

Commodore Guidelines

The Commodores are a group of professional volunteers from various backgrounds who serve as a liaison between the Chamber and its members. The goal of the Commodores is to encourage meaningful participation in the Chamber's programs and services for new and existing members in an effort to build member commitment and increase member retention.

Our goal is to make new members feel welcome and fully informed of the benefits of membership, make current members feel valued and appreciated and, at the same time, enhance your own business exposure in the community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Commodores are as follows:

- To support and actively participate in the goals and action plans set forth by the Board of Directors of the Chamber.**
- To welcome and involve new members by encouraging participation in Chamber sponsored events.**
- New member mentor visits, with report to be given at the monthly Commodore luncheon.**
- Attend Ribbon Cuttings, greet at Chamber sponsored events, Grand Openings, Ground Breakings and assist at Business Showcases.**
- Serve as a Mentor to new Chamber members by visiting their business quarterly for 12 months to enhance their awareness of Chamber activities. This also provides a unique opportunity to address any issues that they might have and promote retention as a Chamber member, as well as gain exposure for your business.**
- Commodores are responsible for purchasing their black Commodore blazer to be worn during the months of September through April.**
- A white polo will be worn during the months of May through August and will be provided by the Chamber.**
- Commodores scheduled to attend events will be appropriately dressed and professionally groomed while representing the Chamber. Khaki slacks or skirt should be worn with the blazer or polo on the day of events.**
- Commodores will be expected to RSVP for luncheons so that appropriate preparations can be made.**
- Active Commodores will attend scheduled events and luncheon meetings with no more than 3 absences per 12-month period.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Commodores will be assessed an annual membership fee of \$150.00. Billing for these fees will be completed by the Chamber office and may be paid by the Commodore on an annual basis.

COMMODORE BENEFITS

The benefits of the Commodores are as follows:

- Commodore will be provided a nametag with business name.**
- Commodore will be given unlimited opportunities to gain new business contacts and develop relationships with fellow Chamber members and prospective Chamber members.**
- Gain recognition in the community as being one of the most valuable assets to the Chamber.**
- As upgrades are made to the Chamber website, a listing of each Commodore's name, business and photo on www.dcc.org.**
- Recognition in the Chambers' Business Magazine, "Directions", for the "Commodore of the Quarter."**
- Commodores will be given opportunities at the monthly luncheon to display business cards, brochures and promotional information from their business. Speaking opportunities will also be provided upon request prior to the meeting.**