

the ASC ARCHIVES

September 2015

Welcome, from the Board!

To all the newly joined members WELCOME! To all those members from 2014-15 who are returning to us, WELCOME BACK and thank you for your continued support of the ASC. The Andrews Spouses' Club exists because of, and for you. All the good this organization does for the JBA community can only happen with your continued support. For that we thank you, and look forward to a wonderful year together.

We have an almost entirely new board this year and our focus over the summer has been "learning the ropes" but also determining ways to best reach out to our fellow spouses.

With members of our board being from a variety of services, a variety of Wings, of all age groups, retired and active duty, and of all ranks, we hope to be reflective of the community we all share here on Joint Base Andrews.

Our commitment to our members is to provide a unifying presence to bring our fellow spouses together in service and fun. Over the next board year we have many things planned, and are looking for ways to get our spouses more involved in activities that help ourselves here on JBA, and others of our military family.

As we kick things off with our FREE membership event this month we look forward to seeing the Special Interest Clubs and Events that will be created. We can't do this without you!

Thank you again,

Denise G.

ASC President 2015-16

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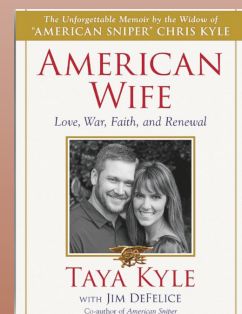
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SPECIAL MEMBER'S EVENT

Sept 27th



By all these lovely tokens September days are here, With summer's best of weather And autumn's best of cheer.

~Helen Hunt Jackson

Andrews Spouses' Club 2014-15 Wrap Up and a Vision for the 2015-2016 Year.



Last year was a trial period for the Spouses' Club to become "All Ranks". We learned so many things during that time and it gave those of us who remained, the insight to move forward this year with more strength and resiliency. The Executive Board from last year had challenges at every turn, yet kept moving forward with the vision of a unified club and for that we can't thank them enough.

The ASC had fun times in town and out. Trips to Pennsylvania Amish Country and an awesome holiday of the White House were just a few of the events on the Calendar last year. We gave out over 27,000 in scholarships to local students from our JBA community and thousands more in other charitable donations, not to mention the additional thousands returned back to the community through our endeavors at the ASC Thrift Shop all made possible because of our members. (See online for more details)

As mentioned on the cover of the newsletter this year, we hope to build on the foundation started and keep moving forward with a vision of bringing our community on JBA closer together.

Our new logo is a reflection of our outlook on what the ASC is about. "Together We are One" As military spouses we are independent and often have to stand on our own, but as military spouses too, we are lucky to have a support network like no other.

The ASC, with our membership can be the facilitator for creating a close-knit group of spouses. With the support of the base and our Wing Commanders we are reaching out to connect to our families.

As the majority of our surveys taken over the summer noted, the people of JBA want to help, volunteer, and do good things for our community. This year we will be bringing to our membership a variety of service projects that will offer you the opportunity to be involved in a very personal way. Causes such as Pets for Vets, Breast Cancer Awareness, food banks, and Autism Awareness all strike at our caring side and we will be looking for causes like these to rally for.

We are going to have fun too! With a full calendar of events already being planned we are going to add even more. We heard the voices last year about timing of events, types of events and overall availability of events. This year we have a Programs committee, within this committee are sub groups of hardworking volunteers looking for fun things to do for the ASC, please give them your support.

General Membership event planners will be sure that we are holding our monthly meetings/and gatherings in accordance with the Constitution but also in a manner that is fun and a little unique. Special Interest Groups / Special Events Planners, will be on the lookout for members who either want to head up a special group or simply participate in a one time, pay as you go outings. Special Interest Groups that were popular in the past like International Group, Creativity Group, The Lunch Bunch we hope to continue but also wish to add more such as Photography Group, Mommy and Me Toddler Group, and even Special Needs play group...These are just ideas but feel free to step up with your own thoughts as well.

Our vision for this new Board year is to take traditional spouse club activities and progressively evolve them to meet the needs of today's military spouse.

Thank you for your participation and support. It's going to be a great year!!!

Thank you Lorraine! Service is a wonderful way to stay young at heart

Please join us in Thanking Lorraine Peterson for her service as a volunteer.

Lorraine now in her 90's, is the longest serving volunteer at the ASC Thrift Shop. She has been faithfully serving the people of Joint Base Andrews for 46 years and is the perfect example of selfless service to our community.

The Thrift Shop will be having a Farewell Party on Sept 9th 12:15-200pm.

If you would like to show your appreciation for Lorraine, please bring a dessert or side dish & join us. Everyone will be in Purple – Lorraine's favorite color.

Our New Board Reflects JBA

The Board of Governors for the ASC this year is a varied and diverse group.

We have a Board member who has been with the ASC for more than 40 yrs and we have members who are just starting out.

Our 2015-16 President is an enlisted spouse for the first time in Club history, and we have a male spouse from the AFDW, serving as our 2nd VP. The 11th, 89th and 79th Wings are all represented on the Executive Board and we have mix of officer's and enlisted spouses.

Our Committee Chairs reflect a similar makeup and we have a variety of Chairs from different branches of service.

We hope to get to know you this year. And look forward to representing the spouses of JBA and members of the ASC.

Upcoming Volunteer & Charitable Opportunities

Sept 8th – Bring in supplies for pet shelters & organizations.

Sept 18th & 19th – **JBA Airshow** ~ We are looking for ASC volunteers to help in concessions at the JBA Air Show. This will be a fun, easy event to help out with.

Sept 26th Blue Skies Tennis Clinics ~ this is not an ASC event, but an organization that we support. We are seeking 5 volunteers to help with running the registration table. Hours would be 11-4PM. Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in the tennis clinics as well.

October 4th Special Event: 5K Charity Walk/Run for Cancer Awareness Month

For further Information on these opportunities please contact Karen S. @ ascvp15@gmail.com

**"ALONE WE CAN
DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE
CAN DO SO MUCH."**

- Helen Keller

Now for the Fun Stuff

ASC OPEN HOUSE IS A TAILGATE

Sept 8th - 4-6pm

Our OPEN HOUSE this year is going to be a fun theme for fall... Think Wings, Sliders, Games and Fun!

Join us on the patio at The Community Commons. This is a free event for members and those who are eligible for membership



ASC Lunch Bunch

Sept 15th -

Ooh la la ~ The Lunch Bunch is going French

La Madeleine Country French Cafe

5861 Crossroads Center Way

Bailey's Crossroads, VA

[703-379-5551](tel:7033795551)

Meet at the Club parking lot outside at 11:00 am to carpool or if you prefer to drive on your own please just let Betty know - To RSVP call Betty Kohut at [301-449-9479](tel:3014499479).



Joint Base Andrew's Air Show

Sept. 18-19th

The ASC will have a concession booth at the JBA Air Show on both days and we are looking for volunteers. Come support this ASC fundraiser & spend time getting to know your fellow ASC members. For info. Please contact: ASCVP15@gmail.com



Special Guest Taya Kyle

Sept. 27th -Exact time and location yet to be confirmed Please watch your inbox, website and FB for further details.

As the widow of Chris Kyle, "American Sniper" Ms. Kyle is fully aware of life as a military spouse. She too has seen the dramatic toll PTSD can take on our service members. Ms. Kyle will be our guest for a very special event for ASC Members.

Our Proposed Calendar for 2015-2016

We have purposely repeated some of the most popular events from last year while working on a few new ideas. We will have a mix of day and evening programs and special Interest Groups and Events will be added as they are created.

Black text = Monthly Membership Functions
Blue text = Special Events
Red text = Fundraisers

ASC ANNUAL CALENDAR 2015 – 2016

schedule subject to change



27 AUG Karaoke Night 6-8PM @ The Club



8 SEPT Tailgate Party 4-6PM @ Community Commons
15 SEPT Lunch Bunch: La Madeleine Country French Café
18/19 SEPT Fundraiser: Concessions Booth @ JBA Air Show
27 SEPT Special Event: Guest speaker Taya Kyle of "American Sniper"



14 OCT Fall Themed Cooking Demo 10-2PM @ Liberty Park
4 OCT Special Event: 5K Charity Walk/Run for Cancer Awareness Month



10 NOV Murder Mystery Dinner & Show
Special Event: 'Book Club' plus book signing by guest authors



8 DEC Holiday Luncheon 10:30-12:30 @ The Courses
Special Events: White House Holiday Tour & Cookie Caper



12 JAN Thrift Shop Fashion Show 10:30-12:30 @ The Courses
Special Event: Knitting & Crocheting for Charity



9 FEB "Soldiers' Love Stories"
Special Event: Dessert Making Workshop
12 FEB Fundraiser: Valentine's Day Bake Sale



8 MAR Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon 10:30-12:30 @ The Courses
Special Event: Scrapbooking Workshop



12 APR "Light It Up Blue" for Autism Awareness Month
Special Event: "Day Out On the Metro" / Cherry Blossoms Tour



10 MAY Luau 4-6PM @ The Club



The ASC breaks over the summer. Club activity will resume in September. See you then!



Note: In addition to our exciting program of events planned for this year, we will aim to have the "traditional luncheons" and Lunch Bunch gatherings on a monthly basis.

ASC Thrift Shop News



SPECIAL DATES AND CLOSURES

CLOSED: Sat Sept 5TH & Mon Sept 7TH
(Due to holiday weekend)

CLOSED: Sat Sept 19th
(Due to JBA Open House)

**All sales and special events will be
announced on the
Website and on Facebook**

**If you do not have access to these
please feel free to call the Thrift
Shop for specific information
@ 301-735-3533**

How to contact us:

Website: www.andrewsspousesclub.org



Facebook: @ Andrews Spouses' Club



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HELP WANTED

The ASC Thrift Shop is asking that we put out the word for any volunteers, but specifically volunteers who can do data entry.

This is a simple task yet so important to the every day running of the Thrift Shop.

As a Thrift Shop Volunteer you receive certain benefits Volunteer only 6 hours a month in the Thrift Shop and receive:

- ❖ The satisfaction of serving the fundraising cause
- ❖ Reimbursed child care
- ❖ Able to consign double the items
- ❖ Receive 85% consignment pay instead of the usual 75%
- ❖ Receive consignment contracts for free
- ❖ Be part of a awesome group of volunteers that are like a family



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