

Dallas ADPI Alumnae Association Charcuterie Board Demonstration, Nov. 8

Featuring Chef Janet L. Hoffman, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, Retired

Janet graduated from the University of South Florida with a BA in English Education and a MA in Adolescent Psychology. During the last year of her undergraduate studies, The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) came to the University and Janet immediately knew her destiny. She attended ROTC while working on her graduate degree and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Army in 1978. Janet came from a military family and felt at home serving for over 22 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2000.

Janet's Army family was also a Foodie family and she felt as comfortable in the kitchen as she was in combat boots. The Army provided her the opportunity to travel the world, and simultaneously study food. Gathering firsthand experience in foreign cuisines, Janet not only learned from neighbors, housekeepers, and a myriad of professional cooking schools throughout Europe and Asia, she graduated from Taunt Marie's (Kitchen) Cooking School in San Francisco, California in 1996. She was hired by Judith Ets-Hokin to teach in her expanding San Francisco Bay Area schools, The Home Chef. Judith provided her training to become a Chef Educator, and Janet taught the School Instructors in all areas of the cooking business. After returning from two years in Italy and Army retirement, she returned to Home Chef to continue to establish school procedures, recipes, and instructor methodology from 2000 – 2002. In 2004, Janet opened her own Cooking School while living in Chico, California and after four years, she shifted her energy to become an associate at a local winery New Clairvaux Vineyard. Working in almost every capacity in the winery, Janet ultimately attended Napa Valley Wine Academy and became the Wine Educator for the staff at New Clairvaux Vineyard, until 2018, when she and her husband Richard moved to Dallas, Texas.

Janet is married to a retired Marine Colonel, Richard, and they have two adult children. She has fallen in love with everything Dallas. Janet is enjoying retirement, has picked up new hobbies, loves the theater and plays Mahjongg every chance she gets.