



# “Letters in the Sand”

## Vandenberg Spouses’ Club Newsletter

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### President’s Message by Constance Z.

Wow, was this holiday season a whirlwind for everyone else like it was for our family? During these last two months, the VSC had a lot of volunteer opportunities. I want to send a special Thank you to Dawn Kirts and everyone that volunteered their time for The VSC Cookie Express. We had a great turn out of homemade cookies. Thank you everyone that took time to bake for our wonderful Airmen.

The VSC asked for volunteers at the end of November to help decorate the Pacific Coast Club for Christmas. Thank you everyone, the club looked great for the holiday season. People keep telling me how cheerful it looked. Now that half of the year has passed us, the VSC is gearing up for our Masquerade Gala coming this March. This auction is our main charity and all monies raised this night go to our scholarship fund. Erin Epps is working very hard to make this event a great success.

Have you heard of the VSC Scholarships? If not please keep reading this newsletter. Jennifer Burrell and our scholarship committee are working hard to help all dependents reach their undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Sincerely,  
*Constance Zatorski*  
 VSC President

***VSC Mission Statement:*** *The Vandenberg Spouses Club is an All inclusive Charitable and Social Organization; Dedicated to Promoting a Sense of Belonging to, Support for and a Collective Voice of the Vandenberg Air Force Base Community.*



### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, Jan 26	Wine & Tapas	Avant Tapas & Wine, Solvang	6:30 PM
Thursday, Feb 23	Health & Wellness	TBD	TBD
Saturday, Mar 24	Masquerade Gala Auction	PCC	6:00 PM
Thursday, Apr 26	Price is Right	TBD	TBD
Thursday, May 24	Membership Appreciation	TBD	TBD



## January Event

Now that the hustle-bustle of the holidays are over, it is time to spend an evening of food (tapas-small nibbles of yum-mies), wine and fellowship with the Vandenberg Spouses Club.

Where: Avant Tapas & Wine, Solvang

When: Thursday, January 26, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

RSVP, NLT: Friday, January 20, 2012 to:  
[www.vandenbergspousesclub.org](http://www.vandenbergspousesclub.org)



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*\*\*Contact: Ashley Thompson for carpool coordination  
[programs@vandenbergspousesclub.org](mailto:programs@vandenbergspousesclub.org)\*\*  
 For directions and Avant's menu: [www.avantwine.com](http://www.avantwine.com)*

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## VSC Scholarships

VSC Scholarship Program Returns

The Vandenberg Spouses Club Scholarship program is back! In keeping with tradition, the VSC offers generous scholarship opportunities to undergraduate and graduate military spouses, high school seniors, and undergraduate dependents. Applications are available on the VSC website, [www.vandenbergspousesclub.org](http://www.vandenbergspousesclub.org), as well as at local high schools and in various locations on Vandenberg such as the Education Center, Family and Airmen Readiness Center, and the library. Applications must be submitted by **Friday, March 30, 2012**. For more information contact the Vandenberg Spouses Scholarship Committee at [scholarships@vandenbergspousesclub.org](mailto:scholarships@vandenbergspousesclub.org).  
 Jennifer Burrell, Scholarship Chair

## Cookie Express—December 2011



This year's Cookie Express was a huge success! More than 25 volunteers bagged over 5000 donated cookies given to Airmen living in dormitories on base.

## Masquerade Gala Charity Auction—March 24, 2012

The VSC Annual Masquerade Gala Charity Auction is a great event to benefit the VSC's scholarship and charity fund, as well showcasing the great local businesses that support the Vandenberg AFB. community.



### Seeking Donors:

Do you own a business here in our area? Do you know someone that does? The Vandenberg Spouses' Club is looking for area businesses to make our even Amazing! The event helps the VSC scholarship and charity programs, and can help your business reach the Vandenberg community in a fun and easy way. If you would like to be a part of our event or would like more information, please contact Erin Epps at [auction@vandenbersspousesclub.org](mailto:auction@vandenbersspousesclub.org)



## March Event

*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."*

*Winston Churchill*

## Cookie Express—December 2011



The assembly line.



Squadron Cookie Boxes ready to be distributed.





## VSC Special Activities—Mini Clubs

- **BOOK CLUB** POC: Shannon at [bookclub@vandenberspousesclub.org](mailto:bookclub@vandenberspousesclub.org)
- **BUNKO CLUB** Bunko meets on the second Tuesday of the month. POC: Courtney at [bun-ko@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:bun-ko@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)
- **GOLF CLUB** Our Golf club is a great way to have fun and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. POC: Celi at [golf@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:golf@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)
- **MAH JONGG** Mah Jongg meets every Thursday at the Pacific Coast Club at 9am. You are welcome whether you have never played or are an old (experienced) pro! POC: Laurie at [mah-jongg@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:mah-jongg@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)
- **MOMS, POPS & TOTS** Moms, Pops and Tots meets at Chapel 2 every Tuesday at 9:30am. POC: Laura at [mpt@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:mpt@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)
- **OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS**
- Like to do things outside and want to meet others who? POC: Brendan at [outdoorenthusiast@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:outdoorenthusiast@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)
- **RECIPE CLUB** Recipe Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Bring your favorite recipe and learn what others like to make! POC: John or Julie at [recipe@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:recipe@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)



- **RUNNING CLUB** This is a beautiful area and has perfect running conditions all year round. POC: Leticia at [running@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:running@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)
- **SHOPPING CLUB** Come join us for some shopping trips both near and far! POC: Amber at [shopping@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:shopping@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)
- **SCRAPBOOKING & CARD MAKING CLUB**
- Get together and get creative. POC: Gayle at [scrapbooking@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:scrapbooking@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)
- **WINE CLUB** Wine Club meets on the third Friday of the month at 6:30pm, but because of holidays some months are different. POC: Laurie at [wine-club@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:wine-club@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)

\*\*If there's a mini club you don't see here that you want to start, please let Lisa S., Communications Chair know at: [Communications@vandenbergsouplesclub.org](mailto:Communications@vandenbergsouplesclub.org)

## AIRMEN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER

**Marketing Yourself for a 2nd Career-** 9 Jan 0800-1030 at the 381<sup>st</sup> TRG Auditorium, bldg 8290. A free two and one half hour professional lecture for officers and senior enlisted who plan to leave the service in the next one to five years. Spouses are cordially invited. Call 606-0039 to register for this once a year seminar.

**Defense Technology & Intelligence Career Fair:** 31 Jan, 1000-1400 at the PCC. All Job Seekers (Military, Civilians & Contractors) with backgrounds & experience In the following are invited: \*Information Technology \* Software Engineering \* Aerospace \* Logistics \*\*Acquisition \* Electrical Engineering\* Communications \* Intelligence\* Finance \*\*Analysts \* Counter Intelligence \* Cyber Security \* Project Management \* \*Network Administrator \* Linguists \* Systems Administrator \* Human Intelligence. For a list of exhibitors, jobs being offered and to pre-register and submit resumes go to [www.TransitionCareers.com](http://www.TransitionCareers.com)

**Military Saves Week 19-26 of Feb:** A&FRC will be offering various finance classes, such as financial basics, Home-buying & foreclosure prevention, investment planning and Identity Theft prevention. Dates TBD.

## Airmen & Family Readiness Center Jan/Feb 2012

4 Jan & 1 Feb	10 Steps to Federal Employment- class for military and military spouses, who are interested entering into federal career field	0830-1200 A&FRC
During Military Saves Week	Are You Ready to Invest? Investment Basics	1330 - 1600
30 Jan 27 Feb	Big Brothers & Big Sisters Volunteer Orientation	Noon - 1300
26 Jan	Bundles for Babies: Any parent expecting a baby will receive a free layette as well as a wealth of information to prepare for baby. Briefings on financial preparation, stress management, car seat safety, nutrition, and other resources/services	0830 - 1100
10 Jan 14 Feb	Family Law Assistance Day- call 606-0039 for one on one assistance regarding any family law related questions	Call for 30 min appt
10 Jan During Military Saves Week	Financial Basics - Budgeting & development of a Spending Plan-	1100 - 1200 (Lunch & Learn)
During Military Saves Week	Home Buying/Foreclosure Prevention Workshop	
During Military Saves Week	Identity Theft and Scams Prevention	1100-1200
18 Jan 15 Feb	Manage Your Move: Briefings TMO, Finance, Legal Claims, Housing, Relocation Assistance programs. Military and spouses welcome to attend.	0830 - 1130
Every Friday, except holidays & family days	Pre-Separation Briefing (required before attending the 3 ½ day TAP Workshop), spouses welcome to attend	1300-1600
Every Tuesday	Personal and Family Readiness Briefing (Pre-deployment)	1300-1400
25 Jan 22 Feb	Resume Writing / Interviewing Class	0900 - 1200
4 Week class meets on Mondays 1430-1630, beginning 23 Jan	Stress Management- Learn about the various means to help to develop resiliency during stressful times-relaxation training, mental management, conflict management and emotional intelligence.	1430 - 1630
10-13 Jan 7-10 Feb	TAP Seminar (DoL Employment Assistance-preparing for a career change, medical record review by DAV & VA Benefits)	0800 - 1600
During Military Saves Week	Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) - Understanding it!	1100 - 1200 Lunch & learn
13 Jan 10 Feb	Veterans Affairs Benefits Assistance: Any veteran or active duty member that has questions regarding the VA Benefits programs such as Disabilities Claims, GI Bills, VA Home Loan, VA Health Care can stop by to speak to the VA Regional Benefits Counselor	0800-1100



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Honorary Advisor Ellen F.

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### **VSC Vacancies / Volunteers**

Historian: take pictures at events, get the best ones to the Communications Chair, make scrapbook of the year's events.

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