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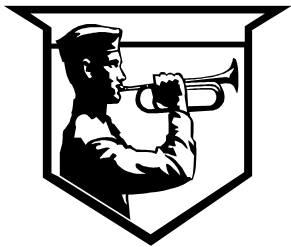
*"Voice of the Army, Support for the Soldier"*



Our Voice Speaks on Behalf  
of RI's Soldiers and  
Their Family Members



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## Important Dates

19 Jul 2017	ExCom Mtg., 6:30 PM
16 Aug 2017	ExCom Mtg., 6:30 PM
20 Sep 2016	ExCom Mtg., 6:30 PM
18 Oct 2016	GMM-Soldiers of Excellence



## President's Message

**LTC (R) Robert Galvanin**

Another AUSA Operational Year is coming to a close and, as always, it's been a productive one for our Chapter. Since our last newsletter we've held a World War I Memorial Tribute to commemorate those Rhode Islanders who fought in that historic war, presented AUSA awards to some deserving cadets at the State's 2 ROTC and 5 JROTC Commands' award ceremonies, and gave out SFC Curtis Mancini Memorial Scholarships to three exceptional students. We'll be planning more events in the future and hope you can join us for them.

I would also ask that you continue to be a member of AUSA and ask others to become members as well. Only through your ongoing support can we continue to provide for our Soldiers and their families. Remember, ANYONE can be a member of AUSA, and the cost to join or renew is VERY affordable. You can join online at [www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org) or access the latest application/renewal form to mail in or email to family and friends who believe in having a strong Army.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great and safe summer! *Bob*

Your website - [www.ausari.org](http://www.ausari.org) - is where you need to go to find out what is happening regarding our local meetings, scholarship application info, links to relevant areas of interest, copy of this newsletter and other important information.

Be sure to visit often!

# JOINT MEETING TO FOCUS ON RI MILITARY SUPPORT



On 8 December 2016 the RI Chapter held its 2nd GMM of the 2016-2017 AUSA operational year. The purpose of the event was to have its annual joint meeting with its sister military organizations, the Reserve Officers Association and the Military Order of Foreign War, to discuss ways the three groups could continue to work together to promote similar objectives in the coming year.

The evening began with a social hour, and after a few words of welcome from the Presidents of the three organizations the members sat down to an evening meal. After dinner RIAUSA Chapter President Bob Galvanin spoke about AUSA and the Chapter's on-going efforts to support Soldiers and their families. He then encouraged those present to continue to support military organizations of all kinds to help protect servicemen's rights and benefits, particularly AUSA. Finally, he suggested the three groups continue to work together to promote joint events such as scholarship awards nights and tributes to servicemen and women of all branches and eras. LTC(R) Jim Kenney, the Commander of the RI Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, who spoke about the Commandery's work during the past year. COL(R) John Ricottilli, RI Department President of ROA, then finished by discussing some of the events the Department recently sponsored. To top off the evening, four senior retirees from the RI National Guard came forward and cut the celebratory National Guard Birthday cake to recognize the 380th birthday of the Guard.

## ESGR Statement of Support Signing

On Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> members of the RI Chapter of AUSA signed a Statement of Support with RI Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve. Representing the Chapter were Chapter President Bob Galvanin, Chapter Vice President Len Maglione, and Chapter Scholarship Chairman Dick August. ESGR was established to promote cooperation and understanding between National Guard and Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers. After signing the Statement of Support LTC(R) Galvanin spoke to the audience about AUSA and its mission of support for Soldiers and their families, and encouraged them to consider becoming members.



## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WW I OBSERVED



On Sunday, 2 April RI Chapter representatives assembled before RI's WW I Monument in downtown Providence to observe the historic 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into that war on 6 Apr 1917. The event began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by remarks by the tribute's organizer, RIAUSA State President Dennis Morgan, LTC USA (Ret). RI Director of Veterans Affairs, Kasim Yarn, LCDR USN (Ret) then read a Gubernatorial Proclamation honoring RI's WW I Veterans. U.S Congressman David Cicilline was also in attendance.

All in the audience with a WW I Veteran in their family were then given the opportunity to speak out their names for all to hear. A Memorial Wreath was then presented in honor of the service and sacrifice of the 612 Rhode Islanders who died during the war. This was followed by a prayer for all who served by CH Phil Salois and the playing of TAPS by a Soldier from the RING's 88th Army Band. At the end of the ceremony all in attendance were invited to attend a continental breakfast sponsored by RIAUSA and its sister organizations, the RI Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars and the RI Department of the Reserve Officers Association.

### CHAPTER RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING R/JROTC CADETS



Each Spring, Chapter representatives visit the Providence College, URI ROTC Battalions as well as the Coventry, Cranston East, Hope, Rogers and Woonsocket High School JROTC Units to recognize those Cadets who have achieved academic and leadership excellence. The recognition is in the form of medals, certificates, military history books and AUSA shadow boxes depending on the level of achievement. Thank you to RIAUSA members SSG(R) Luis Sousa, LTC(R) Anne Caramadre, 1SG(R) Rit Enos, LTC (R) Edward Glod and COL(R) John Ricottilli form making the presentations at the May award ceremonies.

# Membership Matters

As of 1 Jul 2017 your Chapter membership total stands at 365 membership down from a high of 401 two years ago, DESPITE all the new members you see to the right.

**LISTEN UP** - We need YOUR HELP to keep AUSA's voice strong for our Soldiers. Each of us can and should reach out to someone (anyone can be an AUSA member) and ask them to join AUSA and our Chapter. They can sign up on line at [www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org) or simply forward your prospective member's name and contact info to our VP Membership, MSG (R) Everett Federici at 401-294-3557 or [efederici@ieta.biz](mailto:efederici@ieta.biz) and we will do all the work.

**Please be a part in this serious effort to recruit members!**

## New Chapter Members

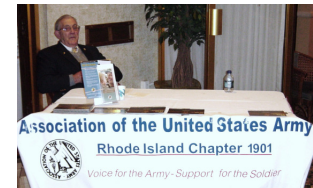
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- CDT Brittany Stanczuk
- CDT Sean Travers
- Mr. Roland Galvanin
- Mr. Roger Houle
- Ms. Susan Mainelli

**Welcome and thank you !**

## Chapter Meetings

Your Chapter hard working Executive Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at the Italo American Club, 477 Broadway, Providence. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. Simply contact your Chapter Secretary, CSM Ferri, to notify

The Club provides delicious meals and the bar is open for refreshments!



"Show me your membership card or give 20"

# RI Corporate Members Appreciated

**American Cord & Webbing - Arden Engineering Constructors, LLC**

**Flynn Financial - Furey Roofing & Construction Co., Inc.**

**Navajo Fabrics - Naval War College Library - RI Commandery, MOFW**

**RI Department, ROA**

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The RI Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars was established in 1900 to preserve Rhode Island's military history and to honor and recognize all who served and are serving in uniform. The first President was none other than RADM Stephen Luce, the founder of the Naval War College in Newport! Go to [rimofw.org](http://rimofw.org) to learn more of what the Commandery is all about!

RIAUSA is proud to have the RI Commandery, as a Corporate Member!

**(Each issue highlights a RIAUSA Sustaining/Corporate Member)**

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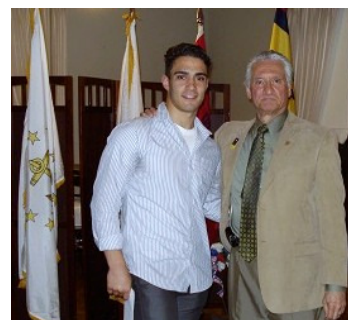
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Our mission - support  
and recognition of RI  
Soldiers and their  
families!

## MANCINI SCHOLARSHIPS

On 8 June 2017 the Chapter awarded 3 SFC Curtis Mancini Memorial Scholarships. Thanks to a donation attributed to LTJG Julianna Harvey, a WWII USN Nurse Corp Veteran and grandmother of MAJ Will Sitze, the Chapter was able to give an additional scholarship this year. Will and his wife CPT Tiffanie Sitze were very active members of the RIAUSA ExCom while stationed in Rhode Island.

The evening began with a presentation of a Memorial Wreath by Gold Star Parents CSM(R) John Mancini and SSG(R) Richard August and a moment of silence. Chapter President Bob Galvanin then welcomed all the guests and invited them to enjoy dinner. Following dinner LTC Galvanin presented Chapter Secretary CSM(R) Tony Ferri with a Certificate of Appreciation from AUSA National as a 50 year member. The Chapter then held a 242nd Army Birthday celebration where all scholarship recipients were invited to come to the front of the room and cut the Army birthday cake. RIAUSA scholarship recipients (\$500 each) this year were Mr. Dylan Anderson, Mr. Tyler Balon, and Mr. Mason Calise.



## Retired Soldiers - Still Proud, Still Serving, Still Saluting!



From WW II to GWOT, Mr. RIAUSA CSM(R) Tony Ferri takes care of Soldiers.

**Replacement Medals** - the military services will honor replacement medal requests for the Veteran at no cost. You can write to U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Soldier Program & Services Division, Awards and Decorations Branch, ATTN: AHRC-PDP-A, 1600 Spearhead Div. Ave., Dept. 480, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408.

**Cold War Certificate** - the National Defense Authorization Act approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the Armed Forces and qualified Federal government civilian personnel who faithfully served the United States during the Cold War era from Sep. 2, 1945 to Dec. 26, 1991.

For information concerning the application process, visit the Army's Cold War Recognition Certificate webpage at: [hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Awards and Decorations Branch](http://hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Awards%20and%20Decorations%20Branch) - Cold War Certificate Program

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