

ACCF General Meeting Notice

NORMAL START TIME
Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 7:30 PM
Hazel Conference Center
Virginia Hospital Center – Arlington
1701 North George Mason Drive

1. **7:30pm** - Pledge of Allegiance (formal start of meeting)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes (February 5, 2008)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports/Announcements
6. **7:50 – 8:00 pm** - Overview of Neighborhood College
(See Page 1)
7. **8:00 – 9:10 pm** - Public Service Program – Food Safety
in Arlington – (See Page 1)
 - Presentation - (20 minutes)
 - Questions and Answers by Public Service
Committee panel (10 minutes)
 - Delegate and Alternate Questions and Answers
(40 minutes)
8. **9:10 – 9:30 pm** - Resolution on Central Place
Observation Deck – Public Services committee (20
Minutes) (See Page 2)
9. 9:30 – 9:35 pm - New Business & Other
10. Adjournment

Neighborhood College - Overview

Katie Brown-Henry, Neighborhood Planner for the Arlington County Community Planning, Housing and Development Neighborhood Services Division will present a brief presentation about the Arlington Neighborhood College. The presentation will include information on the genesis of the program, past sessions and highlights of some past graduates. In addition brochures and application forms for interested parties will be available at the meeting. Katie is very excited about offering the program county wide for the first time this year. Plan to sign up for this spring's program!

Banquet – Remember the ACCF Banquet I
March 28, 2008 – See next Page!

Food Safety in Arlington

By Public Services Committee

Hear from Arlington's Public Health Director, Dr. Reuben Varghese, about safeguarding public health and specifically ensuring that our food is safe. Topics covered will include:

- Structure of Arlington PH's Environmental Health Bureau
- Which "food service establishments" are regulated by the County; fixed locations vs. temporary locations (like County Fair vendor booths)
- Regulatory philosophy: a) focus on prevention rather than merely scheduled visit or case reaction oversight; b) HACAP -- calculation of establishment 'hazards'/risk of problems [why this philosophy leads to fewer 'restaurant closure notices' for Arlington reported in the newspapers]
- Frequency of Arlington site visits versus National Standard recommendations
- What are likely symptoms and how to report a case of suspected food poisoning
- Accessibility of inspection results/ratings for the public

A select Public Services Committee panel will pose some general questions prior to an Delegate and Alternate Q & A period, such as:

- What should a resident do when they suspect a problem?
- What constitutes a roach and rodent infestation?
- How are licensing and inspections handled for Taste of Arlington and similar events?
- Compliance rating systems, percentage/grading system vs. what Arlington does?

Tidbits

New activities or actions, considered by the Executive Committee since the February meeting are itemized. Where noted, material has been posted to our Web site.

1. **Increased Electronic Communication** – Clipboards for Email address will continue to be available at every general meeting OR, better yet send it to us!
2. **ADs** – See many revisions/additions to Accessory Dwellings (ADs) documents since our last meeting (on the Web Site). The County is planning a public forum in late March – see the Web for latest schedule and any further ACCF plans.



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April Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2008
The Major Topic: Revenues and Expenditure Report
April News deadline: March 14, 2008

ACCF Banquet Particulars!

We expect to see all at the annual Civic Federation banquet on March 28, 2008 at the Hyatt Arlington. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. For further information check the Web Site and/or contact Frances Finta (703-528-2882).

The Banquet committee has selected **Colonel Laura J. Richardson**, Garrison Commander at Ft. Myer as the featured speaker. This year September 9, 2008, is a significant 100th anniversary. The first military test flight of an aircraft was made from the Fort Myer parade ground on Sept. 9, 1908, when Orville Wright kept one of his planes in the air for a minute and 11 seconds.

A brief biography of the newly installed Garrison Commander:



Colonel Laura J. Richardson grew up in Colorado and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant Aviation Officer upon graduation from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado.

Richardson's first assignment after flight school was in the 17th Aviation Brigade in Korea from 1987 to 1991 where she served as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Assistant Brigade S-4 and Company Commander.

She next served at Fort Hood, Texas, from 1992 to 1995 on the III Corps Staff and the 6th Cavalry Brigade as a Company Commander and Brigade Adjutant. She was assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1995 to 1997 serving at the Battle Command Training Program, followed by the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Richardson was next assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, from 1997 to 1999 in the 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation as the S-3 and Executive Officer. She then departed for Washington D.C., and was the Military Aide to Vice President Al Gore from 1999 to 2001. She returned to Fort Campbell and the 101st from 2001 to 2004 and served as the Division Deputy G-3, then Commander of the 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Following battalion command, Colonel Richardson was assigned to the Army Staff in G-3/5/7 and served from 2004 to 2006 as deputy director and director of the Army's Transformation Office. Following the Pentagon tour, she was assigned to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Leslie J. McNair in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Richardson's military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Army Rotary Wing Course, UH-60 Blackhawk Course, Air Assault School, Airborne School, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Colonel Richardson's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal (seven), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Senior Army Aviator Badge.

Colonel Richardson is married to Colonel Jim Richardson. They have one daughter, Lauren, who is 18 years old and will attend college in the fall.

Resolution on Central Place Observation Deck

At the February meeting a "draft" resolution on parameters for public access to the Central Place Observation Deck was introduced. Since that time, the Public Services Committee has refined parameters and language for a committee supported resolution. Check the ACCF Website for latest information and the revised proposed Resolution prior to our meeting.