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## *Guest Speaker Paul E. Galanti: The Attitude Adjuster*

*Commander Galanti was born in New Jersey and raised in a military family. He graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in 1957 and the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962. Upon completion of advanced flight training in November of 1963, he was chosen to be a flight instructor in Pensacola, Florida.*

*In November 1964, he was assigned to Naval Light Jet Attack Squadron 216 (VA-216) based aboard the carrier USS Hancock. Galanti flew 97 combat missions in his A-4C Skyhawk before being shot down while conducting an attack on a railroad siding near Vinh, Vietnam. He was captured on June 17, 1966 and remained a prisoner of war of the North Vietnamese for nearly seven years and was released on February 12, 1973.*

*Galanti not only maintained his sanity, he has managed since his return, to excel in several different fields. He is an extraordinary man who has maintained a positive attitude despite having been deprived of "what should have been some of the best years of my life." Which he replies, "Not so, the best years are here, now!"*

*Commander Galanti's military decorations include the Silver Star, Two Legions of Merit for combat, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star for combat, nine Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal for combat and two Purple Hearts.*

*Recognized for his speaking ability Galanti's inspirational message has been delivered to more than 1,300 groups ranging from school children to groups of physicians. Please join use for this special event.*

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## 14th Annual Blue Ridge Kite Festival

The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce is excited to host the 14th Annual Blue Ridge Kite Festival in Roanoke County’s Green Hill Park on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. No Pets are allowed on festival day.

Enjoy a day of outdoor family fun with free admission, free parking, free children’s t-shirts and free kites to children attending with an adult (while supplies last). The Richmond Air Force Kite Club provides an entire day of quality entertainment. Come out and join us for a day of fun!



## Upcoming Events

Feb. 23	Wake Up To Business 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hosted by: Sam’s Club Towne Square Plaza Reservations Required
March 5	Fresh Studio – Ribbon Cutting & Open House 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 1121 East Main Street Salem, VA 24153
March 16	Networking Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hidden Valley Country Club 2500 Romar Road Salem, VA 24153 Reservations Required
March 22	Annual Dinner 5:30 p.m. – Reception 6:30 p.m. – Dinner Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center 2801 Hershberger Road Roanoke, VA 24017 Reservation Required
April 21	14th Annual Blue Ridge Kite Festival 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Green Hill Park Salem, VA 24153
April 25	Wake Up to Business 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hosted by: Salem Terrace at Harrogate 1851 Harrogate Drive Salem, VA 24153 Reservations Required
June 9	ShrimpFest Salem Civic Center Arena 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## 2012 Business & Technology Showcase

The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the Salem Civic Center for hosting the 2012 Business & Technology Showcase that was held on Wednesday, February 1st. Approximately 420 people attended the event and enjoyed a Q & A session with a panel of doctors from LewisGale Regional Health System. Dozens of wonderful door prizes were awarded and numerous business connections were made.



Thank you to all of the sponsors: Blue Ridge Copier, Salem Civic Center, Salem Catering, BB&T, LewisGale Regional Health System, Salem Red Sox and National College, for making the 2012 Business & Technology Showcase a success!



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