

Monthly Membership Meeting of the Colts Neck Women's Club

January 09, 2020



Group Picture

At the invitation of the Colts Neck Women's Club, AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, Chapter VP for Social Media Ms Jackie Berman and Chapter Newsletter Editor Mr Charles Seal attended the Club's Monthly Membership Meeting. COL (R) Fuoco 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).

COL (R) Fuoco, on behalf of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, personally thanked the 40+ Colts Neck Women's Club members for their generous donation of \$1,000 that was included in the \$15,000 donation that the Colts Neck Lions Club presented to the AUSA Monmouth Chapter on December 09, 2019 to benefit the Chapter's Service Dog Initiative, "Pairing and Caring for our Veterans". Ms Berman and Mr Seal distributed Flyers for the Chapter's upcoming annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraising Event on February 16th to support it's Service Dog Initiative and discussed the benefits of becoming an AUSA Member. Two new membership applications were received.

The Mission of the Colts Neck Women's Club is to maintain a center for the intellectual and moral welfare of its members, to advance the welfare of the community and to promote the interests of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. **Pictured left to right in the Group Picture** are Ms Susan Fitzpatrick, Ms Meredith Geneve, Ms Patricia Eastman (Co-President), Ms Jackie Berman, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, Ms Diana Piotrowski, Ms Anita Dedalas (Treasurer) and Ms Rorie Coppola (Military Support).

SJVHS Athletic Teams “Served those who Served”

January through March 2020

During January through March 2020, the NJ Veterans Memorial Home-Menlo Park, Edison, NJ, a Community Partner of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, hosted the following 3 Athletic Teams from the Saint John Vianney High School (SJVHS), Holmdel, NJ, also a Monmouth Chapter Community Partner: **Boys Varsity Wrestling Team (January 15), Girls Varsity Basketball Team - #1 Ranked in NJ & #11 Ranked in the Nation (January 29) and the Boys Varsity Ice Hockey Team (February 21).**

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Bowling



Boys Hockey Team



Boys Wrestling Team



Exercise Club



Girls Basketball Team



Hockey Team with 90th Birthday Boy



Tony Displays his Painting with Wrestlers



Trivia



Victor Guarnera Conducts Tour

AFCEA Greater Monmouth Chapter New President Meeting

January 16, 2020

AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, VP for Programs Mrs Kit Roache and Board Member Ms Yvonne Bova attended a meeting with the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's (AFCEA) new President Mr Charles De Sanno and past President Ms Donna Petro at the Pazzo MMX Italian Restaurant, Red Bank, NJ. Discussed were AUSA Community Partner Renewal procedures, the AFCEA Mission, the Monmouth Chapter's Mission (Voice for the Army-Support For The Soldier), an overview of AUSA's upcoming events and the benefits of mutual support opportunities for the two associations.



L to R Charles De Sanno, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, Donna Petro, Yvonne Bova

CNBA "BUSINESS CARD EXCHANGE" EVENT

January 21, 2020

Mrs Nancy Alario-Beliveau, Physical Therapist (PT), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Owner of the Holistic Healing Center hosted a Colts Neck Business Association (CNBA) "Business Card Exchange" Event at the Center's facility in Colts Neck, NJ. Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter were COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President and Ms Jackie Berman, VP of Social Media. Opening & Welcoming Remarks were given by Mrs Nancy Alario-Beliveau. The Event included food, drinks, networking opportunities, tours of the facility and Individual Physical Therapy Sessions for interested attendees. Ms Berman provided Flyers for AUSA Monmouth Chapter upcoming events.

The Holistic Healing Center is passionate about holistic health, integrative medicine, and exceptional patient care. They have built a loyal following of patients that enjoy the family-like environment and the attention to detail that they receive each and every visit. Their mission is to truly listen to each patient's needs and to maximize clinical outcomes for every patient, using a multidisciplinary approach. Their team of professionals includes physical therapy, acupuncture, cupping therapy, massage therapy, and naturopathic medicine to address the needs of the whole patient. Their practice has been built from referrals of patients that have had exceptional care and have efficiently surpassed their goals from therapy. The Holistic Approach, unlike traditional Western medicine which tends to rely heavily on pharmaceutical-driven interventions, strives to present you with the many options available to you to reach wholeness and optimal health. The Holistic Healing Center's multidisciplinary approach enables them to address the complex factors that are playing a role in your health issues and enables them to more efficiently help you feel your best again.



L to R - John Crisafulli, Kearney Bank; Anna Mayer, Eatontown Industrial Park Association; COL (R) Samuel Fuoco



L to R - Ryan Beliveau, Nancy Alario-Beliveau, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco

Monmouth County Veteran Service Council (VSC) Meeting

January 22, 2020



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The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office hosted its Jan 2020 quarterly Monmouth County Veteran Service Council (VSC) Meeting at the Monmouth County Situational Training and Response Simulator (STARS) Facility in Freehold, NJ. Representing the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President. Chairing the meeting was CCM (R) Michael Ferraro, USAF, Assistant Veteran's Services Officer, Monmouth County Sheriff's Department & President of Bridging the Gap for Veterans. The Agenda included: (1) Welcome VSC Current and New Members (Habcore & American Red Cross), (2) Tour of the STARS Facility, (3) VSC Member Round Table Discussion of 2020 Veteran Events and Initiatives, (4) Working Lunch

and (5) Meeting adjourned. **Pictured fourth and fifth from the left in the Group Picture** are CCM (R) Michael Ferraro and COL (R) Samuel Fuoco with the VSC attendees.

GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT PROFILE BY SANFORD

January 23, 2020

At the invitation of the Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC), the AUSA Monmouth Chapter Newsletter Editor, Mr Charles Seal, attended the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the opening of Profile by Sanford, a MRCC member, in the Marlboro Plaza, Englishtown, NJ. Among the 30+ attendees were Mr Richard Wang & Mrs Helen Wang (Profile by Sanford owners), Ms Jessica Volaric (Profile by Sanford Store Manager), Ms Allyson Stevens & Ms Theresa Gaines (Profile by Sanford Health Coaches), Mr Marc Shein (Senior VP, NAI DiLeo-Bram & Co), Ms Terese Rolfe (MRCC Executive Director), Mr Tamer Gouda & Ms Connie Roeder (MRCC Board Members), Ms Rochelle Miller (MRCC Office Administrator), Ms Jeanne Wall (Publisher/Editor at TAPintoHolmdel&ColtsNeck, www.tapinto.net/towns/holmdel-and-colts-neck/) and Mr James Hsiao & Mrs Allison Hsiao (friends of Richard & Helen Wang).

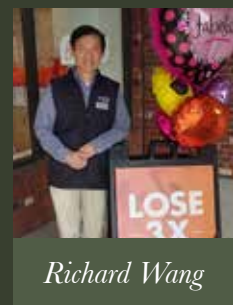
The celebration included the Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting by Richard Wang, a tour of the facility, complimentary lunch & Profile food samples, Goodie Bag Giveaway and a membership raffle. Health Coaches were on hand to explain how they provide Profile Clients with the life-style health coaching needed to lose weight and keep it off. Profile by Sanford is an extension of a client's health care team. Clients receive a Personalized Plan, One-On-One Health Coaching and Delicious Nutritious Food designed to transform their lifestyle using an evidence-based solution for sustainable weight loss and behavior change. Mr Seal passed out flyers for the AUSA Monmouth Chapter's upcoming annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraising Event on February 16th to support it's Service Dog Initiative, "Pairing and Caring for our Veterans", and discussed the benefits of becoming an AUSA Individual Member. Two new membership applications were received. **Pictured left to right in the Group Photo** are Mr James Hsiao, Mrs Allison Hsiao, Mrs Helen Wang, Ms Connie Roeder, Ms Terese Rolke, Mr Tamer Gouda, Mr Richard Wang, Ms Jessica Volarie and Mr Marc Shein.



Group Photo



*L to R -
James Hsiao,
Helen Wang,
Theresa Gaines,
Richard Wang,
Jessica Volaric,
Alyson Stevens*



Richard Wang

MILITARY VETERANS & FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

January 31, 2020

Mr Charles Seal, AUSA Monmouth Chapter Newsletter Editor, attended the Military Veterans & Family Resource Fair at the Wildwoods Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ which was sponsored by the New Jersey Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and free to the public. This Fair was part of the implementation of the New Jersey Attorney General's "21 Counties - 21st Century Community Policing Project" whereby the Prosecutors in each of NJ's 21 counties have organized quarterly public events to discuss issues relevant to community policing in the 21st century with the goal to strengthen relationships between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve and to address areas of concern before conflicts arise.

Over 70 National, Statewide and Local Resources, including Veterans Services & Support Organizations (VSOs) and Veteran Friendly businesses and organizations, set up Display & Information Tables for Veterans and their Families. To name a few: 2020 US Census Bureau, AGRO Merchants Group-Vineland, Citizens Veterans Advisory Council (CVAC), Heroes on the Water, HOPE ONE, HUD/VASH Homeless Outreach, K-9 Warriors Inc (K9W), NJ Department of Military And Veterans Affairs (DMAVA), NJ VET2VET, Quilts of Valor, Rutgers Southern Regional Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, Veterans Benefits & Health Administration and the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Fair included a K9 Warrior Service Dog Demonstration by K-9 Warriors Inc (K9W) and a Presentation by Ms Carol Fowler, Director and Assistant Curator of the National Guard Militia Museum of NJ & oral history interviewer, who enlightened Veterans on the importance of sharing their Military Stories. Adding distinction to this event was the presentation of 8 Quilts of Valor to deserving Veterans by the Quilts of Valor Foundation – with a Mission to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Throughout the event, attendees were entertained by the FUN & GAMES CREW from Cat Country 107.3 WPUR-FM radio, south Jersey's Country Radio Station airing from Atlantic City. Also, the Southern NJ Programs and Services Division of the Wilmington VA Medical Center in Wilmington, DE was on hand offering free blood pressure and heart rate screenings.



Carol Fowler



L to R - Patrick Carney with Service Dog Alpha, Gabriel Ruiz with Service Dog Alala



NJ VET2VET Display Table



Quilt Recipients



Resource Fair

AUSA Monmouth Chapter Executive Board Meeting

February 04, 2020

The AUSA Monmouth Chapter held its monthly Board Of Directors/Executive Committee meeting at the Tinton Falls, NJ Applebee's Grill & Bar. A typical Board Meeting covers a Chapter Status Report from the President; reports from the Treasurer, VPs and Liaisons; Old Business; New Business and discussions concerning Chapter Goals and Priorities. **Pictured left to right** are Mrs Cynthia Wallace, VP Awards; Mrs Kit Roache, VP Programs; COL (R) John Booth, Board Member; Mrs Ellie Smith, Secretary; COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President; CSM (R) Jack Chlapowski, VP Education; guest; Ms Meagan Solomon, Board Member; SSG Kevin McCurley, US Army Liaison; Ms Selma Morris, Board Member; Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor and Mr Sean Keating, Treasurer.



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Monmouth Chapter Executive Board

Advanced Career Institute (ACI) Promotional Planning Meeting

February 05, 2020

Mr Frank A Preston, President of the Advanced Career Institute (ACI) Medical & Dental School, a Monmouth Chapter Community Partner, invited COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President of the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, to their training facility in Eatontown, NJ to attend a Promotional Planning Meeting. Also attending were Ms Karen Brey, ACI Vice President and Director of Career Services and ACI selected Staff Members.

COL (R) Fuoco presented the Monmouth Chapter Mission Briefing, "Voice for the Army - Support for the Soldier" and each person was provided with a briefing packet that included a Flyer for the Chapter's upcoming Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast in support of its Service Dog Initiative. Similarly, Mr Preston provided an overview of ACI's promotional options and opportunities with an information packet.

Pictured left to right in the Group Picture are Kevin, Justin, Mr Frank Preston, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, Ms Karen Brey, Ms Christine Zicchinolfi and Ms Alice Corr.



Group Picture

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORKING EVENT AT THE GOLFCAVE

February 05, 2020

The AUSA Monmouth Chapter hosted a Young Professionals Networking Event at the GolfCave in Eatontown, NJ. Fourteen individuals attended to test their golfing skills, network with other young professionals and enjoy the sandwiches and beverages. Five members from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter attended including its President, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco. Invitations were extended to all to attend the Chapter's upcoming Service Dog Initiative: "Pairing & Caring for our Veterans" - a Pancake Breakfast at the Tinton Falls, NJ Applebee's on 16 Feb. Two attendees completed applications for AUSA individual membership.

The GolfCave is an indoor interactive Golf experience facility where you can learn, play, or improve your golf game. It features a putting green and five Cave Rooms, each equipped with a Trackman Golf Simulator which accurately tracks the golfer's shots on a TRUGOLF Driving Reality screen. The facility is available to members 24/7 so golfers can comfortably play at over 100 golf courses at any time of day in any kind of weather.

Pictured left to right in the GolfCave Photo are Mr Charles Seal (AUSA Monmouth Chapter Newsletter Editor), Mr Sean Keating (AUSA Monmouth Chapter Treasurer), unknown, Mr Chris Pilluri, Mr Derek Kelly, Ms Meagan Solomon (Financial Advisor, International Planning Alliance), Mr Brian Dragotto (AUSA member & Financial Advisor, International Planning Alliance), COL (R) Samuel Fuoco (AUSA Monmouth Chapter President), unknown, SGT Jake Rodrigo (AUSA Monmouth Chapter US Army Liaison, Tinton Falls Army Recruiting Station), unknown, unknown, SSG Zachariah Martinez (Tinton Falls Army Recruiting Station) and Mr Chris Koestner (Risk Management Consultant, RUE Insurance).



GolfCave Group Photo

Take The Hill, Diplomatic Planning Meeting

February 06, 2020



Group Picture

AUSA Monmouth Chapter President COL (R) Samuel Fuoco and Chapter VP for Social Media Ms Jackie Berman visited the office of New Jersey Senator Vin Gopal, NJ State 11th Legislative District, Tinton Falls, NJ to attend a Take The Hill, Diplomatic Planning Meeting. Also in attendance were Ms Antoinette "Toni" Gingerelli, Senator Gopal's Deputy Chief of Staff and Mr Noah Gradl, Senator Gopal's Staff Member.

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Pictured left to right in the Group Picture are Ms Antoinette Gingerelli, Ms Jackie Berman, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco and Mr Noah Gradl.

52ND ANNUAL FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY AWARDS BANQUET

February 06, 2020

The Chapel of Four Chaplains hosted its 52nd Annual Four Chaplains Day Awards Banquet at the Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia, PA. Over 500 guests attended to honor the Four Chaplains and Commemorate the 77th Anniversary of the Sinking of the US Army Transport (USAT) Dorchester. Representing the AUSA Monmouth Chapter was Mr Charles Seal, Chapter Newsletter Editor. The evening commenced with a Social/Cocktail hour with a buffet style appetizer/salad bar and live music from the Marian Anderson Jazz Musicians. MSG (R) Bill Kaemmer, Executive Director of The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation and Master of Ceremonies, provided Welcoming Remarks which were followed by the Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, Invocation and the telling of the "The Four Chaplains Story" using several presenters and videos.

The program continued with Capt Louis A Cavaliere, USN (ret.), current Vice Chair & previous Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation initiating the toast and sponsor recognition. Following a plated dinner, two more members were inducted into the Foundation's Legion of Honor (LOH) Program for documented acts of selfless service, i.e. the recognition of ordinary people who do extraordinary things. Presenting the awards were Mr Howard Schaeffer, USMC Veteran and Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation and Capt Louis A Cavaliere, USN (ret.) and Vice Chair.

The 2020 LOH Humanitarian of the Year Award was presented to Mrs June Robbins for her lifetime memberships in the American "Rosie the Riveter" Association and "Thanks! Plain and Simple" Inc and her service during World War II as a "Rosie" at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

The 2020 LOH Gold Medallion Award was presented to Mr Morrill & Mrs Karen Worcester, the founders of Wreaths Across America (WAA). The Gold Medallion is the highest and most prestigious award presented by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation. Past distinguished recipients include Presidents Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. Other notable luminaries include Bob Hope, John Glenn, C. Evert Koop, Tommy Lasorda, Joe Frazier, Rev Jesse Jackson, Mickey Rooney and Shirley Chisholm.

On 23 Jan 1943, the USAT Dorchester left New York Harbor bound for Greenland with 902 passengers on board. On 3 Feb 1943, a torpedo from a German submarine struck the starboard side. In about 20 minutes, the ship was lost under the frigid sea leaving only about 230 survivors. After the torpedo hit, four Chaplains of different faiths (Methodist Minister, Rabbi, Roman Catholic Priest and Reformed Church in America Minister) helped other passengers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. A survivor wrote, "As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares had lighted everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the four chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets." On 19 Dec 1944, the four Chaplains were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross. On 14 Jul 1960, a unanimous act of Congress authorized a special medal (the Four Chaplains' Medal) which has the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor. These medals were presented posthumously to the next of kin of each of the four Chaplains on 18 Jan 1961. In 1988, a unanimous act of Congress established February 3 as the annual "Four Chaplains Day."



*Charles Seal with Morrill
& Karen Worcester*



*CSM (R) Bill Kaemmer &
June Robbins*



Morrill & Karen Worcester

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Bowling Vets



Senior Service Volunteers with Pat Smith and Vets Joe & Tony



Senior Service Volunteers



Victor Guarnera Conducts Tour

Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) Annual Directors Installation Dinner

February 12, 2020

The Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) hosted its Annual Board of Directors Installation Dinner and General Meeting at the Jacques Reception Center, Middletown, NJ to welcome in the 2020 MRCC Officers, Executive Board and Board of Directors. The AUSA Monmouth Chapter, a member of the MRCC, was represented by COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President.

Welcoming and Opening remarks were provided by Ms Terese Rolke, MRCC Executive Director. The agenda included Pledge of Allegiance; swearing in of Board Members by Ms Sue Kiley, Monmouth County Freeholder; message from the Immediate Past President, Ms Bernice Lopez; introduction of the Council of Past Presidents; message from the MRCC President, Mr Tamer Gouda; and Guest Speaker Ms Chrissy Butreas, Chief Government Affairs Officer from the NJ Business & Industry Association (NJBIA).

Over 100 attendees enjoyed the night of networking that included a cocktail hour, open bar, buffet style dinner and DJ dancing.



COL (R) Samuel Fuoco with MRCC members



L to R - Gilda Healy, Sherilyn Przelomski, Tara Denyanovich, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER - SERVICE DOG INITIATIVE

February 16, 2020

The AUSA Monmouth Chapter held its Annual Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's Restaurant, Tinton Falls, NJ to raise funds for its Service Dog Initiative - Pairing and Caring for our Veterans. Students from the Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft, NJ and the Saint John Vianney High School, Holmdel, NJ were the Volunteer Servers for this event.

When the grills were shut down, over 150 breakfasts were sold and 28 elegantly wrapped baskets containing donated items had been awarded to the lucky winners of the Tricky Tray Raffle. The final tally netted \$3,300 towards the Chapter's 2020 goal of raising \$15,000 to provide a service dog for a well-deserved local US Army Veteran.

Attending were 14 AUSA Monmouth Chapter Board Members with family members and members from the following 16 AUSA Monmouth Chapter Community Partners: Advanced Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, All Occasion Limousine, Association of Old Crows Garden State Chapter, Chip's Driving School, Colts Neck Lions Club, Eatontown Lion's Club, Gorgeous Diva Design, Heartland Payment Systems, Legal Shield/ID Shield, Lotus Blossom Psychotherapy, Monmouth University Student Veterans Association, Saint John Vianney High School, US Army Recruiting Station - Tinton Falls, Two Rivers Concierge Services, LLC, Wallace Associates and West Point Society of New Jersey. Also attending were representatives from the Colts Neck High School Naval JROTC, Colts Neck Women's Club, Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce, NJ National Guard, and the US Army Reserves.

This event was advertised and promoted to memberships via the websites of AUSA National, AUSA First Region and AUSA Monmouth Chapter as well as Facebook, Twitter and Flyer distribution.



*Christian Brothers Academy
Volunteers*



*L to R - Steven DiMezza,
Principal with Saint John Vi-
anney High School Volunteers*



Service Dog Rosie



Tricky Tray Raffle Gift Baskets



*William Madigan, Kit Roache,
Service Dog Rosie*

MRCC Microsoft Planner Training Session

February 20, 2020

The Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) invited its members to attend a FREE Microsoft Planner Training Session hosted by the Microsoft Store, Freehold Raceway Mall, Freehold, NJ. This session was the first of a series of training sessions to be conducted by Microsoft Instructors as part of MRCC's Microsoft Training & Networking Initiative. Eight (8) MRCC members attended, including Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor, AUSA Monmouth Chapter. Each student was treated to bagels, muffins, coffee and soft drinks. The Training Session hosts were Ms Terese Rolke, MRCC Executive Director, and Ms Lori Scotto, Microsoft Education Expert. The two Microsoft Instructors were Ms Nicollette Burger, Cloud Technical Expert, and Mr Chris Cifelli, Product Advisor.

The objective of the Microsoft Training & Networking Initiative is for MRCC member/students to receive training on a variety of Microsoft products to enhance their ability to organize and manage their business to achieve business goals and to provide a networking forum for MRCC business professionals. Microsoft Planner is a planning application tool available on the Microsoft Office 365 Platform. It is a way to organize a team and assign tasks to team members. It provides a hub for team members to create and update plans, organize and assign tasks and to check on task progress. It also provides a centralized place where files can be shared, gives visibility to the entire team and allows team members to communicate and collaborate with each other.

Pictured left to right in the Group Photo are Chris Cifelli, Lori Scotto, Terese Rolke, Robert Gomer (Blue Rock Mortgage), Donna Principe (Blue Rock Mortgage), Connie Roeder (Printing2go), Frank Tota (owner of Youniquity Engraving & Design), Charles Seal, Susan Francese (owner of Printing2go) and Irina Collister (Freelance Artist).



Class picture



Group photo



Saint Jerome School National Heroes Day

February 21, 2020

The AUSA Monmouth Chapter was invited by the Saint Jerome School in West Long Branch, NJ to participate in its National Heroes Day. Attending from the Monmouth Chapter were COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, President and Ms Cynthia Wallace, VP for Awards. Over 50 individuals attended including the Mayor of West Long Branch, Ms Janet W Tucci. The host was Sister Elizabeth Seton Dalessio, MPF, Principal.

The Program included the Presentation of Colors by the Long Branch Air Force JROTC Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, Presentations, Processional, Liturgy Of The Word and a Video Presentation followed by Breakfast and Refreshments.

COL (R) Fuoco presented MSG Wilson, Long Branch Air Force JROTC, with the AUSA Monmouth Chapter Flag Donation of \$150. Certificates were presented to honor active and retired Military Personnel, First Responders, State and Local Police Departments, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Firefighters, the Mayor of West Long Branch and deserving Civilians from various organizations.



L to R - COL (R) Samuel Fuoco, Ms Janet W Tucci



L to R - MSG Wilson, COL (R) Samuel Fuoco

CNHS Naval JROTC “Brain Brawl” Championship Competition & Awards Ceremony

February 29, 2020

The Colts Neck High School (CNHS) Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) hosted the 2020 Area 4 “Brain Brawl” Academic Championship Competition at the CNHS, Colts Neck, NJ. Teams from New York and New Jersey High Schools traveled to the CNHS to participate in the “Brain Brawl” Competition. The CNHS Naval JROTC Team won the competition and therefore qualified to enter the National Championship Event tentatively scheduled April 2020 in Denver, Colorado.

Following the competition, was the Presentation of Awards Ceremony to crown the CNHS Naval JROTC Team as the “Brain Brawl” Competition Champion. The AUSA Monmouth Chapter was invited to the Awards Ceremony by MAJ (R) Gregory Penczak, USMC, Senior Naval Science Instructor at CNHS. Representing the Monmouth Chapter was CSM (R) Jack Chlapowski, VP for Education. The AUSA Monmouth Chapter provided donations/contributions for the Trophies.



*L-R, Major Penczak, CNHS
Team Members, CSM (R)
Jack Chlapowski*

MRCC Perkulator West Networking Breakfast

March 10, 2020

The Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) hosted its first Perkulator West Networking Breakfast at Perkins Restaurant, Freehold, NJ. Ms Terese Rolke, MRCC Executive Director, was the emcee who stated that the intent is to hold this event on a bi-weekly basis and possibly more frequently based on member participation. Over 25 MRCC members attended. The Guest Speaker was Ms Connie Roeder, Director of Promotional Products for Printing2go and a MRCC Board Member. Her topic was “The Power of Promotional Products” during which she explained how promotional products can benefit your business, which products are best, which customers your business should target and how Printing2go in Freehold, NJ can help you promote your business. Also attending was Ms Susan Francese, owner of Printing2go.

Attending from the AUSA Monmouth Chapter, a member of MRCC, was Mr Charles Seal, Newsletter Editor, who presented the Chapter’s 30 second elevator speech pertaining to the Chapter’s Mission “Voice for the Army-Support for the Soldier”. Flyers were available for attendees for the next Chapter event on June 18, 2020 , “A Night at the Ballpark” to benefit the Fisher House Foundation.



Group Photo



*L to R - Susan Francese,
Connie Roeder*

President Grover Cleveland Wreath Laying Ceremony

March 18, 2020

At the invitation of MG Mark W Palzer, Commanding General of the 99th Readiness Division, AUSA Monmouth Chapter's Newsletter Editor, Mr Charles Seal, represented the Chapter at the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony to honor President Grover Cleveland on his 183rd birthday at his grave site in the Princeton Cemetery, Princeton NJ. Included in the 20+ attendees were CSM (R) Arthur Maggs Jr, AUSA Dix Chapter President & NJ Army Reserve Ambassador; MG Palzer & family and members of the 99th Readiness Division and the 78th Army Band from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL), NJ. Following the Playing of Taps by the 78th Army Band's bugler, MG Palzer provided remarks remembering the life and accomplishments of President Cleveland. **Pictured left to right in the MG Palzer Family picture** are Mrs Donna Palzer, William, Stephanie, Mark and Daniel.

Prior to running for President, NJ native Grover Cleveland was Mayor of Buffalo, NY and the 28th Governor of New York. He was both the 22nd and the 24th President of the United States, the only President to serve two non-consecutive terms and the only President to be married in the White House. When he won his first Presidential election in 1884, he broke the longest Democratic losing streak (6 elections) and was the only Democrat to win the Presidency during the period of Republican domination of the White House that stretched from Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860 to the end of William Howard Taft's term in 1913. On October 28, 1886 the Statue of Liberty was officially unveiled to the public by President Cleveland at its dedication ceremony in New York Harbor. The Statue, then called Liberty Enlightening the World, was a gift to the United States from the citizens of France to commemorate a century of US independence. Cleveland was known as the "Veto President" using the power of the Veto more than all the presidents before him combined and was generally known as an honest man who worked hard and tried to act independently as president. According to two of Cleveland's biographers, his last words were, "I have tried so hard to do right." Following his retirement from politics, President Cleveland lived in Princeton, NJ and was a trustee of Princeton University until his death in 1908 at the age of 71.



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MRCC Virtual Perkulator Meeting

March 20, 2020

The Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) hosted its first Virtual Perkulator on-line meeting using the ZOOM App. The meeting was managed by Ms Terese Rolke, MRCC Executive Director and Mr Tamer Gouda, MRCC President. Attendance totaled 26 MRCC members including Mr Charles Seal, AUSA Monmouth Chapter Newsletter Editor. The Guest Speaker was MRCC member Mr Jonathan De Los Santos, the Director of Operations & Business Development for Advanced Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PMR), a Monmouth Chapter Community Partner. His topic was "How we are Dealing with the Coronavirus". Mr Seal presented the Monmouth Chapter's 30 second elevator speech pertaining to the Chapter's Mission "Voice for the Army-Support for the Soldier".

Jersey Shore Junior Science Symposium (JSJSS)

March 23-25, 2020



JSJSS Student Presenters Group Photo

At the invitation of Ms Gayle Grant, member of the Jersey Shore Junior Science Symposium (JSJSS) Executive Committee, AUSA Monmouth Chapter Board Members COL (R) John Booth and Mr Charles Seal participated as Judges of New Jersey High School Student Presentations during the 4th Annual JSJSS at Ocean County College (OCC), Toms River, NJ. The JSJSS recognizes students for their original research achievements in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). In 2020, 86 students from 13 NJ High Schools, submitted their STEM research papers for participation in the JSJSS competition. After an extensive review process, 10 students were chosen to be Paper Presenter finalists and 6 were chosen to be Poster Presenter finalists.

This year, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic in the United States, the normal two-day symposium agenda of the students presenting the results of their research projects live and on stage in

the OCC Grunin Theatre to an audience of 400+, including judges, was replaced by each student submitting a video of their presentation to the JSJSS Executive Committee. The videos were then posted on-line for access by the 20+ JSJSS volunteer judges. After viewing the presentations on-line, each judge submitted a scoring evaluation of each presentation to the Executive Committee who compiled the results and determined the ranking of the 10 Paper Presenters and the 6 Poster Presenters.

The top 5 Paper Presenters were 1st - Mr Ryan Park, 2nd - Mr Jason Ping, 3rd - Ms Kannammai Pichappan, 4th - Ms Crystal Pan and 5th - Mr Sourish Jasti. Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, these students would have been awarded an expense-paid trip to the 58th National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) in Norfolk, VA during April 15-17, 2020, however due to COVID-19, this live symposium was canceled and replaced with a Virtual Symposium. The top 2 finalists received an invitation from the National JSHS to present their papers and finalists 3, 4 and 5 were invited to be poster presenters. The top 3 finalists were also awarded scholarships of \$2000, \$1500 and \$1000 provided by the US Army, Navy and Air Force.

The top 3 Poster Presenters were 1st - Mr Arya Tschand, 2nd - Ms Sophia Capili and tied for 3rd - Mr Sam Anchipolovsky & Mr Jordan Wang. The AUSA Monmouth Chapter provided \$100 checks to each of the 6 Poster Presenters. **Pictured left to right in the JSJSS Student Presenters Group Photo** are top row: Mr Jason Ping, Mr Raehash Shah, Mr Sourish Jasti, Mr Edward Kim, Mr Apollo Lee, Mr Haocheng (Roger) Yang; middle row: Mr Maximilian Zhang, Mr Samuel Anchipolovsky, Mr Ryan Park, Mr Jordan Wang, Mr Arya Tschand; bottom row: Ms Kannammai Pichappan, Ms Ju Young Lee, Ms Sophia Grace Capili, Ms Jessica Yatvitskiy, Ms Crystal Pan.

AUSA Community Partners Corner

After careful and detailed consideration, we've made the difficult decision to convert the 2020 AUSA Annual Meeting (13-16 October 2020) from an in-person meeting to a virtual experience. Based on health and safety considerations and on-going restrictions on large gatherings, it is not possible for us to conduct an in-person meeting as we had originally envisioned.

This was a tough call. The Annual Meeting is an incredibly important event and one of our favorite ways to celebrate everything that unites us, but health and safety must come first.

We know that this announcement will come as an enormous disappointment to a wide audience that includes speakers, exhibitors, industry professionals, AUSA volunteers who planned to attend the event, Congressional staffers and the global defense community.

We're sad, but you can't wring your hands if you're rolling up your sleeves, and your AUSA team is doing just that! We're coordinating details for a large virtual event this October. While it may not replace the full experience of the in-person AUSA Annual Meeting, it will serve to keep us connected with Army senior leaders and messages, with industry partners and with AUSA members around the globe. We are planning for a forum that allows reach beyond the 33,000-plus people we expected to see in Washington, D.C. this year.

Our team will be reaching out directly to exhibitors and sponsors with information about new opportunities to support their own and AUSA's missions, as well as information about refunds. We will post virtual event information on our website as quickly as possible.

While we're very disappointed not to be able to host you all in person this year, please know that we are already looking forward with great anticipation to next year's Annual Meeting from 11-13 October 2021 and a grand reunion in Washington, D.C.

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