



President's Message & Winter Newsletter 2018

February 14, 2019

Dear AUSA Monmouth Chapter Members,

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

This past calendar year ended with yet another impressive Winter Quarter for the Monmouth Chapter. For the third consecutive year, our Chapter was designated by AUSA as the "**Best Chapter**" in Category Two (600 - 999 members) for 2018 and was presented with AUSA's "Best Chapter 2018" Banner at the AUSA 2018 Annual Meeting & Exposition on October 8, 2018 in Washington, DC. This distinction recognizes the dedication and hard work from our Board Members, our Community Partners and our Individual Members. These volunteers are the foundation of our chapter and their unselfish contributions of time and talent enables everything this Chapter accomplishes. I could not be more satisfied and proud of what the Monmouth Chapter has achieved. My very special thanks to our Chapter volunteers who support our activities. "***Lets do it again in 2019!***"

Also, during the Opening Ceremony of the AUSA 2018 Annual Meeting, a Monmouth Chapter member, Staff Sergeant Vincent Pastore of the 254th Regiment (Combat Arms), New Jersey Army National Guard (NJANG), Sea Girt, NJ and his family (wife Tonya and three daughters - Angelina, Isabella and Sabrina) were presented with the **2018 AUSA Volunteer Family of the Year Award**. This award recognizes volunteerism and is presented annually to highlight a Family whose efforts have gone "***above and beyond***" in promoting the well-being of Soldiers and their Family members. I want to personally congratulate Staff Sergeant Vincent Pastore and his family for this Truly Remarkable Achievement.

To see all the other events that your Chapter was involved with during the Winter Quarter, please see our attached **Winter Newsletter 2018** published by Mr Charles Seal, AUSA Monmouth Chapter Newsletter Editor and Ms Kaitlin Kenny, our Graphic Designer with Solaire Creative, a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. In it you will find many interesting and newsworthy articles. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming 2019 events that will be scheduled throughout the year so monitor your emails, our Chapter website, and your Facebook and Twitter Accounts. I look forward to seeing you at the following upcoming Spring events for our Chapter:

- Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast at Applebee's supporting our Service Dog Initiative on Sunday, February 17, 2019 (**see the Flyer**)
- D.MONACO "Sip, Shop & Style" on Thursday, March 14, 2019 (**see the Flyer**)
- Young Professionals Events (Flyers coming)

As always, your past and continued support to our AUSA Monmouth Best Chapter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
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