

## Upcoming Events....

- Newport Car Museum Self-Guided Tour: April 20 at 11 am
- Shoreline Ringers Handbell Choir, April 27 at 7 pm. Visit [www.shorelineringers.org](http://www.shorelineringers.org) for info.
- ***MSON Board Meeting: May 7, 6:30 pm, all members welcome. Please register!***
- Thursday Coffees 10:00 am at Thrive Coffee House in Portsmouth
- Friday Coffees 10:00 am at French Confection in Middletown

*For more information or to register for the above, please visit the MSON website at [www.milspousenewport.org](http://www.milspousenewport.org) and see the [Calendar](#) and [Special Interest Groups](#) pages.*

## WE NEED YOU!

A new year of MSON is starting up, and we need new help with the following positions:

**Charities Committee**  
**Pink Book Committee**

**Socials**

**Website**

**Publicity**

**Newsletter**

**Scholarships**

Please contact the appropriate committee chair or email

[milspousenewport.president@gmail.com](mailto:milspousenewport.president@gmail.com)

for information.

**The Ship's Bell** is desperately in need of volunteers! Due to lack of help, open hours have been reduced, which means less fund raising for MSON charities and scholarships.

To volunteer, please email [milspousenewport.theshipsbell@gmail.com](mailto:milspousenewport.theshipsbell@gmail.com).



## MSON Charitable Donations

MSON gives charitable donations to non-profit organizations directly benefiting military families, with the average grant being \$500 - \$1000. If you know or are part of a local organization that serves our community, including schools, please encourage them to apply for funding. Charitable donations are disbursed twice a year: early fall & late spring. MSON has a Charities committee that reviews all submitted applications, and we would love to have you, our member, aboard for feedback as well. The application can be found on the MSON website under the Charities tab. **We are currently seeking volunteers for this committee for spring!** If interested, please contact our charities chair by emailing

[milspousenewport.charities@gmail.com](mailto:milspousenewport.charities@gmail.com)



## **MSON Board Nominations for 2019-2020**

### **President**

I am your current Parliamentarian, Trisha Bruce, and I am excited about the opportunity to be the MSON President for 2019-2020. A veteran and now spouse, my husband and I have served the Navy since 1996. We have had the privilege to work in various communities: surface, subs, aviation, and foreign service with joint forces, over these last 23 years. Married 19 years, we have two middle school aged daughters, a border collie who has traveled the world with us, and two cats.

I have volunteered in many spouse clubs, both as a member and on the board in various capacities e.g. website, publicity, and parliamentarian. In addition, I have project-managed numerous community outreach events, written and lead leadership workshops, served as Chairperson for School Advisory Committees, and Vice President of Parent Teacher Associations. I have a Bachelor's degree with a minor in Public Administration which I utilized to manage the American Services in the Human Resources Department at our Embassy post.

Having served as Parliamentarian this year, I feel it afforded me the opportunity to gain perspective of the area and club. I have created a list of ideas and have an enthusiasm going forward which, if you elect me, I look forward to sharing with the newly elected team and getting to work.

**Please review the submitted biographies for the elected MSON Board positions. Elections will take place at the General Board meeting at Green Lane Community Center on May 7th at 6:30 and via an election poll. Please look for an email and **VOTE!****

### **Vice President**

My name is Stephanie Evans and I am running for Vice President. I am originally from Pensacola, FL. I have been a Navy spouse for the last 8 years, but have been with my husband for a total of 16 years. I have held management roles in my career, have sat on our HOA Board, and was a member of our HOA Activities committee. I am looking to become a lot more acquainted with other military spouses, and hopefully contribute to making our community more vibrant, while creating everlasting friendships in this short period of time we have in Newport.





## **MSO Board Nominations for 2019-2020**

### **Secretary**

My name is Molly O’Flanagan-Genard and I am interested in the position of Secretary for the 2019-2020 board year of Military Spouses of Newport. My family will be PCSing this summer for my husband to attend ILE; we are coming from Annapolis MD. I have previously held the position of Corresponding Secretary for the Fort Campbell Spouses’ Club from 2013-2016, and Secretary for the Fort Meade Officers’ Spouses’ Club from 2018-2019. Other positions I have held with responsibilities similar to that of Secretary include President of MOMS Club of Clarksville-East 2013-2016, President of MOMS Club of Annapolis 2018-2019, two FRG leader positions while stationed at Ft. Campbell (1-101AVN & 96<sup>th</sup>ASB), one while stationed at Ft. Lewis (1-23IN), and I am currently the Managing Editor of Hulafrog Annapolis-Severna Park.

I always get involved in some way with each spouses’ club wherever we are stationed. Spouses’ clubs are a great way to make friends when you’re new and I feel it’s important to work to give back to the military community & local community surrounding post. My husband Ryan and I have been married for 10-years, we have two sons, Guy (6yrs) and Bode (6mos). We also have two crazy dogs and we love anything that involves all of us getting out in nature for the day. Thank-You for your consideration and I look forward to getting to know everyone!

### **Treasurer**

Allison Gunta recently PCS’d to Newport. She has lived on the island twice before – once as a single gal until her husband swept her off to all the Navy ports of the world and another time she moved herself back to Newport when her husband deployed. It feels like home – but she has never joined MSO!

Now that she is a full fledged Navy wife, she is ready to jump into the MSO network and give back to the community as Treasurer. Allison holds a Master in Science in Speech Language Pathology and now works as a recruiter in her home office overlooking beautiful Kay Street. Allison served on the budget committee of their Home Owner Association in their previous duty station. Her experience on this board taught her that transparency, positive attitudes and a strong community are essential to a board’s success! Her husband jokingly refers to her as a “cheap yankee” merely because she is budget savvy and always looking for a better way.

She has a daughter, another baby on the way and is excited to jump into the MSO role – both as Treasurer and to bring ideas from her past spouse groups and experiences!

*Last call!*

*Pink Book goes to print soon! Please send any business or service additions to [milspousenewport.pinkbook@gmail.com](mailto:milspousenewport.pinkbook@gmail.com) no later than **April 30**.*