Army Spouse Forum
April 09, 2019

The AUSA Dix Chapter and the Family Readiness Department of AUSA National co-hosted an Army Spouse Forum for Active, Reserve and National Guard Spouses at the SSG Jonah E. Kelly Army Reserve Center, Fort Dix, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (MDL), NJ. Attendees topped 50 including Military personnel, Military spouses, AUSA members and members of Community Veteran Support Organizations who manned Exhibit Tables. Representing the AUSA Monmouth Chapter were Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor and Ms Leslie Ross, Board Member. Other AUSA attendees were COL (R) Dennis Dougherty, AUSA First Region President and Northern NJ Chapter President; CSM (R) Arthur Maggs, Dix Chapter President; Ms Patty Barron, Director, Family Readiness, AUSA National; Ms Thea Green, Program Manager, Family Readiness, AUSA National; Mrs Vicki Cody, Keynote Speaker and her husband GEN (R) Richard Cody.

The Forum was opened by CSM (R) Arthur Maggs who provided welcoming remarks and introduced the Keynote Speaker, Mrs Vicki Cody, author of “Your Soldier, Your Army – A Family Guide” and her memoir, “Army Wife”, which won the 2016 USA Best Book Award for narrative and non-fiction.

The Forum then featured the following 3 Panel Speakers who each chaired a Panel Discussion: Ms Angela Caban, Founder of Homefront United Network, “Best Methods to Stay Connected to Your Soldier, Community and Your Unit”; Ms Karen Golden, Military Family Advocate, “Supporting Your Military Children” and Ms Wanda James, Army Emergency Relief, “Handling Financial Challenges”.

A Complimentary Lunch was enjoyed by the attendees who were encouraged to network with the presenters and exhibitors. Each attendee was issued a Swag Bag and a few went home with a Door Prize.

Vicky Cody graduated from the University of Vermont in 1975 with a BS degree in Education and for the next 33 years was an Army wife and Army mother of two sons. Her husband, Richard Cody, a West Point Graduate, was Commander of the 101st Airborne Division and retired in 2008 after serving as the as the 31st Army Chief of Staff. The Cody’s two sons, LTC Clint Cody and LTC Tyler Cody, are currently Apache Helicopter Pilots in the 101st Airborne Division. The 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) is one of the most deployed and recognized Divisions in the US Army, with a combat record spanning from the paratroopers of World War II to the Security Force Assistance Teams deployed in Afghanistan today.

Pictured left to right in the AUSA Group Photo are Charles Seal, CSM (R) Arthur Maggs, Vicki Cody, GEN (R) Richard Cody, Patty Barron, Leslie Ross, Thea Green and COL (R) Dennis Dougherty.
EIPA Annual Mayor’s Meeting & Luncheon

April 09, 2019

The Eatontown Industrial Park Association (EIPA) hosted its Annual Mayor’s Meeting & Luncheon at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel, Eatontown, NJ. EIPA is a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. Approximately 95 EIPA members and guests attended, including AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco. Attending from the Borough of Eatontown were Mayor Anthony Talerico Jr; Officer of Planning & Zoning, Erik Brachman; Borough Administrator, Cherron Rountree and members of the Eatontown Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC).

Following the Pre-Function Networking session, Ms Anna Mayer, EIPA President/Director/Administrator, welcomed the attendees and introduced the key individuals. Mr Bruce Steadman, Executive Director of the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA), presented updates on events related to businesses, traffic, taxes, budgets, special projects, Fort Monmouth corporate opportunities and the redevelopment of the Monmouth Mall. The event included a buffet lunch, Vendor Tables and Door Prizes.

Missing In America Project Interment Service

April 11, 2019

The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Shore Area Chapter 12, in coordination with the Missing In America Project (MIAP) conducted an Interment Service for the unclaimed cremains of 2 WWI Veterans, 5 WWII Veterans and 1 spouse of a WWII/Korea Veteran at the BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ. At the invitation from the VVA Shore Chapter 12, attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor. Approximately 30 attendees witnessed the Interment Service including Mr Gerry Scharfenberger, Monmouth County Freeholder; Ms Sue Kiley, Deputy Mayor of Hazlet, NJ and 19 Shore Area Chapter 12 VVA members including Mr Richard Gough, Cremains Project Chairman. Also attending were members of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 74, VVA Chapter 510, VVA Chapter 899, Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion Riders and the Jester Highway Motorcycle Club.

Participating in the ceremony were the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office Color Guard and bugle player Mr Frank Hughes from Bugles Across America. Acting Chaplain Bob Hopkins gave the memorial speech as well as the closing remarks about our responsibility as Veterans to never leave a fellow Veteran behind, whether on the battlefield or on the shelf of a funeral home.

The Missing in America Project was launched nationwide in January, 2007 as a registered 501(c)3 Non-profit Corporation. Its mission is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremains of American Veterans. A video of the Interment Ceremony, produced by Mr Tom Philips of G Street Productions, LLC of Holmdel, NJ can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKIM_Gozrg0.
The New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home (NJVMH), Menlo Park hosted its 39th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ. The NJVMH, Menlo Park is a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. Over 125 guests attended, including AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco. Following the Posting of Colors, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, Ms Elizabeth Schiff-Heedles, NJVMH, Menlo Park CEO provided Welcoming remarks and Words of Gratitude for the many Volunteers who donate their time to assist the 300 NJVMH, Menlo Park residents in their daily activities and brighten their days throughout the year. Mr Sean VanLew Sr, Director of Veterans Healthcare Services, Department of Military And Veterans Affairs (DMAVA), introduced the Guest Speaker, COL/Dr Lisa J Hou (formally DMAVA Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs) Assistant Commissioner for Operations, serving in the position of Deputy Adjutant General (DAG) for New Jersey.

L to R - Elizabeth Schiff-Heedles, Sean VanLew Sr, COL-Dr Lisa J Hou, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, Christine A Caratozzolo, Supervisor of Recreation

The Saint Jerome Elementary School in West Long Branch, NJ hosted its 34th Annual Gift Auction and Fashion Show at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa, an AUSA Monmouth Chapter Community Partner in Long Branch, NJ. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter were Ms Cynthia Wallace, Chapter VP for Awards and Ms Cathy Stewart, Chapter member who distributed flyers for the Chapter's upcoming events to interested individuals. Among those attending from Saint Jerome Elementary School were Sisters Angelina Pelliccia, Outgoing Principal; Elizabeth Dalessio, Incoming Principal Elizabeth Toft, Director of Religious Education and Ms Robin Stillings, Rosary Altar. Attending from Mater Dei Preparatory (MDP) School in Middletown, NJ was Ms Michele Petry, MDP Head Nurse.

L to R - Michele Petry, Cathy Stewart, Cynthia Wallace

L to R - Sr Elizabeth Toft, Sr Elizabeth Dalessio, Sr Angelina Pelliccia

L to R - Robin Stillings, Cynthia Wallace, Maureen Keane

Auction MC
Maureen Keane
The 99th Readiness Division, headquartered at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL), NJ, hosted the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Arlington, VA for 450+ Reserve and National Guard Soldiers and Family Members who were deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 established the YRRP to assist National Guard and Reserve members as they transition between their military and civilian roles. Speakers included LTG Charles D Luckey, Chief of the Army Reserve and Commanding General of the United States Army Reserve Command (USARC).

COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, manned the AUSA Monmouth Chapter Display/Information Table with AUSA brochures, newsletters, AUSA Membership Application forms, Army magazines and complimentary handouts. New AUSA Membership applications were received from 16 Soldiers. Assisting COL (R) Fuoco, part time was Ms Tyra Nelson, Lead Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Coordinator, 99th Readiness Division. On Saturday April 13, 2019, COL (R) Fuoco presented three “Veterans Employment: Challenges and Rewards” Workshops.

The YRRP is a Department of Defense (DoD) program that provides Reservists, National Guardsmen and their families with access to programs, resources, referrals and services to minimize stress during all phases of the deployment cycle. Reintegration during post-deployment is a critical time for Soldiers as they often live far from military installations and other members of their units. Commanders and leaders play a critical role in assuring that post-deployment Reservists, National Guardsmen and their families attend Yellow Ribbon events where they can access information on health care, education and training opportunities, financial assistance and legal benefits.
The Eatontown Lions Club, a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, hosted its annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast at the Meadowbrook School in Eatontown, NJ. In addition to “All You Can Eat” pancakes, prizes and raffles, the Easter Bunny made a guest appearance for picture taking sessions with the children. In attendance from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter were Mrs Kit Roache, VP Programs; Mrs Ellie Smith, Secretary and Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor. Lions Club officials included Mr John Xenakis, Treasurer and Mr Vito Ruffino, Membership Chairman. Also attending was the Honorable Anthony Talerico Jr, Eatontown Mayor and Lions Club member.

Colts Neck High School Naval JROTC Change of Command & Awards Ceremony
April 15, 2019

The Colts Neck High School (CNHS) Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) held its Change of Command and Awards Ceremony at the Colts Neck High School Gym/Auditorium in Colts Neck NJ. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter were COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President and CSM (R) Jack Chlapowski, VP Education. Following the Presentation of Colors and National Anthem, was the Change of Command Ceremony with remarks from the Outgoing and Incoming Commanders.

MAJ (R) Greg Penczak, USMC, Senior Naval Science Instructor at CNHS provided the Official Welcome which was followed by comments from Mr Shawn Currie, Principal, CNHS. Scholarships were then presented by the NJROTC Parents Club that included Cadet William G. Dean, AUSA member of the Monmouth Chapter, as the recipient of ROTC Scholarships to Texas A&M and the University of South Carolina.

Award Presentations were then conducted by 21 Veterans Service and Support Organizations. The Monmouth Chapter presented Cadet Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Tweeddale with the Navy League of the US (NLUS) Certificate of Excellence Youth Award and Cadet Marc Singer with the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) National Leadership Award. The event concluded with Refreshments being served in the CNHS Cafeteria.
The AUSA Northern NJ Chapter hosted its annual Leadership Dinner & Conference at the Royal Albert's Palace Restaurant, Fords, NJ. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor. Attendance topped 40, including ROTC Cadets from Rutgers University, JROTC Cadets from New Brunswick HS and Woodbridge HS, JROTC Color Guard from New Brunswick HS, members from all 4 New Jersey AUSA Chapters (Dix, Monmouth, Northern NJ and Picatinny Arsenal-Middle Forge) and AUSA Community Partners.

COL (R) Dennis Dougherty, AUSA Northern NJ Chapter President & AUSA First Region President, was the Master of Ceremonies. The Special Guest Speaker was BG Edward J Chrystal Jr, Northern NJ Chapter member, who currently serves as the Land Component Commander of the New Jersey National Guard. He is responsible for the Welfare, Training and Readiness of over 5000 Soldiers assigned to the 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 42nd Regional Support Command and the 57th Troop Command. BG Chrystal served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and his awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. COL (R) Dougherty presented ACE Electronics, a Monmouth Chapter Community Partner, with the “Exceptional Community Partner First Region AUSA, 2019” Award. Accepting for ACE Electronics were Ms Susan DiVila, VP Sales and Marketing & NJ State AUSA President and Mr Nish Patel, VP Operations. Guests enjoyed the open bar, Butler Passed Hors D’oeuvres and an authentic Indian Cuisine buffet dinner.

**Pictured in the AUSA Group Photo standing** left to right are CSM (R) Arthur Maggs, Dix Chapter President; Mr Charles Seal; COL (R) Dennis Dougherty; BG Edward Chrystal; Robert Hasanoeddin, Northern NJ Chapter Secretary; MAJ Sarah Bernal, Northern NJ Chapter VP; MAJ Avery Colon, Northern NJ Chapter Treasurer and 2LT Luis Sanchez, Northern NJ Chapter member. **Pictured sitting** left to right are CSM (R) Ernest Stoukas, WWII Veteran & Northern NJ Chapter member; Ms Susan DiVila; COL (R) Richard Plecner, Northern NJ Chapter member and Ms Evelyn Ortiz.
MONMOUTH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON

April 18, 2019

The Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) hosted a Women In Business Luncheon at iPlay America, Freehold, NJ. Attendance was 95+ including AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco. The Guest Speaker was the Honorable Christine Giordano Hanlon, Monmouth County Clerk who was elected in 2015 and also serves as the First Vice President of the Monmouth County Bar Association. After receiving her law degree from Fordham University in 1992, she practiced law for over 20 years focusing on government affairs and municipal law. Ms Hanlon served as the Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, NY from 1993 to 1997 during which time she prosecuted white collar, narcotics and violent felony cases. As creator of new programs for Monmouth County, Ms Hanlon discussed 1-The County Clerk’s Guidebook for New Business Owners, 2-Property Find Alert Service, 3-Register a Trade Name, 4-Open Public Records Search (OPRS) Website, 5-Overview of Business Liens, 6-Passport Services, 7-Veterans ID Cards and 8-Monmouth County Business Discounts for Veterans Directory & Applications.
The 99th Readiness Division at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL), NJ hosted a Cake Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the 111th Birthday of the US Army Reserve (USAR). Over 75 attendees witnessed the Ceremony including AUSA members Mr Charles Seal, Monmouth Chapter Newsletter Editor and CSM (R) Art Maggs, Dix Chapter President. Other attendees included MG Mark W Palzer, Commanding General, 99th Readiness Division, USAR; Ms Carol A Murphy, NJ State Legislature Assemblywoman, 7th District; Mr Robert J Maguire, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) for NJ and Mr Stephen G Melly, Deputy to the Commander, US Army Support Activity (USASA), Fort Dix, NJ.

Opening remarks, that included a summary of the history of the Army Reserve were given by MG Palzer which were followed by the Presentation of a Joint Legislative Resolution from the NJ Senate & General Assembly signed by Stephen M Sweeney, President of the Senate and Craig J Coughlin, Speaker of the General Assembly. Presenting the Resolution to MG Palzer was Assemblywoman Carol A Murphy. The Resolution states, in part, “WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the New Jersey Legislature to pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the men and women of the United States Army Reserve as they celebrate its One Hundred Eleventh Birthday...”

The celebration continued with the traditional cutting of the birthday cake with a sword jointly wielded by the Unit Commander, the youngest unit Soldier in attendance and the oldest unit Soldier in attendance.

On 23 April 1908, Congress created the Medical Reserve Corps which was the official predecessor of the US Army Reserve. After World War I, Congress reorganized the US Land Forces by authorizing a Regular Army, a National Guard, and an Army Reserve. The mission of the Army Reserve is to provide combat support, combat service support, peacekeeping, nation-building and civil support capabilities. Today’s Army Reserve is headquartered at Fort Bragg, NC and has a Congressionally authorized strength of 199,000 Soldiers, over 11,000 Civilians and 2075 units residing in all 50 states, 5 US territories and 30 countries. It is organized into 22 functional commands and 7 geographic commands. One geographic command, the 99th Readiness Division, provides Administrative, Logistics and Facilities Support to over 44,000 Army Reserve Soldiers spanning the entire Northeast Region of the United States that includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.
AUSA First Region Spring Meeting
April 26-27, 2019

The 2019 AUSA First Region Spring Meeting was hosted by LTC (R) Greg d’Arbonne, President of the COL Edward Cross Chapter of New Hampshire at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel, Portsmouth, NH. Co-hosts/sponsors were the Joshua Chamberlain Chapter of Maine and the two Massachusetts Chapters, Massachusetts Bay Chapter & Minutemen Chapter. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter were COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President and Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor. Attendance topped 75 including AUSA VP Membership & Meetings LTG (R) Patricia McQuistion, AUSA Senior Director of Membership COL (R) John Davies, AUSA First Region President COL (R) Dennis Dougherty, NJ State AUSA President Ms Susan DiVila and presidents/members from the 23 First Region Chapters.

The meeting was opened with welcoming remarks from COL (R) Dougherty and Mr Cliff Lazenby, Assistant Mayor of the City of Portsmouth which were followed by the National AUSA Briefing presented by LTG (R) McQuistion and COL (R) Davies. During the 2-day Spring Meeting, each Chapter President presented a “Share Our Story” view of their Chapter that included a chapter overview, initiatives, key programs and areas of concern. One concern, discussed at length, was the recent ruling that AUSA can no longer engage in activities that rely on chance or luck to determine the outcome such as 50/50s and raffles as part of their fundraising efforts. When money is given, the activity outcome must be determined by a skill such as a “closest to the pin” golf shot to win a prize.

Status/Information briefings were given by MG Mark W Palzer, Commanding General, 99th Readiness Division, USAR; COL Dina Wandler, Commander of the 1st Recruiting Brigade; COL (R) Dan Roper, Director of National Security Studies, AUSA National; LTC Jacob Johnston, Professor of Military Science, University of New Hampshire; CSM (R) Troy Welch, Director of NCO & Soldier Programs, AUSA National; SGM (R) Frank Yoakum, Executive Director of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) and MSG Richard McNamara, Senior Enlisted Public Affairs Advisor, Army Public Affairs North East. Several awards were presented including the 2018 AUSA Best Chapter Banner to the Monmouth Chapter for the third consecutive year.

The Spring Meeting concluded with the Mary G. Roebling Distinguished Service Award Dinner. This year’s recipients were CSM (R) Michael and Kathy Rice for their extraordinary volunteer service and support for the Veterans, Soldiers and their families throughout the State of New Hampshire and the Nation. Rising to the position of State Command Sergeant Major for the NH National Guard, Mike and Kathy were champions for the training and welfare of the men and women serving in the NH Army and Air National Guard. They can be seen at every deployment and redeployment ceremony, not just attending, but providing baking goods and information for the Troops and their families. Where Military members and Veterans need help, you are sure to see Mike and Kathy who have been lauded by several State and National organizations for their untiring and prolific work in improving the lives of Veterans and those still serving our Nation in Uniform.
AUSA Monmouth Chapter President, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, visited the Kearny Bank Branch in Long Branch, NJ to discuss the benefits and opportunities of Kearny Bank becoming a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. COL (R) Fuoco met with Ms Allison J. Wilson, Vice President / Business Relationship Officer for Kearny Bank and presented the history and structure of AUSA and the Monmouth Chapter’s Mission “Voice for the Army – Support for the Soldier” and explained how this mission is supported by four Pillars of Success (fundraising, community awareness, Soldier support and community education). Briefing information handouts were exchanged to include flyers for upcoming Monmouth Chapter events.

The Armed Forces Electronic and Communications Association (AFCEA) Greater Monmouth Chapter hosted a Luncheon at Gibbs Hall, Suneagle Golf Club, Eatontown, NJ. AFCEA is a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. Approximately 50 participants representing local businesses and organizations attended, including COL (R) John Booth and Ms Yvonne Bova, AUSA Monmouth Chapter, Board Members.

The event allowed for a half hour of networking before the formal program. Ms Donna Petro, AFCEA Greater Monmouth Chapter President, then welcomed attendees and introduced the agenda and sponsors, to include the AUSA Monmouth Chapter as a Bronze sponsor. Ms Petro also provided the opportunity for attendees to share announcements regarding their upcoming events. COL (R) Booth provided a description of the annual Jersey Shore Junior Science Symposium (JSJSS) and thanked AFCEA for their support. He also announced the Monmouth Chapter’s upcoming Army Birthday Celebration on June 14, 2019. The Guest Speaker was Mr David E Nuse, a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) & Deputy Executive Director of the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA), who provided an update on the Fort Monmouth Redevelopment effort and its impact on the Community.
The AUSA Monmouth Chapter and its Community Partner, Saint John Vianney High School (SJVHS), co-hosted a Wine Tasting and Young Professionals Networking Event in the SJVHS Cafeteria in Holmdel, NJ. The event attracted over 100 participants that included AUSA Monmouth Chapter Community Partners, Individual AUSA Members, Young Professionals and members of the community. There were 12 Wine Tasting tables, 5 Display/Information Tables, a Silent Gift Basket Auction, DJ Music and complimentary refreshments. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter were COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President with his wife Frances and Steven DiMezza, SJVHS Principal with his wife Teresa. The Guest Speaker was Mrs Margaret Kane, SJVHS Vice Principal.

3RD ANNUAL “PLAY HOOK-E”
TAKE A VETERAN FISHING DAY
May 04, 2019

Mr Vito Cardinale, President of Cardinale Enterprises LLC hosted its 3rd Annual FREE “Play Hook-e” Take A Veteran Fishing Day at Lake Julianna, Ponderosa Estates Farm, Milestone Township, NJ. “Play Hook-e from PTSD” was the theme of this fishing day that provided an opportunity for disabled Veterans to go fishing, relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of Lake Julianna with other Veterans and forget about PTSD. Staff Volunteers provided complimentary soft drinks, pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs and BBQ. Also FREE door prizes, loaner rods and reels, tackle, rigs, bait and other fishing equipment were available to ensure an enjoyable time for all. Over 75 participants were “lured” to this event, including AUSA Monmouth Chapter VP for Social Media, Ms Jackie Berman and Treasurer, Mr Glenn Parada.
The Monmouth Park Charity Fund, a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, hosted its 16th annual Kentucky Derby Day Celebration at the Blu Grotto Restaurant, Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ. Once again it was a sold out success with 2019 fundraising topping all previous years. Over 100 attendees participated in the celebration including Mrs Anita Roselle, Monmouth Park Charity Fund Board Trustee and Co-Chair of the Kentucky Derby Day; NJ Governor Phil Murphy, former NJ Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, AUSA Monmouth Chapter Board members Mrs Kit Roache, VP Programs; Mrs Cynthia Wallace, VP Awards; Mrs Ellie Smith, Secretary and US Army Liaisons from the Central Jersey Recruiting Company: SFC Kent Marshall, SFC Josh Simpson, SSG Kevin McCurley and SGT Jake Rodrigo. Kit Roache and Ellie Smith have worked on the Monmouth Park Charity Fund’s Kentucky Derby Committee for the past four years and are co-chairs of the Decoration Committee and Military Appreciation Committee. Cynthia Wallace served on the Decoration and Auction Committees. The Central Jersey Recruiting Company is part of the US Army Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Battalion, a Community Partner of the Monmouth Chapter. Pictured in the Army Liaison Group photo are left to right SGT Jake Rodrigo & guest, SFC Kent Marshall & guest, Mrs Kit Roache, Mrs Cynthia Wallace, Mrs Ellie Smith, SSG Kevin McCurley & wife and SFC Josh Simpson & guest.

This year’s event honored Maureen Lloyd for her tireless support and the countless hours she has given to help so many charities, serving as the leader of Monmouth Park Charity Fund for over 20 years, and for being the spirit and fire behind the success of the Kentucky Derby Day Celebration; Ruth Harms for her dynamic advocacy and philanthropic leadership for many local charities; former NJ Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno for serving as a trailblazer with passion and dedication to uphold the well-being of our community and the Barbara Black Family for sustaining the legacy and mission of Monmouth Park Charity Fund and legendary supporters of our community.

The Monmouth Park Charity Fund was created in 1946 to raise and distribute grants to non-profit agencies serving the residents of Monmouth County. To date, the fund has distributed over 9.6 million dollars to more than 100 service organizations. The AUSA Monmouth Chapter was one of 2018 recipients benefiting the Chapter’s Service Dog Initiative Program.
At the invitation of COL Caroline Pogge, Incoming Commander of the 1st Brigade, Atlantic Division, 84th Training Command, USAR, AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco attended the 1st Brigade Change of Command Ceremony at the Doughboy Gym, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. During the official Change of Command Ceremony, BG Rodney Faulk, Atlantic Division Commander, passed the colors of the 1st Brigade from the outgoing Commander, COL Christopher Mason, to the incoming Commander, COL Caroline Pogge. The passing of colors ensures that the unit and its Soldiers is never without official leadership, a continuation of loyalty and trust and an allegiance of the Soldiers to their unit’s Commander.

More than 75 attended to witness the Change of Command Ceremony. The Sequence of Events included Formation of Troops, Arrival of the Official Party, National Anthem, Invocation, Welcome, Passing of the Guidon (Unit Colors), Atlantic Division Commander’s Remarks by BG Faulk, Outgoing Commander’s Remarks by COL Mason, Incoming Commander’s Remarks by COL Pogge, Benediction, Army Song, Departure of the Official Party and the serving of Refreshments.

The Atlantic Division conducts battalion level and higher Mission Command Staff Training for US Army Reserve Forces in support of the Army Reserve Training Strategy and all Army Component Forces when directed to support post mobilization training for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). Additionally, it deploys Soldiers to support Army Service Component Command (ASCC) exercises focused on training the Army’s Regionally Aligned Forces.

COL Pogge holds a BA from Tulane University, Master of Healthcare Administration from the University of Kentucky, Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College and is completing a Doctorate in Public Health at Harvard University. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 OLC, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Valor Device and 2 OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 1 OLC, Operation Iraqi Freedom Campaign Medal with 4 Service Stars, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award) and Combat Action Badge.
The Garden State Chapter of the Association of Old Crows (AOC), hosted their 2019 Annual Member Appreciation Dinner and ROTC Scholarship Presentation at the Navesink Country Club, Middletown, NJ. Attendance topped 50 including Mr Myles Murphy, President of the AOC Garden State Chapter; COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter with wife Francis; CPT Eric Venditti, Rutgers ROTC Assistant Professor of Military Science; MSG James Knight, Rutgers ROTC Senior Military Science Instructor and Mrs Michelle Lawrence, Rutgers ROTC Administrative Assistant.

Welcoming/Opening Remarks were provided by Mr Murphy. Guests enjoyed the opening Champagne Cocktail Reception, open bar, Butler Passed Hors D’oeuvres, dinner and dancing. This year, four Rutgers ROTC Cadets (Cadet Akhil Chakka, Cadet Brett Lebrow, Cadet Richard McGreevy and Cadet Ruichvan Wu) received a Scholarship from the AOC Garden State Chapter.

AOC is a non-profit, international, professional association engaged in the science and practice of Electronic Warfare (EW), Information Operations (IO), Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations and other related disciplines. Through its Educational Foundation, AOC provided scholarship funds to the previously mentioned Rutgers ROTC students. The Cadets are chosen on a case by case basis by the ROTC Cadre using the following selection criteria: the student must be a ROTC Cadet, the number of scholarships should be 4 or 5 and it is recommended that the cadet be in a scientific major, however a cadet in need, in any major, may be selected.

The Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) co-sponsored, with eleven other sponsors, the THINKTANK 2019 Professional Development Event at iPlay America, Freehold, NJ. Eleven world-class speakers were brought in to challenge the participants, make them think and foster discussions. In addition, the venue allowed for networking with other professionals, participation in Breakout Sessions on many topics affecting businesses and attending business training seminars all for the purpose of helping Monmouth County businesses succeed.

The Keynote Speaker was Mr Eric Taylor, Founder & President of Empowerment Group International based in New Jersey. His presentation topic was “Life and Leadership Lessons from Superman - 10 Super Strategies to Empower Your Business, Career and Life in 2019”. Mr Taylor is a global expert on sales, leadership, employee motivation and personal development. As a keynote speaker, seminar leader, consultant and coach, he is passionate about collaborating with organizations and individuals to help them drive sales, become more highly effective and engaging sales managers and leaders while significantly boosting employee morale.

The event concluded with a Post-Event Happy Hour in the iPlay bar with food & drink specials for more networking and fun. Attending this event were over 125 participants from local businesses and organizations. Attending from the Association of the US Army (AUSA) Monmouth Chapter were COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President, and Ms Jackie Berman, VP for Social Media, who staffed the Chapter Display/Information table with AUSA brochures, souvenirs, Upcoming event Flyers and Community Partner & Individual AUSA Membership Applications. A new Community Partner Membership was recruited, The Connection, Inc, that became official on May 23, 2019.

During the event, COL (R) Fuoco presented the overall structure of AUSA, with emphasis on the Monmouth Chapter, to include its Mission “Voice for the Army – Support for the Soldier” in a two minute video. This video can be viewed at the following link:

https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AKGvzLBkDmu4V&cid=FA245DD09EAD1CDB&parid=FA245DD09EAD1CDB%21611&v=1&o=OneUp
EIPA After Hours In-Studio Event at 3 Chicks That Click Photography
May 09, 2019

The Eatontown Industrial Parks Association (EIPA), an AUSA Monmouth Chapter Community Partner, sponsored an After Hours In-Studio Event hosted by EIPA member 3 Chicks That Click Photography at their studio in Middletown, NJ. Over 40 representatives from local businesses and organizations attended including many EIPA members and AUSA Monmouth Chapter Community Partners Ms Anna Mayer, President/Director/Administrator of EIPA; Mr Steven Marchi, Owner & Founder of All Occasion Limousine LLC, Hazlet, NJ and Ms Carrie Kuczkowski, Marketing & Business Development, The Connection Inc, Hazlet, NJ. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor.

The event theme was “Your Professional Headshot Matters”. Ms Alyse Liebowitz, 3 Chicks That Click Photography owner, explained how a professionally created headshot on your business card will enhance your brand and business. If someone doesn’t know you personally, and their first impression of you on your business card or website is a less-than-professional snapshot or selfie, what will be their confidence level in your business or skills? You always want to present a professional first impression to potential clients, customers and employers. Attendees enjoyed a great presentation of wine, food, networking and fabulous door prizes.

MRCC PERKOLATOR BREAKFAST
May 10, 2019

AUSA Monmouth Chapter Board Members COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President; Ms Jackie Berman, VP for Social Media and Mr Sean Keating, Board Member attended the weekly Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) Perkolator Breakfast in Eatontown, NJ at the All Seasons Restaurant & Diner, a Monmouth Chapter Community Partner. Other Community Partners in attendance were Ms Tara Demyanovich from Shore Gastroenterology and Ms Dorothea D Zando from the Rosso Financial Group. The featured speaker was COL (R) Fuoco who presented the history and structure of AUSA and the Monmouth Chapter’s Mission “Voice for the Army – Support for the Soldier” and explained how this mission is supported by four Pillars of Success (fundraising, community awareness, Soldier support and community education). Handouts for upcoming Monmouth Chapter events were provided.
Pocketbook Bingo & Gift Auction
May 10, 2019

The Mater Dei Prep High School (MDPHS) in Middletown, NJ held its annual Pocketbook Bingo & Gift Auction in the school's Memorial Hall. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter were Ms Cynthia Wallace, Chapter VP for Awards, and Ms Cathy Stewart, Chapter member, who distributed flyers for the Chapter's upcoming events to interested individuals. Pictured in Photo 1 from left to right are Ms Cynthia Wallace and Ms Kathleen Daly, MDPHS Director of Admissions. Pictured in the upper left photo from left to right are Ms Cynthia Wallace and Ms Kathleen Daly, MDPHS Director of Admissions. Pictured in the upper right photo are Moms of students in MDPHS and Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) who support each other’s school activities: from left to right are Ms Betsey Giordano (CBA Mom), Ms Grace Borges (MDP Mom), Ms Cathy Stewart (MDP Mom), Ms Lori Seggio (MDP Mom), Ms Michele Petry (MDP Mom and MDP School Nurse) and Ms Cynthia Wallace (CBA Mom).

77th Sustainment Brigade Deployment Ceremony and Family Day
May 11, 2019

On 05/11/2019, the 77th Sustainment Brigade conducted a Deployment Ceremony followed by a Family Day complete with complimentary food, beverages and live music from the Phil Engel Band. On the next day, these Liberty Warriors departed Fort Dix, NJ for Ford Hood, TX on the first leg of their journey to the Middle East to participate in Operation Spartan Shield. Over 75 attendees witnessed the Deployment Ceremony including AUSA members Mr Charles Seal, Monmouth Chapter Newsletter Editor and CSM (R) Art Maggs, Dix Chapter President. Other attendees included MG Steven Wainsworth, Commanding General of the 377th Theater Sustainment Command; MG (R) William Terpeluk, former Commanding General of the 77th Regional Readiness Command; Mr Robert J Maguire, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) for NJ; COL Jake S Kwon, 77th Sustainment Brigade Commander and CSM Ricardo M Saunders, 77th Sustainment Brigade Command Sergeant Major. The ceremony included Posting of the Colors followed by Casing of the Colors for transport to their new location. Included in Guest Speaker MG Wainsworth’s remarks were the memorable words, “America only sends its Finest overseas.”

The 77th Division was organized at Camp Upton in Yaphank, NY on August 25, 1917, saw 68 days of combat in WWI, was deactivated in May 1919 and reactivated in the spring of 1942 for service in WWII. During its 200 days of combat in WWII, the 77th never fought in a losing campaign. The 77th's units have served with distinction in Vietnam, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. The 77th continues to support the Global War on Terrorism.
NJ DMAVA FY 2020 Assembly Budget Hearing

May 13, 2019

At the invitation of COL/Dr Lisa J Hou, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA), AUSA Monmouth Chapter representative Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor, attended the NJ DMAVA FY 2020 Assembly Budget Hearing at the NJ State House Annex, Trenton, NJ. The DMAVA Budget Committee, consisting 9 Assemblymen & Assemblywomen, was chaired by Assemblywomen Eliana Pintor Marin. Leading the 7 member DMAVA panel were BG Jemal J Beale, The Adjutant General (TAG) of NJ, and COL/Dr Lisa Hou who provided input and answers to the Budget Committee questions. Several members of the NJ Veterans Executive Legislative Action Council (VELAC) attended including the VELAC Chairman, Mr Robert E McNulty Sr, Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 13.

“Always Supporting Our Military” Collection Drive

May 14, 2019

With sponsorship from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, Senior History Students in Mr Larry Walsh’s history class at Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle, NJ collected over 75 pounds of Care Package items for shipment to Service Members Overseas. These were added to 300 pounds of items collected by Saint John Vianney High School (SJVHS) National Honor Society Students at SJVHS, Holmdel, NJ. Volunteers from “Always Supporting Our Military” picked up the items at SJVHS.

“Always Supporting Our Military” is a nonprofit organization in Toms River, NJ consisting of a group of about 20 Volunteers who collect items (food, toiletries, snacks and much more) and gather every Tuesday at the home of Director, Ms Barbara Youmans, to package the items for shipment overseas for our Military men and women.

The men in the Volunteers photo from left to right are Mr Steven DiMezza, SJVHS Principal; COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, AUSA Monmouth Chapter President and Mr Bill Weigel, Volunteer with “Always Supporting Our Military”. The women are “Always Supporting Our Military” Volunteers. Pictured 5th from the left is Ms Barbara Youmans, Director of “Always Supporting Our Military”.

Volunteers

Bill Weigel
Grand Re-Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel
May 15, 2019

At the invitation of the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel in Eatontown, NJ, AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco attended the Hotel’s Grand Re-Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The ceremonial ribbon cutting was performed by Mr Carey Tajfel, Co-President of Hotels Unlimited; Ms Courtney Mattsson, General Manager of the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel and Mr Anthony Talerico Jr, Borough of Eatontown Mayor who was the Guest Speaker.

The ceremony included lite fare, beverages and tours of the newly renovated hotel. The renovations encompass a total refresh of all hotel guest rooms, banquet and meeting rooms, and common areas. The hotel now boasts 208 new guest rooms and luxury suites with a modern design aesthetic and cutting-edge amenities such as Netflix® capabilities and plenty of plugs and ports. The Urbane Restaurant & Lounge, Club Lounge, meeting rooms, fitness center, swim-through indoor/outdoor pool, and more have been updated and revitalized. The hotel is also proud to feature the new Grand and Regal Ballrooms to accommodate up to 350 wedding or special event guests.

Pictured left to right in the Group photo are Mr Alfred Aloisi, Founder of Alfred Aloisi Associates and Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) Board Member; Ms Rachel James, Director of Catering and Sales, Sheraton Eatontown Hotel; Mr Anthony Talerico Jr, Borough of Eatontown Mayor and COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter.

Community Partner & Veterans Services Open House
May 16, 2019

The AUSA Monmouth Chapter hosted a Community Partner & Veterans Services Open House at the Saint John Vianney High School (SJVHS) in Holmdel, NJ. Participating with Display/Information tables were the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, 16 Monmouth Chapter Community Partners, 11 Veterans Services & Support Organizations and 36 Veterans Friendly businesses and organizations. The purpose of the Open House was to bring together these Community groups who all have the common interest of supporting Veterans and to provide them with a platform to meet, greet, network, interact and learn about each other and form lasting relationships that will benefit them in achieving their Veteran Support initiatives. Each Display/Information table offered a variety of interesting items including brochures, memberships, merchandise items, souvenirs and a spokesperson to promote/explain their product/service.

Welcoming Remarks were provided by Mr Steven Dimezza, SJVHS Principal and COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. Also attending were COL (R) Dennis Dougherty, President of the AUSA First Region and Ms Susan DiVila, NJ State AUSA President & VP of Sales and Marketing, ACE Electronics, one of the participating Community Partners. The invited Guest Speaker was LTC (R) Mark Wolfe, AUSA National Assistant Director of Army Reserve Affairs & Community Partner Program Manager. Complimentary refreshments were provided in the SJVHS Cafeteria. Feedback from the participants was positive and the AUSA Monmouth Chapter is now engaged in planning the next Open House.
At the invitation of the Rutgers University Department of Military Science - Army ROTC, AUSA Monmouth Chapter representatives COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President and Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor attended the Rutgers University Army ROTC 2019 Officer Commissioning Ceremony. Over 450 attendees witnessed the Ceremony including AUSA members COL (R) Dennis Dougherty, First Region President & NJ Northern Chapter President and CSM (R) Arthur Maggs Jr, Fort Dix Chapter President.

Opening remarks, were given by LTC Kevin W Siegrist, Professor of Military Science at Rutgers University which were followed by the Rutgers Address from Rutgers Chancellor Christopher J Molloy. LTC Siegrist then introduced the Keynote Speaker GEN Mark A Milley, the 39th Army Chief of Staff, who delivered a truly inspiring and on-point speech about the expectations and realities of serving in the Army, not only for the new 2nd Lieutenants, but for their families and the entire audience. GEN Milley then administered the Oath of Office to the 17 ROTC Cadets and presented them with their Certificates of being appointed a 2LT in the US Army, signed by Mark T Esper, Secretary of the Army.

The ceremony ended with two final traditions: (1) the “Pinning of Rank” whereby the Parents or Designated Guests of the newly commissioned officer attach the 2LT shoulder boards to the Officer’s uniform and (2) the “Silver Dollar Salute” when the newly commissioned officer proudly hands a Silver Dollar to the first enlisted member of the Armed Forces who salutes him or her. Following the ceremony, a complimentary lunch was enjoyed by all, including a slice of the Commissioning Cake.
Dedication of two Fisher Houses

May 22, 2019

At the invitation of the Fisher House Foundation, AUSA Monmouth Chapter representatives COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President; Mrs Kit Roache, VP Programs; Mrs Cynthia Wallace, VP Awards; Mrs Ellie Smith, Secretary; Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor and Mrs Karen Conti attended the Dedication of two Fisher Houses (#83 & #84) at the James J Peters VA Medical Center, Bronx, NY. Over 400 attendees attended the Ceremony including the Quantico Marine Corps Band, the St John’s School Choir, 5 former crew members of the USS Intrepid.

The Master of Ceremonies was the Honorable Ron Tocci, Director of the Westchester County, NY Veterans Service Agency. Opening remarks, were given by Dr Erik Langhoff, Director of the James J Peters VA Medical Center which were followed by Remarks from Mr Chuck Imhof, VP NY Sales, Delta Air Lines and BG (R) Loree Sutton, founding Commissioner, NYC Department of Veterans Affairs. Special Remarks were then provided by Mr Kenneth Fisher, Chairman & CEO, Fisher House Foundation which were followed by the Keynote Speaker Address by the Honorable Robert Wilkie, 10th Secretary of Veterans Affairs. At the conclusion of the remarks, Mrs Tammy Fisher presented the Fisher House Key to the James J Peters VA Medical Center.

The Dedication Ceremony then moved to the front of Fisher House #83 for the ceremonial Ribbon Cutting after which attendees had the opportunity to tour the Fisher Houses. Mrs. Kit Roache, Chair of the Monmouth Chapter’s Gingerbread Ball that is held annually in December, was invited to participate in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The Gingerbread Ball is listed as a doner on the Fisher House plaque that is displayed in each Fisher House. The AUSA Monmouth Chapter representatives were given a special guided tour by CAPT (R) Brian Gawne, USN, Fisher House Foundation VP Community Relations and his wife Jan. A complimentary buffet style assortment of hors d’oeuvres and beverages was available for all attendees.

In 1978, New York real estate icon and philanthropist Zachary Fisher and his wife Elizabeth founded the Intrepid Museum Foundation to save the historic and battle-scarred aircraft carrier USS Intrepid from the scrap yard. Four years later, in 1982, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum was opened. In 1990, Zachary and Elizabeth founded the Fisher House Foundation which provides no cost “home-away-from-home” accommodations for family members of patients receiving medical care at Military and VA Medical Facilities. Upon his passing in 1999, a total of 24 houses had been constructed. As of 2018, there are 73 constructed houses in 30 states, 2 in Germany and 1 in the United Kingdom. An additional 8 are under construction with a recognized need for 24 more. Current houses are located on 24 military installations and 33 VA Medical Centers. Fisher Houses range from 5,000 to 16,800 square feet, provide 8 to 21 bedroom suites and can accommodate 16 to 42 family members. They feature a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a spacious dining room and an inviting living room with library, and toys for children. The newest houses are 100% handicap accessible and include elevators. Each house is professionally furnished and decorated in the tone and style of the local region.
Manasquan High School Vietnam War Commemoration
May 23, 2019

The Governor William Livingston Chapter and the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), in conjunction with the Manasquan High School History Honor Society, hosted its 6th Annual Vietnam War Commemoration in the Manasquan High School library, Manasquan, NJ. During the event, attendees were treated with complimentary breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages. The objectives of the Commemoration were to Thank & Honor the Vietnam War Veterans, to pay Tribute to and Recognize the people of the United States and their Allies for their contributions and sacrifices for the war effort and to uniquely educate the Manasquan High School students through direct interaction with Vietnam War Veterans. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was Vietnam Era Veteran Mr Charles Seal, Chapter Newsletter Editor.

Introductory remarks were provided by Mr James Fagen, history, geography and sociology teacher at Manasquan High School and chair of the History Honor Society. He is also the co-founder of the Vietnam War Commemoration with LTC (R) Gladys Hayes, member of the DAR Governor William Livingston Chapter and wife of a multi-tour Vietnam War Veteran. Over 25 Vietnam War Veterans attended, including several members of the New Jersey Shore Area Chapter 12 of the Vietnam Veterans of America who provided their standard display of military munitions and Vietnam artifacts – a real crowd attraction. During the day, over 200 students stopped by and visited with the Veterans who provided a unique perspective of the activities they encountered as soldiers, both in times of combat and during their daily routines. These Veterans related their personal experiences, answered questions and engaged the students on a one-on-one basis to provide them with an understanding of what the war was about, what a typical day of a soldier was like and the truth concerning many of the misconceptions about the Vietnam War both in-country and at home. Of special mention was MSG (R) Ralph Maratea who interacted with the students in such a way as to peak their interest which resulted in a true learning moment.

Pictured left to right in the DAR Ladies Photo are Mary Grasder; Rhonda Aminian; Helen Russo-Alesi; Lynda Aber, Governor William Livingston Chapter Regent; Kathleen Evans, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter Regent; Marianne Sweet and Lillian Nemcik.
In remembrance of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country, Hackensack Meridian Health held a Memorial Day Ceremony in the Kurr Auditorium of the Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune, NJ to honor its team members who are also Military Heroes. The solemn ceremony was conducted in military fashion by uniformed members of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, who are part of the Military Honor Guard.

At the invitation of the Veterans at Hackensack Meridian Health (VAHM) Team Member Resource Group (TMRG) and the Diversity & Inclusion Department, AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco attended the Ceremony along with over 45 other Patriotic individuals. Guest Speakers were Mr John K Lloyd, Co-CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health and Executive Sponsor of the VAHM TMRG and Timothy J Hogan, President of Riverview Medical Center and Bayshore Medical Center. A flag folding ceremony was held with a United States flag which was presented to a VAHM Team Member who recently passed away. To view highlights of the Ceremony, visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMNtM5z4Nio. Following the Ceremony, refreshments were provided. Pictured with COL (R) Samuel Fuoco is Ms Renita Antoine, Vice Chair of the VAHM TMRG.
At the invitation of BG Jemal J Beale, The Adjutant General (TAG) of NJ, and the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA), COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, attended the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ. Guest Speakers were NJ Governor Phil Murphy and Congressman Andrew N Kim, the US Representative from New Jersey’s 3rd Congressional District. Included in the 750+ turnout was COL/Dr Lisa J Hou (formally DMAVA Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs) Now the Assistant Commissioner for Operations, serving in the position of Deputy Adjutant General (DAG) of New Jersey. COL (R) Fuoco presented the Ceremonial Wreath from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter.

The Schedule of Events included Welcome, Entrance of the Official Party, Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, Flyover, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Remarks, Musical Interlude, Presentation of the State Wreath, Presentation of Wreaths including the AUSA Monmouth Chapter Wreath, Remarks by Governor Murphy, Congressman Kim and BG Beale, Rendering of Honors, Taps and Benediction.

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action. It is traditional to fly the flag of the United States at half staff from dawn until noon.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (NJVVMF), a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, hosted its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum, Holmdel, NJ to honor all men and women who died in any war or Military action. These service men and women have selflessly paid the ultimate price to preserve the freedom of our great nation. The Keynote Speaker was NJ Assemblywomen Serena DiMaso, Legislative District 13. The program included a presentation of Wreaths by various area organizations and the NJVVMF Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Two scholarships were presented to graduating high school seniors whose winning essays focused on persons and events related to the Vietnam War. The attendance topped 250, including AUSA Monmouth Chapter Vietnam Veteran CSM (R) Jack Chlapowski, VP Education, who presented the Ceremonial Wreath from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter.
Monmouth County Clerk’s Veterans Parking Space Dedication Ceremony

May 30, 2019

In recognition of May being Military Appreciation Month, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon hosted a dedication ceremony for a newly designated Veterans Reserved Parking Space in the Market Yard Parking Lot, Freehold, NJ. Over 50 attendees witnessed the Dedication including COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, AUSA Monmouth Chapter President; Mr Shaun Golden, Monmouth County Sheriff; Mr David Salkin, Executive Director, Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ms Rosemarie D Peters, Monmouth County Surrogate.

The Schedule of Events included the Welcome, Flag Salute and Remarks from Ms Christine Giordano Hanlon, Mr Thomas A Arnone, Monmouth County Freeholder Director; Ms Lillian G Burry, Monmouth County Freeholder Deputy Director and Mr Christopher J Gramiccioni, Monmouth County Prosecutor. Following the remarks was the Unveiling and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. “As a way to continue to honor the service of our veterans, my staff and I are excited to provide this special reserved parking space for the hundreds of Veterans who visit our office each year,” said Monmouth County Clerk Hanlon. “More than 33,000 Veterans call Monmouth County home and we want these brave men and women to know that we appreciate their service and sacrifice.”

Guest on the “Bridging The Gap” Show on RVN TV

May 31, 2019

CCM (R) Michael Ferraro, USAF, President of “Bridging the Gap” for Veterans & Assistant Veteran’s Services Officer, Monmouth County Sheriff’s Department, invited COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter to be a Guest on his “Bridging The Gap” Show on the Radio Vision Network (RVN) television station in Cherry Hill, NJ. COL (R) Fuoco provided a 30 Minute Interview on the history and structure of AUSA and the AUSA Monmouth Chapter Mission “Voice for Army-Support for the Soldier” that is supported by four Pillars of Success (fundraising, community awareness, Soldier support and community education). He covered the Chapter’s 2019-2020 Goals & Objectives and explained the methods used by the Chapter’s Volunteer Board Members to support and achieve these objectives.

Also covered were the Chapter’s Upcoming Events. The interview was aired on RVN TV on Jun 14, 2019, the Army’s 244th Birthday and Flag Day. To view the show, use the following link: http://rvntv.tv/bridging-the-gap-2/?channel=bridging-the-gap

RVN TV is an internet-based television station. It brings business owners and professionals in from all over the viewing area to talk about what they do and why people should come to them. People do business with people they know or someone they can relate to. RNN TV gives you the opportunity to educate the viewers and let them get to know you while growing your business.
The NJ State Veterans Chamber of Commerce (NJSVCC) hosted its 2019 Procurement Expo at Rowan College, Mount Laurel Township, NJ. Participating with Display/Information tables were over 30 Veterans Service and Support Organizations, many of which are NJSVCC members. Representing the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor.

The NJSVCC was launched in November 2018 and is a 501(c)(6) Not for Profit organization that works with the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ (SHCCNJ) as well as the US Veterans Chamber of Commerce. It is open to all Veteran owned businesses with a mission focused on education, Veteran business advocacy, networking and procurement/supplier diversity events. Its goal is to make New Jersey’s economy fairer to Veteran owned and service connected Veteran owned businesses, as well as Veteran job creation. This Procurement Expo was designed to put attendees in touch with federal, state, county and municipal governments as well as utilities. There were supplier diversity personnel from the public sector on hand to discuss available contracting opportunities. Additionally, there were seminars and panel discussions offered throughout the day to help businesses achieve procurement ready status to take them to the next level.

The Agenda included Opening Remarks by COL (R) Jeff Cantor, Founder/CEO of the NJSVCC, and the Honorable Tom Pullion, Burlington County Director of Freeholders followed by remarks from several senior leaders that included the recognition of Mr Luis De La Hoz, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SHCCNJ, as the Civilian of the Year Awardee. Lunch was provided in the Cafeteria building. Pictured left to right in the Group Photo are Mr Roberto Frugone, President of The Frugone Group; Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor for the AUSA Monmouth Chapter; COL (R) Jeff Cantor, Founder/CEO of the NJSVCC; Mr Francisco Cortes, NJSVCC President; Mr Luis De La Hoz, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SHCCNJ and Mr Dominiec Belfiore, NJSVCC VP for Procurement Activities.

MEETING AT CAPITAL FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

Ms Jackie Berman, AUSA Monmouth Chapter VP for Social Media, met with Mr Victor Iannelli, Founder & President of Capital Financial Solutions Inc at his office in Century Office Park, Manalapan, NJ. Capital Financial Solutions Inc became a Monmouth Chapter Community Partner in May 2019. The discussion centered around the involvement that Financial Solutions Inc will have with the Monmouth Chapter going forward and the mutual benefits of such involvement. The focus of Capital Financial Solutions Inc is on financial and estate planning, tax-efficient investing and tax management strategies for high-net worth individuals and businesses. Its Mission is Wealth Accumulation and Financial Protection and Preservation for families and privately held business owners.
The AUSA Monmouth Chapter hosted the 244th Army Birthday Celebration and Awards Banquet at Gibbs Estate, Suneagles Golf Club in Eatontown, NJ. Over 100 attendees enjoyed the Celebration including the following Special Guests: former NJ LT Governor, Kim Guadagno; LTG (R) Guy Swan III, AUSA VP Education; MG (R) Randy Strong, former Commander of the Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and the 33rd Chief of Signal; COL/Dr Lisa J Hou, Deputy Adjutant General (DAG) of New Jersey; Ms Joann Downey, NJ Assemblywoman, Mr Eric Houghtaling, NJ Assemblyman; Ms Christine Giordano Hanlon, Monmouth County Clerk; Mr Thomas A Arnone, Monmouth County Freeholder Director; Mr Anthony Talerico Jr, Borough of Eatontown Mayor and Mr Jeffrey Finegan, Sr, George Washington Historian & Author. Also attending were 10 AUSA Monmouth Chapter Executive Board Members and 13 Monmouth Chapter Community Partners.

Prior to the start of the Event, Awards were presented. NJ Assemblyman Mr Eric Houghtaling and NJ Assemblywoman Ms Joann Downey presented NJ State Joint Legislative Resolutions from the Senate & General Assembly to deserving NJ High School students. Recipients were: Cadet William Dean-Colts Neck HS, Cadet Claudia DiStaso-Jackson Memorial HS, Cadet Jason Downey-Manchester Township HS, Mr Christopher Ferrandino-Colts Neck HS, Miss Lily Gardner-Red Bank Catholic HS, Cadet Jacob Glantzman-Wall Township HS, Cadet Christopher Halmi-Colts Neck HS, Cadet Kaitlyn Johnson-Central Regional HS, Cadet Daniel Mitchell-Central Regional HS, Cadet Gabriela Trzepizur-Manchester HS and Miss Lanna Washington-Neptune HS. CSM (R) Chlapowski, AUSA Monmouth Chapter VP Education presented AUSA Awards as follows: AUSA Junior ROTC Scholarship Award Recipients were $1,000 to Cadet Company Commander William Dean-Colts Neck HS (Navy JROTC) and $750 to Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jason Downey-Manchester Township HS (Navy JROTC). AUSA Citizen Scholar Award Recipients were $1,000 to Miss Miss Lily Gardner-Red Bank Catholic HS, $750 to Mr Christopher Ferrandino-Colts Neck HS and $500 to Miss Lanna Washington-Neptune HS. AUSA Certificate of Achievement Recipients were: Cadet William Dean-Colts Neck HS, Cadet Jason Downey-Manchester Township HS, Mr Christopher Ferrandino-Colts Neck HS, Miss Lily Gardner-Red Bank Catholic HS and Miss Lanna Washington-Neptune HS.

Following the Award Presentations, was a Cocktail Hour with Butler Passed Hors D’oeuvres, Cash Bar, Opening of the Silent Auction, a Book Sales and Signing session with Mr Jeffrey Finegan Sr, a George Washington Historian and Author of the “I Knew George Washington” Series of books and the Event Photography session with AUSA Community Partner, Mr Russ Meseroll including “Photographs in the Fireplace Room”.

CSM (R) Chlapowski provided Welcoming Remarks & Introductions that were followed by the Presentation of Colors by the US Army Central Jersey Recruiting Company; the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs Ellie Smith, AUSA Monmouth Chapter Secretary; the National Anthem by DJ Davide and the Invocation by COL (R) Tony Smith. Next was the traditional cutting of the 244th Army Birthday Cake that was created and donated by Ms Margaret Tamburri, Vice President of the New Jersey Bakers Board of Trade (NJBBT), a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. Following Military tradition, the cake was cut by the senior ranking Soldier present (LTG (R) Guy Swan, III), the youngest Soldier present (Cadet Daniel Mitchell) and the oldest Soldier present (Mr Jan Moren, Monmouth Chapter Board Member and Vietnam Veteran).

Following the cutting of the cake ceremony, was a scrumptious dinner and the presentation of AUSA Recognition Certificates to Community Partners by COL (R) Fuoco, President of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. Capital Financial Solutions Inc received a 10 year Certificate and Chip’s Driving School Inc received a 5 year Certificate. Also 5 Community Partners received Certificates for Significant Contributions. COL (R) Fuoco then introduced the Guest Speaker, Lieutenant General (R) Guy Swan III, AUSA Vice President for Education. The Program continued with the Presentation of the US Army Recruiter of Year 2019 to SSG Kevin B McCurley, US Army Central Jersey Recruiting
Station, Tinton Falls, NJ by COL (R) Fuoco. The Program concluded with the singing of the Army Song with assistance by DJ Davide, Retirement of Colors by the US Army Central Jersey Recruiting Company, the closing of the Silent Auction and closing remarks by COL (R) Fuoco followed by dancing to the music of DJ Davide.

The Monmouth Chapter extends a SPECIAL THANKS to the following:

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**244th Army Birthday Cake Donor:** Ms Margaret Tamburri, VP of the NJ Bakers Board of Trade (NJBBT), Community Partner.

**7 Silent Auction Donors.**
EIPA Annual “Presentation by Monmouth County Elected Officials” Meeting/Luncheon

June 19, 2019

The Eatontown Industrial Parks Association (EIPA), a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, hosted its Annual “Presentation by Monmouth County Elected Officials” Meeting/Luncheon at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel, Eatontown NJ. Approximately 75 participants representing local businesses and organizations attended including several Vendor Tables. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was Mr Richard Gaudio, Chapter Board Member. The Master of Ceremonies was Ms Anna Mayer, EIPA President/Director/Administrator.

The program commenced with a Pre-Function Networking Session which was followed by a Deluxe Corporate Buffet. Ms Mayer provided the Welcoming Remarks and introduced the two Guest Speakers. Mr Shaun Golden, Monmouth County Sheriff, spoke on “Operation Watchdog” and “HOPE ONE”. Mr Thomas A Arnone, Monmouth County Freeholder Director, spoke about the Monmouth County budget, taxes, services and two initiatives of the Monmouth County’s Division of Economic Development: “Grown in Monmouth” & “Made in Monmouth”. Following the presentations were Questions and Answers, Door Prizes and Raffles.

Monmouth County’s “Operation Watchdog”, powered by the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office, encourages residents and businesses to register their privately owned home/business video surveillance systems in an effort to increase safety and reduce crime. Law Enforcement recognizes that crimes can be committed at any place or time and that home/business video surveillance systems may have captured vital footage that could help solve crimes in our community.

Monmouth County’s “HOPE ONE” Mobile Unit travels to targeted communities throughout Monmouth County and connects with individuals with substance abuse disorders and their family members. The mobile unit is staffed with a Sheriff’s Officer, a certified peer recovery specialist and a licensed clinician. This unit contains a treatment facility and can provide immediate services plus Naloxone training in the County’s ongoing efforts to combat the opioid addiction epidemic. It leads to a path of recovery for those suffering from addiction.

The link to “Grown in Monmouth” is https://www.growninmonmouth.com

The link to “Made in Monmouth” link is https://co.monmouth.nj.us/documents/12/2019_MIM_VendorDirectory.pdf

A Night at the Ballpark

June 20, 2019

The AUSA Monmouth Chapter partnered with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) and hosted its annual Baseball and Picnic Outing “A Night at the Ballpark” at the First Energy Park in Lakewood, NJ, the home of the Lakewood BlueClaws, minor league affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, to benefit the Fisher House Foundation. Over 100 attendees enjoyed a Southern BBQ picnic at the 3rd Base area and each received a commemorative T-shirt by Stitches By Swyce, a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. This proved to be another successful event as we netted $30,000 for the Fisher House Foundation. It was also a good night for the Lakewood BlueClaws as they outlasted the West Virginia Power, minor league affiliate of the Seattle Mariners, with a 5 - 4 win in the 10th inning.
Ms Jackie Berman, VP Social Media, AUSA Monmouth Chapter attended the AUSA Chapter Leader Development Training (CLDT) course at AUSA Headquarters in Arlington, VA. Over 50 representatives from 34 Chapters attended plus all nine AUSA Region Presidents including COL (R) Dennis Dougherty, President of the AUSA First Region & President of the NJ Northern Chapter. Each graduate was presented with a Certificate of Training Completion by GEN (R) Carter F Ham, AUSA President and CEO, and LTG (R) Patricia McQuistion, VP of Membership & Meetings.

Over 30 instructors from the various AUSA National Departments conducted the 3-day training session including LTG (R) Guy Swan III, VP of Education; COL (R) John Davies, Senior Director of Membership; COL (R) Stanley Crow Director of Region/Chapter Support & National Guard Affairs; LTC (R) Mark Wolfe, Assistant Director of Army Reserve Affairs & Community Partner Program Manager; CSM (R) Troy Welch, Director of NCO & Soldier Programs; Ms Patty Barron, Director of Family Readiness; Ms Nzinga Curry, Director of Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) Programs; Mr Mark Haaland, Director of Government Affairs; Mr Harry Rothman, Chief Technology Officer and Ms Megan Ryle, Director of Membership Marketing.

Training topics included AUSA Mission & Membership, AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition October 14-16, 2019, Chapter Operations Manual, Chapter Annual Plans, Chapter Facebook, Calendar of Events, Budget Plans; Profile Sheets, Chapter Activity Report (CAR) Submission, Community Partners, ILW Programs, the AUSA App and the AUSA Skills Knowledge (ASK) program.

Attending AUSA’s CLDT is an excellent opportunity for AUSA Chapter Board members to learn about AUSA, its structure, its programs and to meet with National AUSA staff members at their Headquarters in Arlington, VA. Ms Jackie Berman was thrilled and honored during the Facebook training session when the Monmouth Chapter Facebook Page (her creation & responsibility) was used a good example.
Summer Newsletter 2019

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Beacon of LIFE “Heroes Among Us” Fundraiser

June 26, 2019

The Beacon of LIFE Center in Oceanport, NJ hosted a “Heroes Among Us” Fundraiser to Celebrate Veterans. Participating with Display/Information tables were over 15 Veterans Service and Support Organizations. Representing the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor. Representatives from Beacon of LIFE included Mr Pinni Friedman, Executive Director; Ms Michelle Buccheri, Director of Marketing; Ms Angela Ashley, Regional Director of Marketing and LTC (R) John Edward Occhipinti, Enrollment Specialist. Over 50 attendees gathered to view the new Center which was created by renovating the old Fort Monmouth Patterson Army Hospital. Attendees enjoyed a complimentary buffet with dessert from a Hoffman’s Ice Cream truck, a gift basket raffle and networking opportunities.

The Beacon of LIFE Center is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Center that provides the best solution for elderly people who require nursing home level of care, but can live in their own home and thus avoid live-in nursing home care. PACE is a program under Medicare/Medicaid through which participants receive all needed health care, including primary care and specialist physician services (other than emergency services), from the PACE organization or from an entity authorized by the PACE organization. Beacon of LIFE’s mission is to provide the newest healthcare and social service choices for elders living in Monmouth County. Eligibility requirements are age 55 or older, require nursing home level of care, able to live safely in the community with the help of PACE services and live in Monmouth County, NJ.
AUSA Community Partners Corner

Held every October, the AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition is the largest land power exposition and professional development forum in North America. This event consists of informative and relevant presentations, panel discussions on pertinent military and national security subjects, workshops and important AUSA business meetings.

There will be dozens of professional development events, seminars and presentations during this event including:

- AUSA Innovator’s Corner
- AUSA Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) Contemporary Military Forums
- AUSA Military Family Forums
- Sergeant Major of the Army NCO and Soldier Forum
- Small Business Forum
- Warrant Officer Professional Development Seminar
- Army National Guard Seminar
- Chief, Army Reserve Seminar
- Pre-Retirement/Survivor Benefit Plan Briefing
- Numerous International Networking events
- Department of the Army Civilian Professional Development Seminar

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Over 26,000 attendees from around the world
- 600 displays in five halls located on both levels of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center
- Over 250,000 net square feet of display space
- Nine international pavilions: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Korea, Turkey and the United Kingdom
- New AUSA Homeland Security Pavilion
- Small Business Pavilion
- Veterans Career Hiring Pavilion organized by the American Freedom Foundation
- Army Display with multiple messages set up by TRADOC
- Army Warriors Corner – Included presentations from senior personnel supporting key Army Themes
- Army Acquisition Rally Point – Occupied by ASA (ALT) personnel for meetings/visits and outreach.
- Installations, Energy & Environment (IEE) Rally Point
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TICKETS $40 | WWW.AUSA.ORG/MONMOUTH

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Combined Chapter Notice:

**2019 NJ Run For The Fallen**

**SEPTMBER 26-29, 2019**

Army Aviation Association of America, Jersey Chapter | AFCEA, Greater Monmouth Chapter

Association of Old Crows, Garden State Chapter | Association of the United States Army, Monmouth Chapter

Join us as we present Gold Star Honor and Remember Flags to the Families of Two of New Jersey’s Fallen Heroes During The NJ Run For The Fallen

**Thursday, September 26th** - LCpl. Jeffrey S. Stevenson; Hero Marker 137, 1:32PM, Avalon Veterans Plaza, Dune Drive & 21st Street, Avalon, NJ

**Sunday, September 29th** - Capt. Brian McNally; Hero Marker 472, 5:15PM, NJ State Police Station, Holmdel, NJ

**JOIN OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO HONOR**

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Please consider attending a Hero Marker Ceremony in your neighborhood during the New Jersey Run for The Fallen, September 26-29, 2019.

For a complete map of the 2019 NJ Run, timeline and activities, from Cape May to the NJ Viet Nam Veterans Memorial: [www.njrunforthefallen.org](http://www.njrunforthefallen.org)

Questions? Contact: LTC Bruce Ryba, USA, Ret., AUSA Board Member reeb66@yahoo.com | 443-966-1312 or Kit Roache, AUSA & AAAA Special Events: kitroache@Verizon.net | 732-788-4005

**Never Leave a Fallen Comrade**
EATONTOWN

Veterans Day PARADE

Organized by the Association of the United States Army
Supported by the Borough of Eatontown

Sunday, November 10, 2019
Route: Nicodemus Drive  |  Ends at Suneagles Golf Course
Starts at 1000 please be on site at 0900

CALLING ALL VETERANS!
Come out and participate in the parade and be recognized for your service

Also inviting all residents to participate or stand along parade route to show our thanks to all our local veterans.

For individuals vehicle will be provided if needed
Organizations are welcome to use their own vehicle and or trailer

Anyone wishing to enter any vehicle or trailer in the parade please contact:
Wayne Bard  |  732-272-2170  |  birdieman05@aol.com
Need all entries for Parade by 15 October, 2019.
Parade Arrives Suneagles Golf Club 10:00AM
Registration and Lunch 11:00AM
Shotgun Start 12:00PM
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$175 per golfer
(includes BBQ Lunch, Awards Reception & Dinner, Prizes!)

PRIZES:
Closest to the Pin
Hole in One
Longest Drive
Straightest Drive
Hit the Green

GOLF COMMITTEE:
Honorary Chair: Sal Martelli
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All fees must be paid by October 25th, 2019
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For additional details on sponsorships, please call Kit Roache at 732-788-4005.

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The Gingerbread Ball
TO BENEFIT FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION
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DECEMBER 7 | 6-11 PM

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Commemorative Program Advertisement
Full Page (8”h x 5”w) - $300 | Half Page (4”h x 5”w) - $150

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• Black and White or grayscale images only
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Contact Kaitlin Kenny at
k.grotto@solaricreative.com
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Gingerbread House Contest

The Gingerbread Ball | December 7, 2019
Ocean Place Resort & Spa, 1 Ocean Blvd, Long Branch, NJ 07740

Benefiting Fisher House Foundation, a 501(c)3 Not For Profit Organization, serving Military, Veterans and their Families, providing a “Home Away From Home” while receiving medical care at major military and VA Medical Centers of Excellence

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
Title: _________________________________________________________
Organization (if applicable): _______________________________________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________________________
Phone Number: _________________________________________________________________________________________________
Gingerbread House Title: _____________________________________________________________________________________________
Category (check one): Commercial ____ Professional ____ Adult (Ages 18+) ____ Student (Ages 12-17) _____
Email: ___________________________________________________________________________ Receipt of entry will be acknowledged by email.

Entries can be sent to: AUSA Monmouth Chapter P.O. Box 497 | Eatontown, NJ 07724
Permission to Auction House (check one):
My house can be auctioned to benefit Fisher House Foundation __________
OR I will be picking up my house at 11 pm on December 7 _______________________
Any Gingerbread Houses not picked up by 11PM on December 1st will be donated to AUSA Monmouth Chapter for disposal or distribution to local organizations and Fisher House Foundation.

Competition entry constitutes participant’s acknowledgment and consent to:
The Contest rules, The Contest’s right to photograph and use photographs of all entries for promotional purposes. The Contest, is not responsible for any loss damage, though every precaution will be made to keep entries safe.

Signature: __________________________________________________________________________ Date: ________________
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100% of all Entry Fees are donated to Fisher House Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. Fisher House Foundation holds a four-star Charity Navigator rating, and is one of a handful of military charities to receive an A+ rating from the American Institute of Philanthropy.

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Contest questions? Contact:
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