



Spring Issue - April 2014

Military Spouses of Newport

## Monthly Newsletter

**A monthly publication for members of Military Spouses of Newport.**

**Membership Eligibility:** Membership is open to all spouses of all members of the U.S. Armed Forces associated with Newport Naval Station, as well as spouses of International Students, spouses of deceased service members, and civilian spouses GS-7 and above associated with the Newport Naval Station.

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### Spring has finally arrived – check out these events!!

#### Naval War College Museum Tour

**Date:** April 29, 2014  
**Time:** 11:00am  
**Location:** Naval War College Museum - 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI 02840  
**Cost:** Tour Free / Please pay for your lunch!

This is a great opportunity to learn a little about the history of the Naval War College. Following the tour, we will walk down to the Officer's Club for lunch and the brief general membership meeting.



Come join us for a tour of this National Historic Landmark and explore the museum's many wonderful exhibits.

#### *Egg-cellent Local Easter Events – Easter Egg Hunts and Visits with the Easter Bunny!*

**Easter Bunny Visit at the Zoo,** April 18 & 19 - Children will have the opportunity to take a picture with the Easter Bunny and even take home a craft! The event takes place at Roger Williams Park Zoo and runs from 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. Purchase tickets at main entrance of the Zoo. 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence. Phone: 401-941-4998.

**East Smithfield Public Library Annual Easter Egg Extravaganza,** April 19 - Children ages 2-5 are welcome to hunt for eggs that the Easter bunny has hidden around the East Smithfield Public Library. Event begins at 10:30am, and pre-registration is required. 50 Esmond Street, Smithfield. 401-231-5150.

**Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch at the Newport Mansions,** April 19 - The Preservation Society of Newport invites families to meet the Easter Bunny and gather eggs on the Oceanside lawn of Rosecliff, beginning at 10am. After, sit down for an Easter brunch. Reservations required. 548 Bellevue Avenue, Newport. 401-847-1000 x140.

**8th Annual Casey Farm Easter Egg Hunt,** April 19 - Bring the family to Casey Farm and hunt for colorful eggs. Every attendee will go home with wonderful surprises! 10:30-11:30am. Registration is required. 225 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown. 401-295-1030.

**Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch at the Vanderbilt Grace,** April 20 - Hunt for Easter eggs and decorate your own in the beautiful spring flower garden at the Vanderbilt Grace from 12-4pm. Afterwards, enjoy a spring inspired brunch on the terrace with a carving station and omelet buffet. \$65 per person; children under 12, half price; under 3, complimentary. 41 Mary Street, Newport. 401-846-6200.

**Registration Information:** Register for our events at - [www.milspousenewport.org](http://www.milspousenewport.org)

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# Save the Date, Club Events, & Notices:

## Save the Date!

### **May 2014 - Upcoming events!**

**Upcoming Social Events:** We have planned some great activities coming up – check our website often for dates and information on future events!

Be sure to register for these events!

#### Activities & Events:

- Drink & Dabble - 08 May 2014 6:30 PM
- Night of Fashion at the White House Black Market – 21 May 2014 7:00pm
- MSoN Night Out with dinner at Perro Salado - 29 May 2014 6:30pm



## Special Notice!

### **We Need Your Support!**

Military Spouses of Newport is an all-volunteer organization run by military spouses attached to Naval Station Newport. We are in urgent need of new board volunteers for 2014 – 2015. Current volunteers will be stepping down from their positions in May 2014 this year. We are in need of volunteers to help fill positions for the coming term. Please reach out to our president to volunteer. **We need a Ship's Bell Coordinator!**

Email: [president@milspousenewport.org](mailto:president@milspousenewport.org)  
Thank you for your support!



## **MONTHLY BUNCO NIGHT - ITS KENTUCKY DERBY TIME!**

**Let it roll! Come out for a fun, friendly game of Bunco!**

### **Theme – Kentucky Derby!**

And their Off! Come on out in your best hat to Celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> running of The derby!



Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and \$5 to play. We are out of the gates, and rolling at 7:00pm!

**Date:** April 29, 2014 (Tuesday)

**Location:** Upper Green Lane Community Center

**Time:** 6:30pm – 9:30pm

**Cost:** \$5.00

Join us each month for a potluck dinner and a game of "Bunco"! Cash prizes for most Bunco wins, most snake eyes, and more! For more information, or to be added to the monthly e-vite please contact: Jessica at [jcoffin83@gmail.com](mailto:jcoffin83@gmail.com)

## *The Ship's Bell*

**Location:** Naval War College

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Thursday 10am – 2pm

*Come check out the Military Spouses of Newport Ship's Bell!*

**We need a Ship's Bell Coordinator for the coming 2014 – 2105 year! Please consider donating your time!**

The Ship's Bell is open to anyone with a military ID (and guests that accompany them). The store is located at the War College next to the library. To visit our gift store simply check in with the quarterdeck, and they will direct you down the hall to the Ship's Bell. Come check us out – all proceeds from the store support Community Aid, Military Programs and Scholarships for graduating seniors of local military members. **Please consider helping at The Ship's Bell Store: Your volunteer time helps to support our scholarships and charities program. Please contact [theshipsbell@milspousenewport.org](mailto:theshipsbell@milspousenewport.org) to volunteer.**

## Around Town! MSON Favorite Picks this month!

Check out what's happening around town this month!

### Newport Craft Beer Festival

**Date:** April 26, 2014

**Time:** 2 sessions (noon-3pm & 4pm-7pm)

**Location:** Great Friends Meeting House / 28 Farewell Street, Newport, RI

3rd Annual Newport Craft Beer Fest- brought to you by Newport Storm Brewery & Pour Judgment Bar & Grill, benefiting the Rhode Island Brewers Guild. 30 breweries, food vendors, live music, Fan Favorite Award, and more, on the lawn of the Great Friends Meeting House in historical Newport, RI. Chat with folks who make the beer you're sampling and go home with the souvenir tasting glass! 450 tickets to each session- \$45/ticket. 21+ event, with valid ID. For more information go to - <http://newportcraftbeer.com/>

### Neighborhoods of Newport House Tour

**Date:** April 27, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Location:** Begins at the first house on the tour.

The House Tour is back! Please join us as we provide exclusive entry into 7 exquisite private homes including: Wind Shadows, The Isaac Bell House, Hillside, Bellevue house and Commodore Edgar House among others. Book Signing/Reception with Barclay Butera. Admission Tickets \$60/ A Group Ticket Price is \$50 each. You must buy 4 tickets or more to receive the discount. For more information go to - <http://newporthousetour.com/>

### Friday Coffee Group -

Come out with other military spouses for a cup of coffee! Each Friday we try and get together for a cup of coffee at our local favorite coffee shop. No need to RSVP – just come when you can!

**When:** Friday

**Where:** French Confection

**Address:** 72 E Main Rd, Middletown, Rhode Island

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am



### Announcement!

#### **MSoN Playgroup!**

If you'd like to get together for a playgroup with your little ones, please contact our MSoN playgroup coordinator Lauren Corkey at [laurencorkey@yahoo.com](mailto:laurencorkey@yahoo.com).

Come out and join us - this is a great way to meet other spouses and have playmates for your kids! Playgroups are designed to be smaller groups with similar age children based on where you live and when you can meet up. Members and friends are welcome to join this special interest group anytime.

### Charities Information

#### **Scholarships**

**Scholarship Announcement** – We are no longer accepting scholarship applications as the period for applications has closed effective April 5, 2014. Applications are currently in review, and award announcements will be made in May 2014.

**Charitable Contributions** - Each year "The Military Spouses of Newport" donates to non-profit organizations directly benefiting military families. Do you know of an organization in the Newport surrounding area that benefits Military families? Let them know that organizations should apply for funding for their most critical needs, whether support is being requested for continuing, existing, and exceptional programs, or undertaking new or expanded programs. We will gladly consider their request for assistance!

## Spring has arrived – Check out this fun spring ideas!

### Monthly Decorating Idea – Salt Dough Easter Egg Garland

This fun craft idea is something you can easily do with the kids!

#### What You Need:

- ✓ Salt Dough: Mix 2 cups flour & 1 cup salt with approximately 1 cup water to form dough
- ✓ Egg-shaped Cookie Cutter
- ✓ Acrylic Paint & Paint Brushes
- ✓ Mod Podge
- ✓ Ribbon for Hanging

#### How You Make It:

1. Roll salt dough out to about 1/4" thick and cut out egg shapes (12).
2. Poke hole in the top of each egg. I used the non-pointy end of a Bic pen.
3. Place on cookie sheet and bake at 200 degrees for several hours until eggs are hard & dry.
4. Once cooled completely, paint your eggs with pretty patterns & colors.
5. Once the paint is dry, seal with a coat of Mod Podge.
6. Tie a loop through the top of each egg with ribbon and then suspend each one from a longer ribbon to make the garland.
7. Hang garland and step back to admire how cute this project turned out!



### Recipe of the Month:

## Spring Basket Cookies



This recipe is a fun activity to do with the kids! It's a craft activity you can eat!

**Serving size:** 6

**Prep Time:** 10 Min.

**Total Time:** 35 Min.

#### Ingredients:

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| ✓ 1/4 cup of flour                    | ✓ 1 tsp of vanilla extract  |
| ✓ 2 cups of Shredded coconut          | ✓ Pastel candies (M&M Pastels, or anything else you want to use that looks like an egg) |
| ✓ 2/3 cup of sweetened condensed milk |   |

These really cute cookies are a perfect treat to make while the kids are on spring break!

#### Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 325 F. Grease a cookie sheet.
- Stir the flour and coconut together in a large mixing bowl until the coconut is thoroughly coated with flour. Use a wooden spoon, silicone spatula. Add the sweetened condensed milk and Vanilla and mix well.
- Drop coconut mixture by the spoonful on to the cookie sheet, 2 inches apart. If you want to make the "basket", dampen your fingers with water and gently tap the middle to make a depression to hold your candies. (Do not cook with candies).
- Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until the cookies are golden brown.
- Place cookies on a cooling rack to cool and once they have cooled, add your candies.
- There is a variation of this where you can add melted chocolate to create chocolate nests.

# Board Information & Volunteer Opportunities:

## 2013 – 2014 Board of Directors:

- ❖ President: Jennifer Luebbert
- ❖ Vice President: Natalie Blacketter
- ❖ Secretary: Cerry Rasmussen
- ❖ Treasurer: Annette Recavarren

## Military Spouses of Newport Board Meeting

**Date:** TBD – May 2014 – Check website!

**Time:** 6:00PM

**Location:** TBD

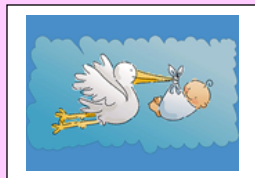
This meeting is open to all members.

## The Pink Book

Have you heard about the “Pink Book”? It is a directory of recommended services, products, and places that have been enjoyed by military families stationed here in Newport, RI. Printed versions are available at “The Ship’s Bell”. You can purchase online access to The Pink Book at [www.milspousenewport.org](http://www.milspousenewport.org). All of the proceeds raised from “The Pink Book” benefit members, our scholarship fund, and charities we support.

## Meals for New Moms

*We need your help!*



Calling all members –

Help us welcome new babies of our members by bringing a meal to a new mom. We need volunteers to help make meals! Please lend your time to help a family by dropping off a meal or feel free to send a takeout meal instead. Sign up to be notified when the stork has arrived!

For more information contact: [skylea2@yahoo.com](mailto:skylea2@yahoo.com)

## Contact Information:

Do you have any questions or want to volunteer? Please feel free to email us at: [president@milspousenewport.org](mailto:president@milspousenewport.org) or [http:// www.milspousenewport.org](http://www.milspousenewport.org)

## Presidents Corner:

April 2014

Spring has arrived! We hope those of you that arrived last month are settling in, and enjoying all the things that Newport has to offer. Spring time is a great time to get out and explore the area before the tourists season starts in May.

For those of you that do not know, the board will be transitioning out and moving on to new duty locations. We are in need of volunteers to help keep things going for the new class arriving in August. Please reach out to me if you are interested in helping out and I can provide you more details! Please consider volunteering!

*Jennifer Luebbert, President*



## 2014 – 2015 Board of Director Opportunities:

The existing MSoN Board of Directors will be stepping down in May 2014. We will be voting for new members to fill the Board of Directors positions. These positions remain in-place for the year, with a new board elected in May of each year.

We will be filling the below elected positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Socials Chair
- Membership Chair

The following names have been submitted for consideration, and will be voted on next month:

- President - Jay Ha'o
- VP - Marlith Austin
- Secretary - Kelly Maher
- Treasurer - Annette Recaverran
- Socials Chair - Kristin Boston
- Membership Chair - Ashlev Schelcher