

# HEAVEN'S LANDING

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October 2016

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In the April 2016 edition of our newsletter we proudly reported on the plans of Frank & Bethany Weisser and their family who had just purchased Lot #184 at Heaven's Landing. Their desire was to build a full time residence within our development in spring of 2017, and Frank was going to end his extremely auspicious 16+ year career in the U.S. Navy rather inauspiciously!

One might beg to ask, "Why so close to being fully vested in a military retirement as a highly decorated combat fighter pilot and Commander in the U.S. Navy was Frank going to pull the plug on his career and forgo a litany of obvious long term financial benefits?" The answer came from Frank without hesitation in a single word, "Family."



On September 28th our "family" (Holly, Bella, Sean & Mike Ciochetti) enjoyed the

pleasure of an impromptu visit from a majority of Frank's family (Bethany, Kendall, Ben, Caroline, and Bethany's father Don Plunkett). Frank was unfortunately not present. While we had previously met Bethany and her father, this visit provided us with our first opportunity to meet the Weisser kids. Suffice it to say that it was gleeful! The kids bonded immediately, especially Bella and Caroline, who both are 3 years old. For the two of them, it was nothing short of magical!



## Angels Among Us!



Captain Jeff Kuss

The time spent with the Weisser family was something that we will never forget, and it shed a lot of light on the reasoning behind Frank's desire to leave the Navy early. What many Americans cannot comprehend, and far too many do not seem to appreciate these days are the numerous sacrifices made by the men and women of our arms services.

On a daily basis our military personnel unselfishly forgo many of their own personal liberties in the best interest of our liberty as U.S. Citizens. While the obvious perils of putting oneself in harm's way are largely understood, and the possibility of having to make the ultimate sacrifice is always looming, a far more basic and often overlooked sacrifice is simply time away from family.

Frank & Bethany Weisser understand this as well as anyone. Bethany and the kids are absolutely precious to Frank, and vice versa. So when Frank said that "Family" was his motivation to opt out early, it was very easy to understand.

Just as planned, Frank began the process of officially leaving the Navy and preparing for a new "post military" life here at Heaven's Landing. He and Bethany hired an architect to design their new home, and were well on their way toward breaking ground in spring of 2017. However, on June 2nd, 2016 fate would step into their path and those plans would be forced to change.

On that fateful day, U.S. Marine Capt. Jeff Kuss was tragically killed in a plane crash in Smyrna, Tennessee. This wasn't however just any plane crash, it was a Navy F/A-18 crash. And Capt. Jeff Kuss wasn't just any airman, he was a member of the world renowned Navy Blue Angels. Capt. Kuss was survived by his loving wife Christina, son Calvin, and daughter Sloane. Our eternal thoughts and prayers are with them. Capt. Kuss was also survived by another loving family, his brothers and sisters in the Blue Angels.

One might ask, "How does this seemingly unrelated tragedy in Tennessee have anything to do with Frank and Bethany Weisser planning to build a new home and start a new life at Heaven's Landing?" Once again the answer comes in the form of a single word, "Family".



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You see, Frank Weisser isn't just any old pilot. He is U.S. Navy Airman Commander Frank "Walleye" Weisser, who among other things graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2000, and was highly decorated for flying nearly 100 combat missions during Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn in Iraq, and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan over the course of 3 deployments. Frank was also selected to join the Blue Angels in 2007, and flew with them through 2010.



It was therefore not a total surprise, but indeed a huge honor when Cmdr. Weisser received a call from his Blue Angel "family" and was asked to fill the vacancy left by his fallen brother, Capt. Jeff Kuss. This highly unusual circumstance would require Commander Weisser to fly the remainder of the 2016 air show season and the full 2017 season with the Blue Angels.

After discussing the offer with Bethany, Frank accepted the offer and was immediately sent first to Virginia Beach, Virginia and then to Pensacola, Florida to be requalified in the F/A-18 Hornet. Frank rejoined the Blue Angels in July of 2016 where he is now flying as the Opposing Solo (#6) and will take over as the Lead Solo (#5) for the 2017 season.



## Angels Among Us!



Cmdr. Frank Weisser now flies daily in memory of his fallen brother and fellow Blue Angel, Capt. Jeff Kuss. Jeff will be forever missed by all those who knew him, and he will never be forgotten. Faith tells me that Jeff Kuss is sporting a different set of wings now, and smiling down upon both of his loving families with pride. It is said, "Once an angel always an angel", and that seems to apply here in more ways than one.

Frank and Bethany Weisser are still planning to build their dream home in Heaven's Landing, but the start date has been postponed until spring of 2018. We're ready when you are guys! Proud to have you as neighbors no matter when it happens!

We at Heaven's Landing would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the U.S. armed forces and their families for the numerous sacrifices that you make on behalf of our great nation. May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless America.



## GIV Fly Out

Time is running out to register to attend the Heaven's Landing Fly Out to Great Exuma, Bahamas at the luxurious new Heaven's Landing Outpost at Grand Isle Resort from November 10th-13th. Enjoy a relaxing getaway and have some fun in the sun. Catch a glimpse of what Great Exuma is all about. If you are curious about rates and Grand Isle Resort's red carpet itinerary, you can view them [here](#). Don't have a plane? No problem! Delta Airlines has daily non-stop flights from Atlanta and several other cities. Space for the fly-out is limited and reservations close out on October 20th, so be sure to reserve your accommodations today by filling out this [form](#). Email the completed form to [mike@heavenslanding.com](mailto:mike@heavenslanding.com) or fax it to (706) 212-0000.



## A Mike, Mike & Mike Adventure!

All too often life gets in the way of the things that we should all be doing far more often. Like spending quality time with the people that we love. Plans to do these kind of things frequently get bypassed because of conflicting schedules, distractions, etc. In essence, life gets in the way of living.

All three of the Mike Ciochetti's (Mike Senior, Junior & the Third) have been planning a fishing trip to Islamorada for a couple of years, but were always having to put it off for one reason or another. So when Mike Ciochetti Sr. was recently diagnosed with throat cancer, and scheduled to have a long regiment of radiation therapy, the three decided to push life aside for a while to go and do some living.



A deep sea fishing charter was immediately set up in Islamorada, Florida with renowned Captain Skip Bradeen of the Blue Chip Too. The Ciochetti family has been fishing with Skip for over 50 years, so it was only natural to do so, and a bit of a reunion as well.

While fishing and relaxing were the primary focus of this trip, there was also a call for some adrenaline to flow. Possibly a Ciochetti trait! So, unbeknownst to Senior, Mike Jr. and Michel III set up

some skydiving in Deland, Florida, and the trio took a slight detour on the way down to the Keys.

Now during the Korean War, Mike Ciochetti Sr. was in the U.S. Army where he became a paratrooper. He was "Airborne" and quite proud of it, recording 22 jumps during his time there. However, all of his jumps were done with a static line, meaning that he had never done a freefall, and all of his jumps were done more than 64 years ago. So suffice it to say that it took a bit of negotiation, but Senior ultimately succumbed to the peer pressure and at the tender age of 85 reluctantly agreed to partake in the thrill of the day. You're the man Pop Pop! A short video of the entire weekend adventure can be seen [here](#).





Time spent together with family is all too often few and far between. The clock is our enemy, and there is no way to turn it back. Take time to step out of "everyday life" once in a while to make sure that you are truly "living".

We are happy to report at this writing that Mike Ciochetti Sr. is half way through his radiation therapy and the cancer is losing the battle. You're one tough son of a gun old man! Thoughts and prayers are always appreciated.



Last month we had the privilege to once again host wannaGOFAST, a high speed racing event on our runway. With 3500 in attendance and over 250 drivers, the weekend was festive and filled with speeding down the runway. There were nine award classes: Overall Exotic/Import, Overall Domestic, AWD, RWD, Manual Transmission, and Heavyweight Vehicle (Over 4,000 lbs). Listed below is the winner of each category.

### Overall Exotic/Import and Fastest Manual

Shine Auto Salon (Built by Underground Racing) Murad Alzuraiki-216.97 MPH



### Fastest Overall Domestic and RWD

Forse Horsemen Racing - Sal Patel – Dodge Viper - Fastest RWD & Fastest Overall Domestic – New Rear Wheel Drive World Record & Track Record for Heaven's Landing– 224.55 MPH

### AWD

Fast Lane Repair (Built by Dallas Performance) - Jason Bergstrom – Lamborghini Gallardo – Fastest All Wheel Drive – 200.71 MPH



### Fastest Heavyweight

VanDrake Racing - Benjamin VanHook – Jeep Cherokee SRT-8 - Fastest Heavyweight – 174.28 MPH



## And while you're here, be sure to visit...

### *Ladybug Farms*

Ladybug Farms is a community supported agriculture farm found right here in Rabun County Georgia. The farm is owned and operated by Terri Jagger Blincoe, and provides fresh, organic produce to several of Clayton's highly rated restaurants (Fortify and Fromage just to name a few) Terri had spent several years in the corporate world before she decided to do something she felt passionate about, building a community around nutritious, locally grown food.



Terri has done so well in the development of Ladybug Farms that it has recently become the first USDA Certified Organic Hay Supplier. The hay is ideal for both feeding livestock, as well as providing a chemical free mulch alternative. Terri also offers a cooking lesson each month, where she features produce that is in season and creates a delicious, easy to make dish using five ingredients or less.



Ladybug Farms also has a summer delivery program where each week they deliver a basket full of fresh produce that was grown right here in Clayton, Ga.

If you want to learn more about Ladybug Farms and events they have coming up, be sure to check out their [Blogger website](#).





### Heaven's Landing Christmas

We know it is a long way off, but we have already begun planning this years Christmas Party! Mark your calendars for December 17th and be sure to keep an eye on the newsletter for when we finalize the time! Enjoy a wonderful festive dinner, filled with holiday spirit. Who knows, maybe the big man himself will show up.



## Upcoming Events ... November 25th



### *Christmas In Downtown Clayton!*

Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26, 2016  
Shop locally this year on the infamous "Black Friday" and Saturday

#### Annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

Rabun County Civic Center \*\*\* Free Admission \*\*\*

Friday, November 25, 10am - 5 pm & Saturday, November 26, 10 am - 5 pm

*Providing a large selection of unique gifts  
Over 50 Artisans and Crafters offering many one of kind product*

**NEW THIS YEAR !!!!! MANY MORE EXHIBITORS IN THE DINER !!!!!**

#### Christmas in Downtown Clayton

Sponsored by the Clayton Merchants & Business Association (CMBA)

**Merchants will stay open Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> until 8 pm**

*Offering festive refreshments, door prizes and special sales*

*Kick off your holiday shopping in town with Santa*

*Stroll the streets listening to live holiday music and enjoy the beautifully decorated shops*

*www.downtownclayton.org or www.explorerrabun.com*

#### The Festival of Trees and Preview Party

**Proceeds go to Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy Rabun Co.**

*Preview Party - Wine and Cheese Reception - Rabun County Civic Center*

**Saturday, November 19, 5 pm - 7 pm \$10.00 per person at the door**

*Trees are displayed during the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show*

**Friday, November 25, 10am - 5 pm & Saturday, November 26, 10 am - 5 pm**

*Silent Bids close at 5 pm on Saturday, November 26*

*There will be a wide variety of fully decorated trees ranging in size from 3 feet to 7 feet*

**For more Information: 706-982-9432**

## Heaven's Landing Concierge Services

**Heaven's Landing Concierge Services** is on call for our truly unique and mobile owners. The Heaven's Landing staff is pleased to provide clients with a vast array of services.



Please call the office at **706-212-0017** for pricing information and other consultations. Please note that due to offering a vast array of services to our owners, all requests for assistance will be billed at a pre-arranged fee.

Some of our commonly requested services include the following:

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| Interior Cleaning           | Alarm/Security Checks                           |
| Holding Postal Mail         | Scheduling Party Staff and Maintenance Services |
| Receiving Service Personnel | Transportation Needs                            |
| Landscaping                 | Receiving Furniture, Appliances, and Packages   |
| Lot and Yard Maintenance    | Tree Removal                                    |
| Shopping                    | Window Washing                                  |
| Pressure Washing            | Gutter Cleaning                                 |




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## Quick Links

**Weather Link** — Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA conditions and forecast from [NOAA](#).

**Heaven's Landing Facebook Page** — ["Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark."](#)

**Rabun County Tourism Development Authority** — [ExploreRabun.com](#), (706) 212-0241.

**Marina and Boating Information** — [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at (706) 782-5193 or [LaPrade's Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

**Local Events and Information** — [Rabun County Chamber of Commerce](#) at (706) 782-4812 and [Rabun County Visitors Bureau](#) at (706) 212-0241.

**Facebook "Likes"** — Exploring the back woods: [Waterfall of Western North Carolina](#), [Waterfall and Back Roads of North Georgia](#), and [The Wayward Traveler](#).

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## Airfield Fuel Prices



### Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS      \$3.99 / gal\*

JET A      \$4.29 / gal\*

*\*Prices Subject to Change.*

*Prices as of February 2, 2015*





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