

AHEPA Family News



Albany hosted an AHEPA Family Regional Conference on March 18, 2017. Attending were Syracuse Chapter 37, Schenectady Chapter 125, Albany Chapter 140 and Trojan Chapter 306. AHEPA chapters 140 and 306 honored 17 Veterans for their service. Also present were Congressman Paul Tonko (D - NY), AHEPA Supreme President Andrew Zachariades, Supreme Governor Chris Diamantoukos, and District 6 Lt. Governor Demi Pamboukes. Supreme President Zachariades assisted District 6 Veterans Chairman Mark Theophilis with the presentation of the AHEPA Medals for Military Service and Certificates to the Veterans. In addition, Congressman Paul Tonko presented every veteran with a special US Congressional Certificate.

Those honored from Albany Chapter 140 were George Amanatides, Danny Bahlitzis, Nicholas Balahtsis, Hercules Diveris, James Gallas, Chris Hermedes, John Karatzou, Ted Kondoprias, Michael Koutelis, Ted Moisisides, Mark Theophilis, Stavros Tsiatsas, Deacon Constantine Yavis, and Gus Ziamandanis. The veterans honored from Trojan Chapter 306 were Carl Alesio, Paul Huban and Michael Papadopoulos.

In addition, Albany AHEPA Chapter 140 welcomed new members Mark Coupas and George Hakimian. Daughters of Penelope Alope 158 welcomed Olga Anton. Sons of Pericles Phocion 44 welcomed Theodore Efstathiadis and Christo Melas. Maids of Athena Sophia 48 welcomed Raena Burke.

At the 2017 AHEPA Family Empire State District Six Convention held the weekend of June 9-11 by AHEPA Delphi Chapter 25 at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in NYC, Chapter Secretary Chris Pappis was re-elected as District 6 Secretary for a third term and Past President Brother Mark Theophilis was re-appointed District 6 Veterans Chairman for a third term.

Congratulations go to Matina Ziamandanis as recipient of the \$1,000 Daughters of Penelope Alope 158 Scholarship and Alex Athanassiadis, George Marinopoulos and Alex Melas as recipients of a \$500 Arthur P. Takes AHEPA Scholarship. We wish them success in their studies.

In addition, congratulations to the Albany Sons of Pericles for presenting a \$2,000 check to the outgoing Sons Supreme President at the 2017 AHEPA Family Supreme Convention for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Congratulations to the award and scholarship recipients, and those elected to office. Have a successful 2017 - 2018!

AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) is the largest Greek-American association in the world with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, Cyprus, and sister chapters in Australia and New Zealand. It was established in 1922 by visionary Greek Americans to protect Hellenes from prejudice originating from the KKK, and in its history, AHEPA joined with the NAACP and B'nai B'rith International to fight discrimination. The mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

Albany AHEPA 140 Officers

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