fantastic year and we want to see how you see it. If you have any questions about this new idea or are interested in learning more about the MOST FUN POSITION IN ALL OF QSSC THAT IS historian, please don't hesitate to contact me, Ruthie at [historian@quanticossc.org](mailto:historian@quanticossc.org).

Our first mission: Summer Fun! Where did we all go? Did you spend time with fellow members? Were you off somewhere far away and exotic with family (neighborhood pools and backyards count)? Send in your favorite photo and let's get the ball rolling.

Ruthie Ruppert  
QSSC Historian

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## WHAT'S COOKIN'

### Pumpkin Spice (bread) and Everything Nice

Homemade pumpkin bread is a favorite fall recipe packed with cinnamon spice and (everything nice) I mean, a tons of pumpkin flavor.

I found the following **recipe** on a great site which I think you will all love. Because we don't have lot of space here I'll share the images and y'all can simply visit the site to download the recipe. Did I mention it has chocolate chips in it... ok, well, those are optional, for others like me, not so much so. I'm telling you this is good stuff.

The images below are those from the site and I think are helpful. They show the ingredients needed, what color the batter should look like and then what the final product should look like.

Good luck in your baking and please snap a few pictures of your finished products or as you move through the process, we would love to share in the next Newsletter. If you have a favorite recipe please share it with us and we can spotlight it in the next Newsletter! Enjoy!



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Marine Corps  
Base Quantico  
3/4 MILE

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## THE HAPPENING - AROUND TOWN



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
2023 HOLIDAY SEASON  
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 @ 5:00 PM**

**THIS IS NOT A QSSC HOSTED EVENT.  
PLEASE READ BELOW FOR ALL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO DIRECT QUESTIONS.**

The White House welcomes volunteer applicants from all U.S. states and territories, and encourages military-connected family members, educators, frontline workers, and students to apply. **The deadline to submit a volunteer application to be a holiday decorator, Holiday Open House volunteer, or volunteer holiday performer will be on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. ET.** Selected applicants will be notified on or after Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. ET.

President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden are excited to continue the tradition of welcoming volunteer holiday decorators, Holiday Open House volunteers, and volunteer holiday performers to help celebrate the holiday season at the White House. Starting today, applications are now open for those interested in volunteering for the 2023 holiday season.

All selected volunteers are responsible for their individual travel and personal expenses.

### **VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY DECORATOR APPLICATION**

Those interested in volunteering to decorate the White House ahead of the holiday season may apply [HERE](#). Please note each person must apply individually, and group applications will not be accepted. Any individual applying to decorate the White House must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Volunteers must be available to be in Washington, D.C. the week of Sunday, November 19, 2023.

### **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Those interested in volunteering to assist with White House Holiday Open Houses may apply [HERE](#). Any individual applying to volunteer for an open house at the White House must be 18 years of age or older to participate. White House Holiday Open Houses range from Tuesday, December 5, 2023 to Sunday, December 24, 2023.

### **VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY PERFORMER APPLICATION**

Performers and musical groups, including school bands, choirs, and holiday-themed entertainers, may apply [HERE](#) for the opportunity to perform during a White House Holiday Open House. White House Holiday Open Houses range from Tuesday, December 5, 2023 to Sunday, December 24, 2023.

For any questions regarding application or process, please reach out to [Volunteers@who.eop.gov](mailto:Volunteers@who.eop.gov).

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## THE HAPPENING - AROUND TOWN

The Marine Corps Assoc. (MCA) had the opportunity to recognize Marine Corps Olympic Bobsled athlete 1stLt Riley Tejcek at our recent TECOM awards dinner this year.

Meet her and her 400lb bobsled for an autograph session on Wednesday, September 13th at the Quantico commissary at 1130.



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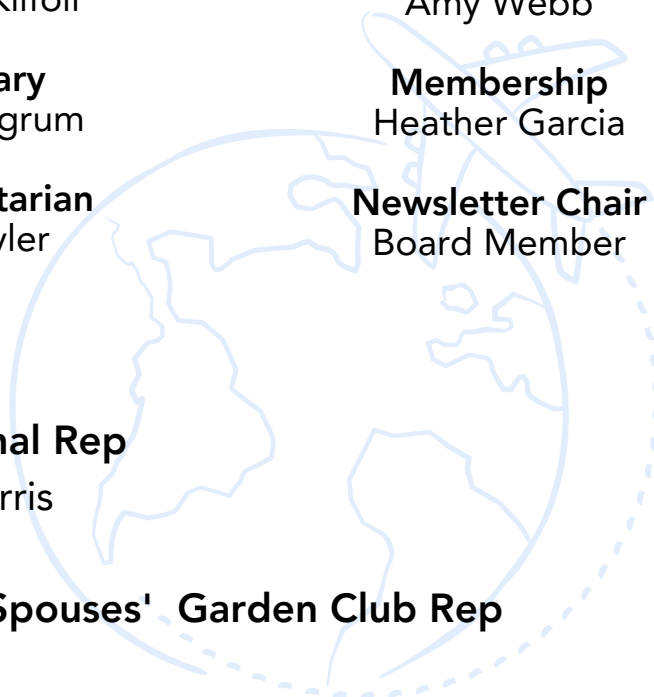
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