



# Communiqué

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of Fort Benning

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## A Letter from our President

Can you believe we are at the end of another year? With all the warm weather it's hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us. It wasn't until I saw the "countdown" signs around The Landings on exit 8 announcing to all that there were only 34 more days 'til Christmas that reality set in. At that moment is when a sense of panic crept up on me and I felt the need to shop, shop, shop. If you're feeling behind the power curve as I was, just take a big breath, let it out and remember no matter what ends up under the tree your families will be happy. Seeing the joy, love and happiness on another's face is and will be rewarding. I know because I get to experience it by seeing many of you at each luncheon and event. I've been so blessed to be your president this year. Not only has CSC kept me busy (a good busy), it has been really fun and I've enjoyed myself. I hope you can say the same. I'll leave you with a few Christmas quotes and songs to warm your hearts and make you smile.

Happy Holidays!  
Jennifer Parker

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year."  
~ Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

"Like snow flakes, my memories gather and dance - each beautiful, unique and too soon gone."  
~ Deborah Whipp (web designer)

Christmas is forever, not just for one day,  
For loving, sharing, giving are not to put away  
Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.  
The good you do for others is good you do yourself...  
~ Norman Wesley Brooks, "Let Every Day Be Christmas" 1976

And finally the second verse from my all time favorite Christmas carol, Silent Night!

"Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah  
Christ the Savior is born!"



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## **December Birthdays**

Your Ft. Benning CSC wishes you a Happy Birthday! Please enjoy a birthday cake (\$10 value) sponsored by **Columbus Corner Bakery** located at 5727 Moon Rd Ste. K, phone number (706) 568-4455. Please contact Hospitality Chair Andrea Gunter for your gift certificate.

- 1—Vestana Greene
- 1—Lisa McLane
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Girls, Inc. needs kitchen supplies such as dishes, flatware, bake ware and pots and pans

**RSVP Deadline:**

December 7, 2011

cscreservationsfb@yahoo.com

Sandra McLean (706) 507-1161

\*Members who cancel after the deadline will be responsible for the cost of their admission before attending the next event.

## The Community Spouses Club of Fort Benning

Presents the December Luncheon

December 14

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Supper Club

### Menu Choices

Grilled eggplant on a bed of wild rice  
Sautéed yellow squash  
Carrot cake  
OR

Tossed Garden Salad  
Roasted sliced turkey breast in a light turkey gravy  
Cornbread dressing  
Mashed potatoes with turkey gravy  
Green beans and rolls  
Pumpkin Pie  
OR

Roasted sliced pork loin topped with a light rosemary sauce  
Wild rice and seasoned baby carrots  
Double chocolate cake

Dirty Santa Door Prizes!

"Tackiest Holiday Sweater"  
Contest!

Vendors will help you with last  
minute holiday shopping!



#### CSC 2011-2012 Reservations Policy

Reservations/Cancellations are due via e-mail (cscreservationsfb@yahoo.com) or phone (706.507.1161) on or before Wednesday, the week before the luncheon. Example: For our luncheon on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, you must reserve/cancel on or before the deadline date of Wednesday, December 7, 2011. If you cannot attend and do not cancel your reservations, you WILL be responsible for payment of that luncheon. You can only attend one luncheon as a non-CSC Member.

Permanent CSC Luncheon List: It requires a credit card on file. You will not need to e-mail or call each month. We will charge your card each month for the luncheon. If however, you are unable to attend a luncheon, you must cancel your reservation on or before the deadline date, otherwise you will be responsible for the luncheon, and your card will be charged.

Payment: Pre-paid by credit card (preferred), check (payable to CSC) mailed to CSC of Fort Benning; Attn: Reservations; P.O. Box 51978; Fort Benning, GA 31995-1978, or cash, check or credit card at the luncheon.

NOTE: YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FEES FOR RETURNED CHECKS AND OR IF YOUR CREDIT CARD IS DENIED, WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT CASH PAYMENT FROM YOU FOR ALL FUTURE CSC EVENTS.

All credit card and personal information are confidential and will not be released to any other parties.

## Wadsworth women bring new meaning to Army family

The women of the Community Spouses Club of Fort Benning always have something in common – that special bond of wives, sisters, daughters – joined together in support of the men they love serving their country and all the wonders and hardships that entails. But two members of the Fort Benning CSC have a bond that goes beyond even this. Dani Wadsworth has enjoyed memberships in spouses clubs' at every post her husband, Col. Michael Wadsworth, was assigned to throughout her husband's almost 30 year career. So who best to introduce to this world of friends and mentors than her own daughter-in-law, Megan? Megan is married to Dani's oldest child, Capt. Brendan Wadsworth.



Dani Wadsworth and Megan Wadsworth live within viewing distance of each other's homes on Fort Benning.

The family found themselves assigned to the same post this year when Brendan became a student at the MCCC. Col. Wadsworth arrived ahead of the Armor school's move to Fort Benning in January of 2010. They've never been assigned a post together and are enjoying this unique opportunity.

"It's nice to have them here," said Dani. "They can come for dinner and then go home. It's easier than planning a week-long visit."

"We get to do fun things together," said Megan. "I get to see these neat ceremonies that I would not normally be exposed to."

Married in February of 2010, Megan is still learning the ropes of being an Army wife. She finds a mentor in her mother-in-law.



The Wadsworth officers and their wives at Megan and Brendan's wedding last year.

"I had no idea how to be a military spouse," said Megan. "And now I have an expert."

Dani stays busy working for GNC and Megan is currently in school learning to be an Emergency Medical Technician, which compliments her degree in athletic training. Despite their busy schedules, Dani and Megan see each other about once a week, either for dinner or running errands. Dani is still able to cook dinner for Brendan when Megan is at school in the evening.

"He'd go right back to his bachelor days if it weren't for her," said Megan.

The ladies are enjoying their membership in the CSC.

"I'm having a great time," said Megan. She enjoys the fundraisers and themed luncheons as well as the mentoring from more experienced military wives.

"I get good insight from senior wives," she said.

Col. Wadsworth is planning his retirement, to take place next year. Meanwhile Brendan and Megan are hoping to be here until the summer.

"We get to do a lot of fun things together," said Dani. With friendships often lasting only as long as a soldier's assignment, these two can be sure to stay in touch for a lifetime!

## Organization believes in girl power

Girls living in poverty have hope for success thanks to our December hospitality basket's recipient, Girls, Inc. This national organization has been operating under various names in our community since 1952. They currently have four centers in our area and use various programs to help girls six to eighteen become "empowered girls in an equitable society."



According to their web site at [girlsinc-columbus.org](http://girlsinc-columbus.org), the organization uses its programs to help girls focus on education and careers, appreciate culture, gain self-confidence and tools to express themselves.

For the month of December, Girls Inc. is asking for kitchen supplies like dishes, flatware, bake ware and pots and pans so they can prepare and serve their holiday meals. Please bring these items to the December luncheon and let's fill that basket!



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# December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Wreath & Tree Auction	3
4	5	6	7 Luncheon Reservation Deadline	8 Santa at Riverside	9	10
11	12	13	14 CSC Luncheon	15	16	17
18	19	20 Beginning of Chanukah	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30 Fantasy of Lights ends	31



CSC member Kelly Furtick shows off her team spirit and delicious bars for the November luncheon cookie exchange. It was great seeing all the jerseys, but especially playing the "Can you name the team?" game!



## Scholarship application now online

The CSC of Fort Benning scholarship application for the 2011-2012 year is now online. The deadline for application submissions is a postmark of March 31st, 2012. Military and contract employee dependents can go to our web site at [fortbenningcsc.org](http://fortbenningcsc.org) to download and print the application. If you have any questions, please call our Scholarship Chair, Christina Gladding, at (702) 285-7397 or email her at [gladding3@gmail.com](mailto:gladding3@gmail.com).

# WELCOME

## New Members

Kristina Stump  
Cindy Snodgrass  
Michelle McNeill  
Jessica Bender



## Restaurant Review

By: Tiffany Ann Grimm

When I first pulled into the parking lot of Clearview BBQ, I was a bit nervous. From the outside, Clearview looks like a “hole in the wall” but once you try the food, you know you’ve found Columbus’ “diamond in the rough!”

My friend Liz and I went on our lunch hour. I won’t lie, Clearview was packed. There was a long line, and I thought we would never get to order. But I was wrong. The line went quickly and we ordered.

I ordered their signature sandwich. The 99 cent Chipper. The meat is chipped, tiny shards of juicy pork. You have your choices of many homemade delicious sauces. An extra treat is getting the Chipper all the way: BBQ, slaw, sauce, and dill pickles!

Besides the Chipper, Clearview offers scrambled dogs, tender chopped and sliced plates, smoked baked potato, corn on the cob, Brunswick stew, sweet tea, and many other Southern favorites. For a unique taste try the sweet Sausage-Que sandwich. It's a traditional barbecue sandwich with a split bratwurst sausage across the top!

Friendly reminder: Clearview BBQ only accepts cash, but for four dollars you can eat like a queen!



## Tour of Homes Needs Homes!

If you or someone you know would be interested in showcasing

your home in the spring for one of the CSC’s most popular fundraisers, please contact our Tour of Homes Chair,

Vicki Colon at

[csc.tourofhomes@gmail.com](mailto:csc.tourofhomes@gmail.com)

or (831) 601-5911.

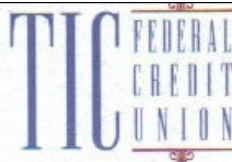
## Clearview BBQ

4222 River Rd, Columbus, GA 31904  
706-653-0407

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### BUT NOT HERE FOR LONG?

Spouses’ of Armed Forces Students stationed here at Fort Benning for six months or less are welcome to join the CSC with a special half price membership. For more information please send an email to Christina Collins at [ft.benningcscmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:ft.benningcscmembership@yahoo.com)



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