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US Army Helicopter Pilot is Guest Speaker at CRWC May Meeting



CRWC members pose with guest speaker Amber Smith (4th from left) and their signed copies of her book, *Danger Close: My Epic Journey as a Combat Helicopter Pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan*.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC) hosted guest speaker Amber Smith, U.S. Army combat veteran, author, TV commentator, and President of Beacon Rock Strategies, at the group's May meeting. She is the author of *Danger Close: My Epic Journey as a Combat Helicopter Pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan*.

Smith spoke of her multi-generational military family, her challenges while breaking into the elite “boys club” of helicopter pilots, her combat team missions and narrow escapes, and her recent experience at the Department of Defense (DOD) Public Affairs’ Outreach office. By the way, she felt no special or different treatment by the “boys club” because she is a woman – it is tough on everyone!

The audience members were intrigued with her stories of experiences in combat and impressed with her knowledge, eloquence, and bravery. Since CRWC is a political organization, Smith was asked if she might ever consider running for political office. The audience was very pleased when she answered that she might consider it someday. She was urged to stay in touch should the day arise.

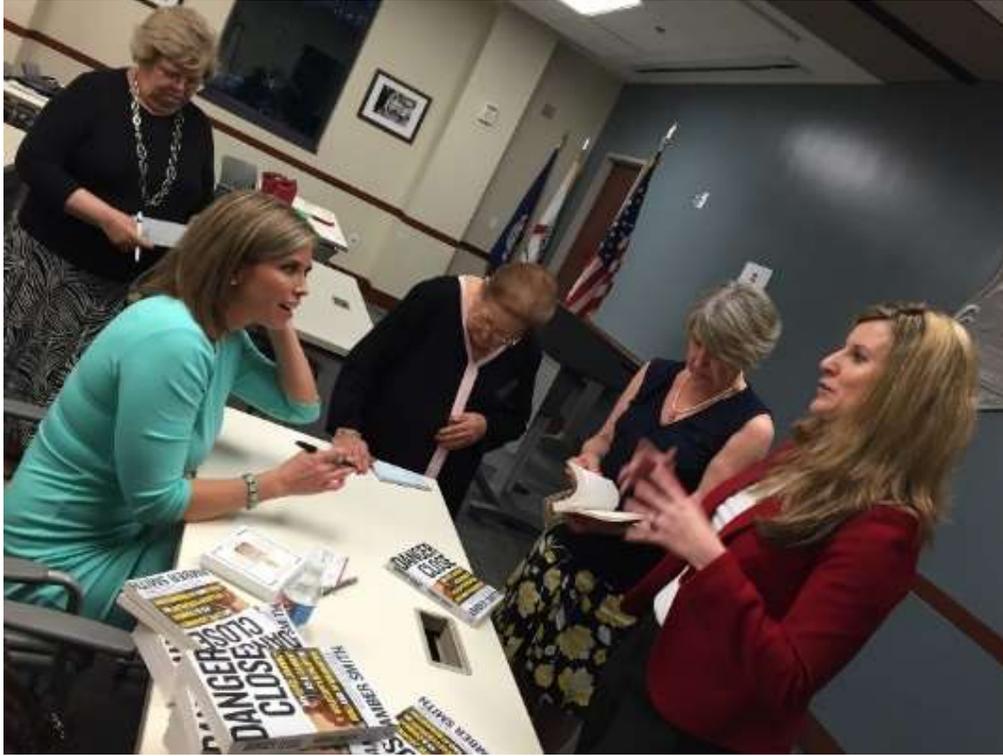
CRWC is Alexandria’s local chapter of both the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). CRWC encourages local conservative women of all ages to become more politically involved by helping support and elect Republican candidates to public office at the local, state, and national levels. The club also has a conservative book club and organizes activities to support local community charitable organizations. More information on CRWC is available at <http://www.alexandriacrwc.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/AlexandriaCRWC> .

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Former U.S. Army helicopter pilot Amber Smith speaking at the Commonwealth Republican Women’s Club (CRWC) meeting.



CRWC members were eager to get a signed copy of guest speaker Amber Smith's book ***Danger Close: My Epic Journey as a Combat Helicopter Pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan.***