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99th Supreme Convention Election Results:

AHEPA Supreme President - *Jimmy Kokotas*
Daughters of Penelope Grand President - *Kathy Bizoukas*
Sons of Pericles Supreme President - *Timothy Noitsis*
Maids of Athena Grand President - *Maria Ana Pantelous*
AHEPA District Governor Region 8 - *Alexander Mallas*
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AHEPA Mourns Passing of Andrew Banis



Andrew T. Banis, PSP
June 16, 1932 - July 28, 2021

“AHEPA mourns the passing of Past Supreme President Andrew T. Banis,” announced Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas. Brother Banis, an AHEPA Life Member of Chapter 171, Oakland, California, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2021.

“We are deeply saddened by the news of Brother Banis’ passing,” Supreme President Kokotas said. “We are indebted greatly to his life-long, 66-years of dedicated and selfless service to the Order and the community. Brother Banis will be missed greatly

and will be remembered fondly by the Brotherhood, and the entire AHEPA family, for his contributions to the community. Our deepest sympathies are with the Banis family. May his memory be eternal.”

During his term as Supreme President (2001-2002), AHEPA undertook a fundraising campaign to provide relief in the aftermath of September 11. He also ensured that AHEPA’s humanitarian relief was delivered to the people of Greece following the devastating 1999 Athens earthquake. \$53,000 in Scholarships was given. September 11th Relief efforts saw \$110,000 donated to the New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, and the Pentagon Memorial Relief Fund. Athens Earthquake Relief Commitment donated a minivan to transport an EMT crew to the Hellenic Red Cross, an ambulance to Evangelismos Hospital, and \$105,000 to the Municipality of Menidi to rebuild a children’s daycare center that was demolished in the earthquake. Received a Greek Independence Day proclamation from Alaska. Introduced the Halki Resolution to the House of Representatives.

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AHEPA GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21

AHEPA District 21 Governor's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am honored to be elected the District Governor of the Golden Gate District #21.

I look forward to working with District Governor Linda Belba and I congratulate her on her reelection. We are a family and together we will bounce back into action.

We have been talking of changes that need to be done to bring our organizations into the digital age and we have been thrown into it, like it or not. Many of you have been doing zoom meetings and have learned more about the technology available to you.

This year we will be celebrating the centennial of AHEPA, and we hope it will mark a new era of growth. We need to work together to plan activities and events that will help us attract new members, including the next generation, so that we can continue to strengthen our Organization. We did restart a sons and maids chapter and they are active. We want to build on these chapters as we have done in the past and have a vibrant young group learning about AHEPA.

Some positive things we have done: The past year's lecture series was very informative and we hope to build on it this year. We gave out 25K+ in scholarships to our deserving students to help with the burden of college tuition. We have our 501c3 designation for the scholarship foundation and we are looking to fundraising activities to be able to give even larger scholarships.

The AHEPA convention in Athens, Greece was a success and many of our members made the pilgrimage to the motherland. Next year's National Convention will be at the Disneyworld Resort. I heard the last one there was very memorable.

.We will be wrapping up the St. Nicholas ranch project, and are looking forward to new projects including AHEPA housing and Fire relief funding.

We are going to ramp up on technology so we can maximize our efficiency. We are looking at online applications and dues collection. Zoom may be here to stay, so that members who are unable to attend in person can attend by Zoom.

I am looking forward to coming to your chapter meeting, and God willing, we will be back to in person meetings soon. I hope to have a Fall Conference and possibly a return of the Spring Conference. Our 2022 District Convention is still planned for Seattle, and hopefully conditions will allow for a safe event and travel. If you have not been to Seattle, it is beautiful and there is much to do. The view from the Space Needle is incredible. Our Supreme President will also join us there.

Fraternally,
Chris Frangos

Daughters of Penelope District 21 Governor's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to the 2021 – 2022 Year for the Ahepa Family! I hope you and your family and friends are all doing well. I am looking forward to seeing you and working together to have a very successful year.

I am pleased to announce our **2021 – 2022 DOP District 21 Lodge**.

- Linda Belba, (Daphne #29 San Jose) Governor
- Alicia Frangos, (Urania #290 San Mateo) Lt. Governor
- Maria Karapanos (Sparta #18 Stockton) Secretary

- Beverly Kennedy PGG (Phaedra #64 Modesto) Treasurer
- Angie Legakis (Daphne #29 San Jose) Marshal
- Foula Vasilogiorgis PDG (EOS #1 SF) Advisor

I am pleased to congratulate our newly elected AHEPA District 21 Governor Chris Frangos and his lodge. We commit to work closely with them to promote and expand our AHEPA family.

Congratulations to our exceptional **2021 District Penelope of the Year**, Diane Petersen PGS from Artemis #5 Sacramento!

I also want to congratulate our **2021 District Daughter of the Year**, which was a tie: Rula Manikas from Artemis #5 and Maria Karapanos from Sparta #18.

The Supreme Convention was held in Athens in July. DOP D21 had representation from some of our chapters: Eva Skoufas, Vaso Moulas and Christi Tsiplakos from EOS #1, Helen Sexton from Leto #71 and Irene Pauls and Yuri Pauls from Elis #89.

Below is a list of the newly elected members of the 2021 - 2022 DOP Grand Lodge:

- Grand President Kathy Bizoukas of Munster, IN;
- Grand Vice President Georgette Boulegeris of Bedminster, NJ;
- Grand Secretary Marianthi Treppiedi of Spokane, WA;
- Grand Treasurer Margaret Dritsas of Ottawa, Canada;
- Grand Governor Zone I Antoinette Marousis Zachariades of Brick, NJ;
- Grand Governor Zone II Dorothea Williams of St Clair Shores, MI;
- Grand Governor Zone III Elaine Koutsoukos of Apple Valley, MN;
- Grand Governor Zone IV Robbie Jackson of Spokane, WA;
- Grand Governor Zone V Nicki Douklias of Manitoba, Canada;
- Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Patty Didik of Hudson, FL.

Grand President Kathy is a 36-year member of the Order. She is currently a member of Daughters of Penelope Pleiades Chapter No. 50 and was also a Maids of Athena in Maids of Athena Chapter Dionysia Chapter No. 141. Her husband, Dave Kurow, is a member of AHEPA Chapter No.123. Kathy has two children, Jordan and Courtney who are also members. Kathy's parents, George, and Cleopatra have been a part of the AHEPA Family since 1958! She also has two brothers, Nick, and Jim who are also members.

Sister Robbie Jackson, Grand Governor Zone IV, is also our **District Liaison**.

Thanks to all who participated in our **2021 Opportunity Drawing**. We were fortunate to donate \$4,525 to our District Scholarship Program and \$3,017 to the St. Nicholas Ranch Boys Dorm Renovation Project.

Chapter Visitations

D21 AHEPA family would like to have in person visitations with your chapters this year if possible. Of course, this will depend on each chapter's decision. Please send us dates and times that we can visit your chapters in person (let us know if AHEPA and DOP meetings will be separate) or if you would be interested in a Virtual event and we will follow up with you.

DOP Grand President Bulletin

Please check out our Grand President's Bulletin online and get to know our Grand Lodge!

https://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/pdfs/Grand_Presidents_Bulletin.pdf

DOP D21 Facebook site

Our DOP district 21 has a Facebook site. It is called '**Daughters of Penelope Golden Gate District 21**'. Please check it out!

Save the Dates

Founder's Day – EOS No.1, the Mother Chapter of DOP, will celebrate the 92nd anniversary of DOP on Saturday November 13, 2021, at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. Details coming soon.

WRDC 2022 – It is still planned for the weekend of June 17 – 19, 2022 in Seattle Washington. Updates will be shared as we get more information.

2022 Supreme Convention – Will be held July 17 – 22, 2022 in Orlando, FL at Disneyworld.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and will do my best to help us all remain dedicated to the purpose and ideals of our AHEPA family.

May God Bless you all.

Love in Theta Pi,

Linda Belba

District 21 Governor



Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge
2021-2022



Save the Date

Daughters of Penelope EOS #1

Cordially invites you to our

92nd Founder's Day Luncheon

“Everything is Coming up Roses”

Saturday, November 13, 2021

11:30 A.M. Reception - 12:30 P.M. Luncheon

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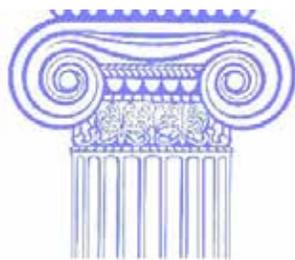
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September 23, 2021

Hello Brothers!

Greetings from the Supreme Lodge Region 8. I would like to thank our Districts 20, 21 and 22 for bestowing the honor and privilege of being elected as Supreme Governor of our Region at the national convention this past July in Athens.

I also would like to extend a thank you as the past DG to the District-21 Brothers for all their contributions and team work in the past year.

In the coming months, I am looking forward to visiting our Districts and working with everyone!

All brothers may contact me at any time! I look forward to seeing all my fellow brothers to discuss our regional, district plans and upcoming projects.

Fraternally,
Alexander

Alexander Mallas
Supreme Governor -Region 8
<https://ahepa.org/supreme-lodge/>

AHEPA Family Remembers 9/11

Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., has issued the following statement on the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks:

“Today, on the solemn twentieth anniversary of September 11th, we remember the nearly 3,000 people, including 39 Greek Americans, who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks against the United States. We will never forget their sacrifice and our thoughts and prayers will always be with them and their families. Their memories will be eternal.



Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas and Chairman Karaccostas, PSP

“In times of tragedy, there are always individuals, whether they are emergency first responders or ordinary, everyday civilians, who are the first to respond. We salute and thank

them for their brave acts of heroism on that fateful day in American history.

“Soon, the only House of Worship destroyed on that fateful day in American history, will rise again. Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at World Trade Center will be a beacon for peace and a harbor for reflection for all. Proudly, the AHEPA family contributed to this most worthy endeavor to rebuild Saint Nicholas, and we look forward to its imminent opening.

“Additionally, today is a National Day of Service and Remembrance. AHEPA encourages the community to not only remember the victims of September 11, but to also honor their memories by participating in acts of service to help strengthen our neighborhood, cities, towns, and communities. Service is our

essence and many of our communities have been devastated by recent natural disasters.

“Together, we can all play an important role and provide a positive impact through volunteerism in support of service initiatives and in remembrance of September 11.”

Supreme President Kokotas attended a 9/11 Memorial Service and Lighting of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America that was held last evening. Daughters of Penelope Grand President Kathy Bizoukas, Chairman of the Board Nicholas A. Karacostas, PSP, and Daughters of Penelope Executive Director Elena Saviolakis also attended.

Also, in the spirit of the community’s effort to rebuild Saint Nicholas, AHEPA shares an Associated Press article that appeared September 8, 2021, that reports on the significance of Saint Nicholas to those impacted by September 11 as it nears completion, titled, “Shrine to replace church destroyed on 9/11 nears completion.” Please share and distribute the article widely with family, friends, and colleagues.



Grand President Kathy Bizoukas and Daughters of Penelope Executive Director Elena Skardis Saviolakis



45th Biennial

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OCTOBER 24, 2021

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The Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA

Jimmy Kokotas

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My First Supreme Convention

by Dr. Vassilis Zarifis,
Vice President AHEPA Silicon Valley #251
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After being an AHEPA member in the Silicon Valley Chapter for only 17 months, I was honored and humbled to be asked by my Chapter Lodge to be a delegate to our 99th Supreme Convention in Athens this year. I had grown up in Athens and the opportunity for me to be there, immersed in my culture again, and to represent our Chapter had an additional excitement. In the past "Covid" year and a half, I had worked single-handed to increase our Chapter membership by 8 members, enhance our social media presence for our Chapter, and specially to build from scratch our current 500+ followers of our Silicon Valley LinkedIn profile. This earned me the District award for the "AHEPAn of the Year" and I was very thankful to our D21 Lodge for this. However, my experience from this Convention was unique and much more fulfilling! I'll try to summarize some details from the event-filled week in this article and also allow me to convey a personal experience which I will never forget!

Grande Bretagne, the main Convention Hotel, was by itself a pleasant experience with its luxury and old-world and modern facilities and decorations, right across from the Greek Parliament and with a great view of the Acropolis. Despite having grown up in Athens, I had never had the chance to see it inside until this time! After all these many months of Covid restrictions, the AHEPA Convention was the first large international conference being held in Athens after the travel restrictions were lifted!

The Convention organizers along with the valuable assistance of the local Hellas District 25, achieved a fantastic job in organizing and executing this Convention and the various social and award events every day!

I was happy to meet my fellow delegates from the District pretty much at the opening day of the Convention:

Robert Sexton PSG, Fresno Chapter; Demos Papadopoulos, District Treasurer, Sacramento; Nicolas Stathakos, Oakland; Dr. George Zioulas, PDG, Silicon Valley; George Pauls, Reno; Nick Pauls,

Reno; and our Past District Governor Alex Mallas who also served as the Convention Secretary. I also met many more Brothers and made new connections which will last a lifetime!

Of course, the Daughters were holding their sessions in parallel with many common events and I was happy to meet the District 21 delegates from the first ever DOP Eos Chapter in San Francisco as well: Eva Skoufis, Vasso Moulas, Christi Tsiplakos, and Helen Sexton (DOP Fresno)

I was excited to attend every general Session from the opening time till the social and award events at various exciting locales every night! The Convention program was full of National Projects, Committee reports, and special panels and presentations on many diverse topics.

These topics included, AHEPA Housing (a great deal of interest by all and many questions), Education and Charter schools, The Journey to Greece program (supported by AHEPA for over 20 years), Trilateral relations in the Region (a new Peace pact with Greece, Israel, and Cyprus, and now the US, to stabilize the geographical region), Future of Greek shipping opportunities (oil tankers is not the only path), Tourism in Greece (health and wellness venues), the future of Energy for Greece Forum, Climate crisis, the Greek mainstream perceptions of AHEPA, Greek American Diaspora and the cultural survival in the 21st century. I found out about the creation of the AHEPA Geopolitical Forum dealing with security and political situation in the Eastern Mediterranean region, in existence in the last one and a half years. It is headed and advised by two distinguished Professors, Prof. Karayiannis of Kings College in the UK, and Prof. Mazis of the Univ. of Athens, who gave inspiring presentations and on the importance of the US influence for the stability in the area, but with ominous facts about the "known bad actor" in the region.

The nightly social and awards events were:

Sunday July 25: Opening AHEPA Family Night (honorees, Dr. Y. Chrysoulakis, Deputy foreign minister of Foreign Affairs of Greeks Abroad and his Eminence Archbishop Ieronymos II of Athens)

Monday July 26: 99th Anniversary event at the Greek War Museum (honorees, the Defense Minister of Greece Mr. N. Panagiotopoulos and the

Chief of National Defense General K. Floros)

Tuesday Jul 27: Greek Night at the Stavros Niarchos Cultural Center (honorees, the Foreign Minister of Greece Mr. N. Dendias and the President of the Hellenic Parliament Mr. K. Tasoulas)

Wednesday Jul 28: Grand Banquet at the Divani Caravel Hotel, with VIP dignitaries the current Prime Minister of Greece Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis and the President of Cyprus Mr. Nikos Anastasiades (long videos of the event can be found at the AHEPA HQ YouTube channel). Both were honored with the highest AHEPA honor, the "Socrates" award. Notice our D21 picture with the CA Lieutenant Gov. Ms. Eleni Kounalakis who also spoke at the event and received a \$50k check from AHEPA for the recent California fires to support the Macedonian Park reconstruction! It was also exciting to see the 159K Euros (~\$183K) current donation presented to the Evangelismos Hospital new burnt unit wing, which was established after the devastating fires and fatalities in Mati, Greece few years back.

Some of us had the opportunity to have a picture taken with our outgoing Supreme President Mr. George Horiates on the main stage!

Thursday Jul 29: -- President's afternoon reception at the nearby King George Hotel, honoring the outgoing US Ambassador Mr. Geoffrey Pyatt and the Ambassador of Greece in the US Ms. Alexandra Papadopoulou

-- Fundraising event organized by the Hellas District 25 at the seaside club Riviera in Voula with large attendance, great Greek food, and dance performances.

Friday July 30: Family Event at the Acropolis Museum (honorees, Mayor of Athens Mr. K. Bakoyiannis, President of Greece 2021 Ms. Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, and Greece Tourism Minister Mr. H. Theoharis).

There were two luncheon awards events, the Family Awards Luncheon and the Athletic Luncheon with a large number of awardees and with five athletes being inducted in the Athletic Hall of Fame! Notable presence of the Kyriakides family receiving an award for Stelios Kyriakides the first, non-American born, Boston Marathon Greek Cypriot winner in 1946, the daughter of Muhammad

Ali, Laila, who received an humanitarian award, and the well-known Greek basketball player Panagiotis Giannakis and Greek-born football player Ted Karras who received the outstanding athlete achievement awards for 2020 and 2021.

We had the pleasure to hear about and appreciate their projects and admire our future aspiring leaders in the Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athena!

The Supreme Convention concluded with the voting of the 237 delegates and alternates (204 eligible to vote, 179 votes cast) for the only contested position of Supreme Vice President and the validation of the nominated Brothers for the Supreme Lodge. Our newly installed Supreme President Mr. Jimmy Kokotas, after his own sworn in ceremony, swore in the rest of the Supreme Lodge. We congratulate our own PDG Mr. Alex Mallas who was nominated and sworn in as Supreme Governor in Region 8, which covers CA, OR, WA, AZ, NV, and HI!

As I mentioned earlier, let me now share a personal experience after the Convention that signifies the spirit of being an AHEPAn and the fraternity of all Brothers. At the Convention, I became aware of a Chapter in Constantinople (Vosporus #601) which promoted a worldwide campaign to establish a Greek language day on Feb 8. This Chapter, as one can imagine, is operating both virtually and with guarded meetings and events due to the stormy relationships with Turkey... Incidentally, I am writing this on the 66th anniversary of the killings of Greeks, their forced expulsion, and large destruction of their property and stores in Constantinople during the pogrom on Sept 6-7, 1955. My paternal roots are from the island of Marmaras in the Sea or Propontis near Constantinople, and the maternal side from Smyrna, sadly up until 1922. I had planned to take a small detour and visit the island of my ancestors, the first in my family to do so. It would be my first trip to the area traveling on my own. With some trepidation, I reached out to the President of the Chapter, Brother Samaras, and explained the purpose of my trip. He immediately offered his and other members' assistance to meet me and show me around! Especially Brother Tasos Mastrogiannis, a 25-year AHEPA veteran, called me multiple times from Thessaloniki, apologizing for not being able to be in Constantinople

with me, as he was coming in the week after. He offered instead the contacts of two other Brothers who may be local during that week. Brother Vassilis Poridis, the Vice President of the Chapter, went out of his way to come and meet me at my



Author with Brother Vassilis Poridis, Vice President of the Constantinople Chapter, at the new Istanbul Airport.

hotel, traveling from the nearby Prince Island on a workday! He then drove me around to the Greek Fanari area and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate. What a solemn and emotional experience, amplified by my earlier visit to Hagia Sophia, unfortunately now a Turkish mosque... Brother Vassilis had even offered to arrange a private visit for me with the Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness Bartholomew, but regrettably, he was out of town! He then drove me to the airport 40 miles outside the City on my return day! This whole set of events was way above and beyond of what I had expected. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the Chapter Brothers and their warm, unselfish acceptance of a Brother visiting their celebrated and battered City!

My first Supreme Convention was a fantastic experience along with being back to the place I grew up, Athens. It felt like I was among longtime friends discussing common interests and projects and working together to our common objectives. I

99th Supreme Convention Athens, Greece July 2021

Photos courtesy of Dr. Zarifis



Grand Banquet. District 21 delegates with CA Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis

L to R: Stathakos, Zarifis, Tsiplakos, Moulas, Kounalakis, Skoufis, Helen Sexton, Zioulas, Mallas, Sexton

Supreme Convention Athens, Greece July 2021

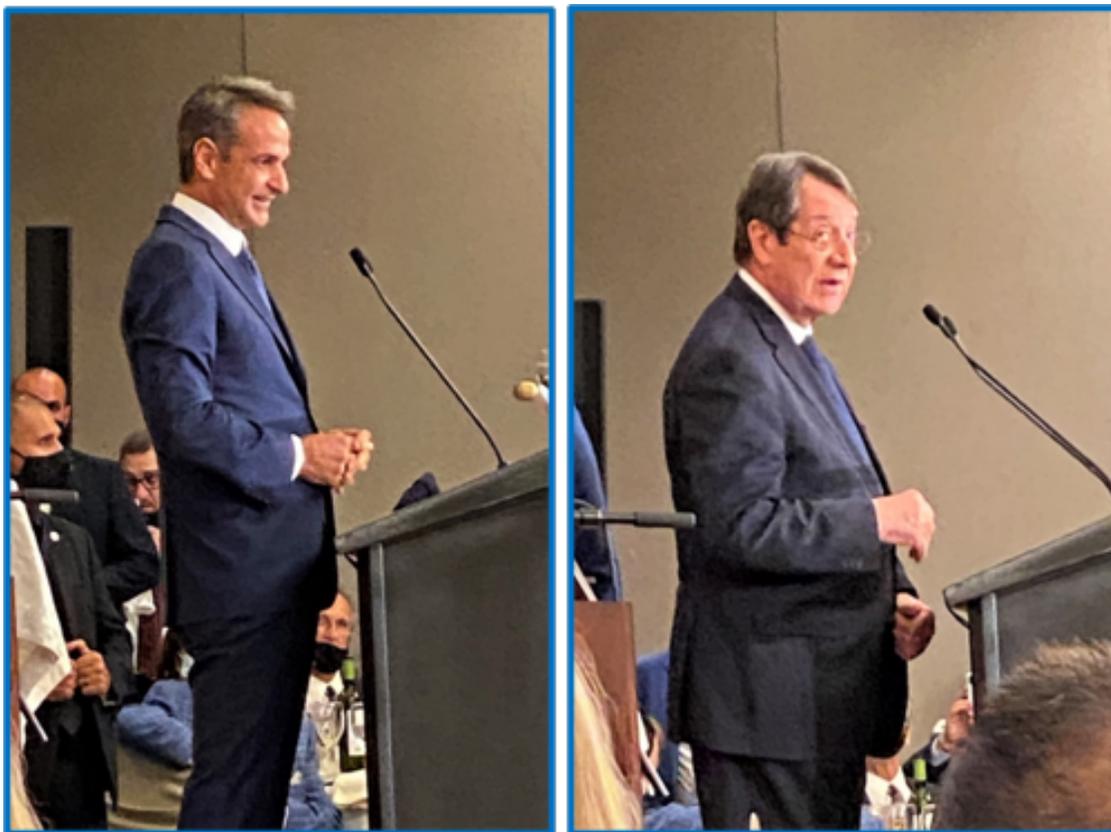


Grand Banquet. District 21 delegates and outgoing Supreme President George Horiates (L to R: Brothers Stathakos, Zarifis, Zioulas, Horiates, Mallas)



Grand Banquet setup at Divani Caravel Hotel

Supreme Convention Athens, Greece July 2021



Greece's PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis and President of Cyprus Nikos Anastasiades on stage at the Grand Banquet



Family Awards Luncheon at the Grande Bretagne Ballroom

Supreme Convention Athens, Greece July 2021



Supreme President Horiates's reception at the King George Hotel

L to R: Horiates, US Amb. G. Pyatt, Greece Amb. A. Papadopoulou, Grand President DOP C. Kachmarski

Author with the outgoing President of AHEPA Canada, Mr. Christos Argyriou. One of the encouragements to become an AHEPA member was from my father-in-law of AHEPA Canada (London Chapter); I mentioned this to President Argyriou and thanked him



Artemis #5 Sacramento News

GREETINGS FROM ARTEMIS #5

by Diane Petersen PGS Secretary

Since our President Jan Spanos PGP works for the state well into the night, we continued our meetings via teleconferencing.

Newsletters are sent out just about every week from our President Jan Spanos PGP (information about covid-19, Delta, quick tips, recipes, & etc). Diane Petersen PGS edits these letters and inserts the Guess Who? Birthdays, Thinking of You, & etc.

December 2020—Artemis Christmas Charity Vice-President Rula Manikas chair organized and delivered toys, books, stuffed animals, and other items to Shriner's Children's Hospital in Sacramento. The drop off location was Annunciation Church in Sacramento.

February 2021—Daughters wore red on February 5th, in honor of American Heart Month.

March 2021

March 8th. Some members attended via zoom International Women's Day.

March 13th. Members attended via zoom the Spring Conference.

March 25th Greek Independence Day Pauline Cazanis was the Daughters of Penelope chairman. This event took place at the Annunciation Church in Sacramento. Church services were held indoors. Flag raising was held in front of the church with speeches from the following: AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope presidents, guest speakers, and priests. Refreshments were served outdoors.

At the March meeting it was announced that Sylvia Maritsas is the chairman of Veterans Affairs.

April 2021

Athena Hallock, Treasurer, came up with the idea of Artemis Challenge. (Look for the Challenge in the Traveler below).

June 2021

June 12th Daughters attended the District Convention via zoom. Rula Manikas—Daughter of the Year and Diane Petersen PGS District Penelope of the Year.

July 2021

July 4th AHEPANS and Daughters of Penelope hosted a luncheon at St. Katherine Church in Elk Grove. (Look for article and pictures in this Traveler).

August 2021

August 21st Brunch/Meeting at Annunciation Hellenic Center in the foyer area. Vice-President Rula Manikas was the chef. We held nominations and kept the same elected officers. Meetings and dates were discussed (Saturday meetings, different locations, & etc).

October 2021

Breast Cancer Awareness Coffee Hour at Annunciation and St. Katherine Churches. Pink ribbon (donations for the pins—Breast Cancer Research UC Med), pink bagels from Panera Breads, and pink koulourakia. Wear pink that day. (Look for Artemis Challenge again for the information on Knitted Knockers). St. Katherine Chairs Diana Bueche and Diane Petersen. Annunciation Chairs Pauline Cazanis and ?

October 28th OXI Day Pauline Cazanis is the chair. GAPA and the Annunciation Sunday School

November 2021

November 14th Daughters of Penelope Anniversary Coffee Hour Literature and membership applications forms will be available. Annunciation chairs Rula Manikas and Pauline Cazanis. St. Katherine chairs Diana Bueche and Diane Petersen.

December 2021

Christmas Luncheon with the Ahepans. Charity TBD Chairman Rula Manikas.

Future event—Rummage Sale TBD

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FOURTH OF JULY

It all started on Father's Day June 20th at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Elk Grove, when Diane Petersen PGS sponsored the Father's Day Luncheon. Mark Hallock, District Lt. Governor and Demos Papadopoulos, District Treasurer cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers.

Then Demos had a great idea! Since we celebrate Greek Independence Day at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Sacramento, then we should celebrate Fourth of July at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Elk Grove. The event was announced at the Father's Day Luncheon on the 20th of June. AHEPA #153 and Daughters of Penelope Artemis #5 called, texted, and e-mailed the community about a Fourth of July celebration at St. Katherine's Church in Elk Grove.

AHEPANS and Daughters of Penelope from the Sacramento region showed up and enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and Fourth of July cake. It was a success! It will be an annual event on a Sunday that is the closest to July 4th.

We wish to thank everyone who attended this event and their donations to St. Nicholas Ranch. Thank-you Demos for a great idea! Thank you AHEPA #153 and Daughters of Penelope Artemis #5.

Artemis #5 Chapter Challenge to Chapters of District 21 from Athena Hallock

John Kennedy's most famous line was in his inaugural speech. "Ask not what your government can do for you, but what you can do for your government." The Peace Corps was one of the organizations born from this phrase. Charity begins at home meant using resources we were already producing and sharing with others in need. Not everyone had money to spare, but people did have talent to share. My challenge is to recognize members who

make items for donation and the organizations who received those items. It is also a Chapter challenge because each chapter will benefit from this knowledge. This knowledge can be used to inform the public about the Daughters of Penelope.

Here is the information needed with an example following:

Chapter Name:

Member's Name:

Crafts Donated:

Charity Information:

Any information you would like to add about the charity. Sacramento homeless shelter located at ...; Project Linus supplies blankets for homeless children. Just enough information that someone could look further into it if they chose to do so.

Chapter bragging rights of talent members:

All needlework, woodwork, soap making, gardening, etc. that chapter's members are doing, whether or not the final product produce is being donated. (i.e. spinning counts, you can't donate spun wool to a homeless shelter, but you can donate the knitted hat from it.)

Name of Chapter: Artemis #5

Member's Name: Athena Hallock

Crafts Donated: Knitted Knockers to Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital (SAFH). Various items of knitting and quilted placemats to St. Katherine's Philoptochos Rebecca's circle to raise money for Philoptochos.

Charity Information: Knitted Knockers- they provide knitted and crochet breast prothesis for free to women who had mastectomies or procedures. Can donate directly to the main charity or adopt a local hospital through the website.

Contact Athena for more information:
athenahallock@mac.com

In Memoriam



Andrew T. Banis
June 16, 1932 - July 28, 2021

Andrew T. Banis was the oldest son of Tom and Olga Lazana Banis, was born in Sioux City, Iowa on June 16, 1932. The Banis family moved to San Francisco after the birth of their youngest son, Harry. Both parents were immigrants from Greece and were looking to San Francisco to start their new life. Andrew attended schools in San Francisco and graduated from Lowell High School. After four years of active duty in the United States Coast Guard he was Honorably Discharged and returned to complete his College Degree in Accounting and Business. Andrew was married on January 16, 1955 to Thalia Joan Bezaitis for forty-four years. Their children are Tom and Marie Dalkas Banis and George and Kristine Barakos Banis. He has been blessed to have five grandchildren, he always referred to them as his "A's". They are Alexandra, Andrew, Angelique (C.T. McIntosh), Anisa (Alex Khoury) and Anthony Banis. Andrew was Founder and Past President of Banis Restaurant Design, Inc. The business services the food industry in Design and Furnishings of all related food establishments. He was pronounced as "Archon Megas Hieromnimon of the Great Church of Christ, Order of Saint Andrew" by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholmeos of Constantinople, Turkey. He also is a recipient of

the "Archdiocesan Medal of Saint Paul" and 58 year member and Past President of Ascension Cathedral of Oakland. Andrew was an active member of the Order of AHEPA for sixty years and has served in all offices on the chapter and district level and given the opportunity to serve as Supreme President of Order of AHEPA 2001-2002. He has served with personal and honor to the ORDER. The Hellenic American Professional Society of California presented "The Axion Award" for Andrew's exemplary service to his learned Profession. He was co-founder of the Bay Area Greek American Business Society. Served with his wife Thalia and Director Paul Manolis during founding of the Patriarch Athengoras Orthodox Institute at University of California Berkeley. But above all, Andy will be remembered as a loving father, husband and grandfather. He taught us all to live life to the fullest, say yes to spending time with family and friends and always have a good story to tell. His positive attitude was contagious and model of how we live our lives. No matter the circumstance, he saw the best in every situation. It was a life well lived in grace, integrity and love.

Services were held at the Ascension Cathedral followed by burial at Mt. View Cemetery in Oakland.

Donations can be made to:
Thalia Bezaitis Banis Scholarship Fund,
Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension,
4700 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602



Additional Oakland Chapter members who have passed away this past year:

John Georgiou - January 25

John Kanelos (Life Member) - March 18

Eugene Zahas - April 7

Vasillios Bouzos - May 10

James Maneatis (Life Member) - August 8

May their Memory be Eternal!

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AHEPA Celebrated 99 Years of Service in Athens Convention

*Lifted from the Greek Reporter
by Stacey Harris-Papaioannou*



AHEPA leadership elected at Athens convention Sons of Pericles Supreme President Tim Noitsis, AHEPA Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas, Grand President Kathy Bizoukas, and Maids of Athena Grand President Maria Ana Pantelous Image courtesy of AHEPA

Celebrating 99 years, the order of AHEPA commenced in Athens with its international convention in plenary sessions and ceremonies, bestowing the organization's highest honors on the President of the Hellenic Republic, the Prime Minister of Greece and the President of Cyprus.

The convention, that ran from July 25 to 31, ended by installing its new governing board for the entire AHEPA family, including the Daughters of Penelope (DOP), Sons of Pericles (SOP) and Maids of Athena (MOA). Elections took place on Friday.

US Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey Pyatt welcomed the attendees when the session opened Sunday afternoon. The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is a fraternal organization founded on July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia. AHEPA was founded to fight for civil rights and against discrimination, bigotry, and hatred felt at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan.

Upon arrival to Greece the organization's members took part in receptions and ceremonies across venues in Athens including the Presidential Mansion, the Athens War Museum, the Stavros Niarchou Foundation, the Grande Bretagne Hotel and the Divani Caravel.



Katerina Sakellaropoulou, President of the Hellenic Republic received the AHEPA Socrates Award at the presidential palace on July 27. Image courtesy of Daughters of Penelope

AHEPA Honors Hellenic Republic President, Prime Minister

On Tuesday afternoon, Katerina Sakellaropoulou hosted the AHEPA family at the Presidential Palace. Supreme President George Horiates bestowed the Socrates Award on Greece's first female president. Also present was DOP Grand President Celia Kachmarski.

Sakellaropoulou said of the AHEPA organization, "During all this time, it has grown astoundingly, becoming a role model, both within American society and beyond, with remarkable community service through inspirational projects, while never forgetting the motherland."

Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Cypriot President Nicos Anastasides presented with



Socrates Award at AHEPA Convention by president Geogre Horiates. Image courtesy of AHEPA

Wednesday Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus, received the Socrates award at a reception at the Divani Caravel.

Mitsotakis said, "Our history, the history of 200 years, as one of our leading historians has written, was indeed a history of triumphs and catastrophes, moments when we did great things, but also traumatic, painful tragedies. There has never been a more painful time, Mr. President, than the tragedy in Cyprus 47 years ago. Cyprus remains a divided island under occupation. And I can assure you, I can assure the people of Cyprus, I can assure all Greeks in Greece and abroad that we will dedicate all our energy in order to promote the goal of a free and reunited Cyprus."

Mitsotakis added "I had the privilege of spending seven years studying in the United States. I have very strong ties with the Greek American community. Dear George, I would like to congratulate the AHEPA organization for all its achievements, and for the fact that it has always been there in the good times as well as in the difficult times. AHEPA is always present in the fair struggles of Hellenism. We know we can count on you and you know you can count on us."

The prime minister said, "The relationship between Greece and the United States is not only becoming stronger, but is paving a path of strategic importance for both our countries, which makes us feel extremely optimistic. You know that we have been facing significant challenges at regional level for the last two years, but we remain firm in our belief that if we rely on the fundamental principles of international law, the principle of good neighborly relations, we can and will be able to meet these difficulties."

Greek Diaspora recognizes US Presidents with Socrates Award

The Socrates Award recognizes prominent men and women who have emulated ancient Hellenic ideals. This is the most prestigious award AHEPA awards. Among the recipients are US presidents: Joseph Biden-2015, George W. Bush-2002, Bill Clinton-1996, George W. H. Bush-1990, Ronald Regan-1986, Richard Nixon-1971 and Lyndon B.

Johnson-1966.

AHEPA's initial mission was to promote the image of Greeks in America, assist them with citizenship and assimilation into American culture, and combat prejudice.

With the full assimilation of Greek Americans, its mission evolved toward philanthropy, education, and promoting and preserving the Hellenic identity. AHEPA is present in Australia, Canada, the Bahamas, Greece, Cyprus, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and the UK.

AHEPA represents the Greek diaspora with more than 400 chapters across the United States, Canada, and Europe. In addition, the chapters report to 28 different districts. Those 28 districts report to the Supreme Lodge and Headquarters, located in Washington, DC.

AHEPA Athens Convention Honors Chrysoulakis, Archbishop

AHEPA honored two individuals, Yiannis Chrysoulakis, Deputy foreign minister of Foreign Affairs of Greeks Abroad, and His Eminence Archbishop Ieronymos II of Athens.

Chrysoulakis, also an AHEPA member, complimented the Horiates on the work he has done, over the past two years, despite the setbacks caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Chrysoulakis said that the Greeks from abroad have a passion for Greece rivaled only by those who currently live there and that without the diaspora communities, things would be much worse.

His Eminence Archbishop Ieronymos could not attend the event in person. A letter, on his behalf, was read to delegates by his representative.

AHEPA Convention attendees were also welcomed to Athens by U.S. Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey R. Pyatt. "The Greek American diaspora, and especially grassroots organizations like AHEPA, put our democratic principles into practice, advancing the U.S.-Greece relationship and playing a vital role in helping us to advance our shared goals."

Pyatt said "From your study abroad and summer excursion programs to your recent support for the restoration and cleaning of the Harry Truman statue here in Athens, and the assistance that you provided to the Greek people during the COVID

19 pandemic, AHEPA has demonstrated time and again what a force multiplier you are for our bilateral relationship.”



Ambassador Pyatt addresses a reception at the Athens War Museum for AHEPA. Image courtesy of AHEPA

Awards Presented at Niarchos, War Museum

Greek National Defense Minister, Nikos Panagiotopoulos and General Konstantinos Floros, chief of the Hellenic National Defense General Staff, each were presented with the AHEPA Pericles Award for their service to Greece. The event took place on Monday-July 26-to commemorate the 99th anniversary of AHEPA's establishment in 1922.

“The Hellenism of America is the strength of Greece,” the Greek Minister of National Defense said.

“I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for presenting me with the Pericles Award,” Panagiotopoulos said. “I am extremely honored to receive this award from AHEPA on this very important occasion of your 99th Supreme Convention in Athens Greece, where democracy was born, in the Golden Age of none other than Pericles.”

AHEPA developed the Pericles award on both the National and District level to honor those individuals in government. Past awards have been bestowed to Senator Paul Tsongas, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Senator John Glenn, Congressman Mike Bilirakis, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Congressman Gus Yatron, Congressman George Gekas, Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, Congressman John Lewis, Congressman Peter J. Visclosky and

Panos Kammenos.

The board of the museum presented Horiates with the first Medal of Honor given by King Otto to the brave fighters of the Greek Revolution.

Dendias, Patoulis Honored at AHEPA Convention

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation venue was the site for an “AHEPA Greek Night” event Tuesday that included award presentations.

AHEPA honored Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias with the AHEPA Pericles Award. On behalf of Foreign Minister Dendias, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, Alexandra Papadopoulou, accepted the award from Supreme President Horiates. The ambassador expressed appreciation for the mission and work of AHEPA.

AHEPA also recognized the governor of the Region of Attica, George Patoulis, for his contributions to helping make the event held at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation a memorable success.



Ambassadors Pyatt and Papadopoulou were presented with AHEPA awards by President Horiates and DOP president Kachmarski on July 29. Image courtesy of Daughters of Penelope

Ambassadors Pyatt and Papadopoulou Honored by AHEPA

US Ambassador Pyatt and Greek Ambassador to the US, Alexandra Papadopoulou, were honored for excellence in diplomacy on July 29.

Ambassador Pyatt received AHEPA's newly established George C. Marshall Award and Ambassador Papadopoulou received the AHEPA Pericles Award from president Horiates.

“For me, this Marshall award, like the AHEPA-

funded statue of Secretary Marshall standing outside my office, symbolizes the ongoing friendship between the United States and Greece. It reaffirms our commitment—from the Greek Revolution until today—to support each other through whatever challenges our democracies may face,” Ambassador Pyatt said.

Ambassador Papadopoulou conveyed her gratitude for the honor and her appreciation for the mission and work of AHEPA and the DOP. Ambassador Papadopoulou is the first female ambassador to represent Greece in the United States.

On July 30 Athens Mayor Kostas Bakoyiannis and Haris Theocharis, minister of Tourism, were honored by AHEPA at an evening reception at the Acropolis Museum. Also present was Gianna Aggelopoulou-Daskalaki, who presides over Greece 2021 Bicentennial celebration.



Athens Mayor Kostas Bakoyiannis with AHEPA family members Maids of Athena and Sons of Pericles Image courtesy of AHEPA

Greek Reporter spoke with 15 year veteran of DOP, Anna Goritsas-Tsaparas. The native of Chicago, who moved to Greece in 1997, is serving as the president of the Hesperus Chapter of DOP in Athens. “Ahepans and Daughters from around the world are here to honor our forefathers and to celebrate our heritage,” said Goritsas-Tsaparas. “During our five days of meetings, we came together to express ideas, concerns in different ways not only to help improve our organization as a whole but to give a strong message to our neighbors that the Diaspora is here and will ‘Defend Hellenism!’”

Goritsas-Tsaparas has served as president, vice president, secretary and adviser as a member of

the Hesperus chapter. “An important component of AHEPA’s/DOP mission is to create awareness of the principles of Hellenism to the international community. These principles include a commitment to humanity, freedom, and democracy.”

Minister of tourism Haris Theocharis with DOP Executive Director Elena Saviolakis and DOP treasurer Margret Dritsas. Image courtesy of Daughters of Penelope

She said “AHEPA educates the community on these matters through symposia, forums, and conferences. Since 2006, the AHEPA family hosts a ‘Journey to Greece’ program designed to immerse university students in Greece and the Hellenic Culture. In addition, AHEPA Supreme President George G. Horiates has been “re-energizing” Hellenes and Philhellenes worldwide.”

The Daughters of Penelope was the realization of Alexandra Apostolides’ dream. Her desire was to create a woman’s organization and because of her perseverance and the encouragement of her husband Dr. Emanuel Apostolides, a devoted AHEPAN, she formed EOS Chapter#1 with 25 charter members on November 16,1929 in San Francisco, California.

Much like AHEPA, the Mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence.

Philanthropy and volunteerism have been pillars throughout the country for the Daughters of Penelope over its many years of existence. From natural disaster relief, to raising funds to eliminate life threatening diseases, to making significant contributions to our local municipalities, the Daughters of Penelope is at the forefront of charitable giving.

Margarita Vartholomeou, a recent join to the Karyatides chapter in Athens attended the convention as a first time delegate. The Karyatides chapter was one of the first to be created outside the US, founded by Helen Tranta. The chapter is a legacy across the AHEPA family as Tranta and her members founded and built a school for girls in the Athens suburb of Nea Ionia that today has served as a day care center for under-privileged children, from 6 months to five years in age.

Vartholomeou told Greek Reporter, “DOP is

non-profit organization, which not only takes positive action, but also educates and promotes responsibility among citizens.” Vartholomeou’s son, who won acclaim this past year as an international award winning young poet, Dimosthenes-Dimitris Despotithis, read some of his poems at the final AHEPA session. “What moved me most was the love and warmth with which the DOP demonstrated.”

Leadership Elected for 2021 -2022

The delegates of the AHEPA convention elected Jimmy Kokotas as Supreme President. Other members of the Grand Lodge elected for the 2021- 2022 administrative year are Lou Astaves, Supreme Vice President; Emanuel Constans, Canadian President, Savas Tsivikos, Supreme Secretary; Chris Kaitson, Supreme Treasurer; Demetrios Kirkilis, Supreme Counselor; Nick Kavadas, Supreme sons of Pericles Advisor; Chris Atsaves, Supreme Athletic Director. Regional governors include Kostas Sofikitis (1), James Gregorakis (2), Vassos Chrysanthou (3), Dalton Repass (4), Demetrios Papadopoulos (5), Sam Benjamin (6), Marshall Monsell (7) and Alexander Mallas (8).

Katerina Sakellaropoulou, president of the Hellenic Republic at a reception at the presidential palace hosting members of DOP and AHEPA. Image courtesy of Daughters of Penelope

DOP convention delegates elected Kathy

Bizoukas, Grand President for the 2021-2022 administrative year. Bizoukas is a 36 year member of the AHEPA family. Bizoukas is currently a member of Daughters of Penelope Pleiades Chapter No. 50 and was also a Maids of Athens in Maids of Athena Chapter Dionysia Chapter No. 141. Her husband, Dave Kurow, is a member of AHEPA Chapter No.123. Kathy has two children, Jordan, 31, and Courtney, 29 who are also members. Kathy’s parents, George and Cleopatra, have been a part of the AHEPA Family since 1958.

Elections for the DOP board were held on July 30. Other members of DOP Board elected include Grand Vice President Georgette Boulegeris of Bedminster, NJ; Grand Secretary Marianthi Treppiedi of Spokane, WA; Grand Treasurer Margaret Dritsas of Ottawa, Canada; Grand Governor Zone I Antoinette Marousis Zachariades of Brick, NJ; Grand Governor Zone II Dorothea Williams of St Clair Shores, MI; Grand Governor Zone III Elaine Koutsoukos of AppleValley, MN; Grand Governor Zone IV Robbie Jackson of Spokane, WA; Grand Governor Zone V Nicki Douklias of Manitoba, Canada and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Patty Didik of Hudson, FL.

The 2022 AHEPA convention will convene the week of July 17 at Disneyworld at the Coronado Springs Hotel in Orlando, FL. The organization will celebrate its centennial in 2022.

AHEPA Responds to Call to Action, Opens Emergency Relief Fund



Shortly after concluding business at our Athens Supreme Convention, an onslaught of wildfires devastated Greece. Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas immediately opened the Emergency Relief Fund and called on Ahepans from across the globe to mobilize. As they have in the past, Ahepans heeded the call and stepped up to assist in any way possible. As monetary donations continue to pour in, Ahepans also have volunteered their time and resources by donating bottles of water or by contributing to actual fire relief.

Stateside, Hurricane Ida came barreling through the Gulf, leaving devastation in her wake in Louisiana and causing severe flooding and tornado damage in the mid-Atlantic up to parts of New England. AHEPA is working with the District 16 AHEPA family to determine



AHEPA VETERANS REGISTRATION

AHEPA Medal for Military Service is awarded to all veterans in Honor of their service to the United States.

“The Mission of the Order of AHEPA Veterans Committee is to archive and recognize all veterans of the Order and Hellenic community through sound communication and publication. Furthermore, to conduct fund raising and philanthropic outreach through a cohesive, limited, yet well defined activity that reflects well on the Order of AHEPA and brings credit to the organization at large.”

The AHEPA Medal for Military Service, approved by the 106th Congress, was presented to all AHEPA veterans present at the 34th Biennial Congressional Banquet, March 29, 2000. The Supreme Lodge then encouraged its districts and chapters to present this medal to its deserving veterans unable to attend this banquet. It is this committee’s intent to register AHEPA Veterans and have the AHEPA Medal presented at appropriate events at the District and Chapter levels. Funds collected through this effort cover medal production and other administrative costs to include shipping. Remaining proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Program annually.

Eligibility requirement for AHEPA Medal for Military Service includes Honorable Service and Discharge. Service includes Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve status of the United States Armed Forces.

Register online at www.ahepaveterans.org. File a copy with your chapter Secretary after registration is complete. Medals are normally shipped in the fall and in time for Veteran’s Day celebrations in November.



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AHEPA PAW PATROL

Dear Sponsors and Donors,
 Once again, we at AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors thank you for your continued support. We are glad to report the following updates from K9s For Warriors and America's VetDogs: ASDW has 10 puppies being prepared for service training at America's VetDogs and a total of 30 between K9s and America's VetDogs.

Happy Labor Day!

Labor Day an official USA Holiday and day off.

It is not a day off for our Service Dogs as they continue to do their tasks.

Our work is not done either as we need to continue the work we are doing for our Veterans. That won't end until we help them all!



A Very Special Honor

This photo of Bunky AHEPA is from K9s Mega Kennel groundbreaking **Bunky** had the special honor of helping break ground by digging for his Kong in the sand!

Let your friends, family, co-workers, organizations know how they can also become a sponsor by logging onto: www.ahepa-servicedogs.org You can also complete the fillable attachment provided in the email.

We must continue to spread the word and support our philanthropic work so we can ensure all veterans that are in need can have the support they need through trained canines.



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Bergen **AHEPA**

Howdy! It's Bergen AHEPA here at Camp K9. These past few weeks have been very interesting. I got to meet my new trainer and we are doing awesome together. He says my skills are sharp, but I need a lot of work on my impulse control. I can't help it, when I see a toy, I just get excited and wanna play with it. But we had some good sessions, and I am working hard on it. Yesterday I was able to hold my down stay even when treats were dropped right next to me, and people were playing with a basketball across the room. My trainer has been pushing me to be my best and I love working. I know I'll be the best service dog I can be for my future Warrior, so all these training sessions are necessary. Well, I think that is all the updates for this time. Can't wait to check in next time.



Bunky **AHEPA**

Hey hey! Spunky Bunky AHEPA here letting you know that my training has been going great the last few weeks. My service skills are getting sharper and more consistent both on and off campus which means I'm one step closer to becoming a real service dog for a Warrior! I can't wait for the day that I get paired with my Veteran. I know we will be the greatest team ever!

K9s UPDATES: The AHEPA Pups are moving up!

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#23 Bear AHEPA (25 th AHEPA dog)	#72 Keane AHEPA (33 rd AHEPA dog)	#95 Molly AHEPA (39 th AHEPA dog)
#27 Andy AHEPA (26 th AHEPA dog)	#73 TBD AHEPA (34 th AHEPA dog)	#96 Lucky AHEPA (40 th AHEPA dog)
#28 Ellie AHEPA (27 th AHEPA dog)	#85 Ricey AHEPA (35 th AHEPA dog)	#100 Delphi AHEPA (41 st AHEPA dog)
#30 Delta AHEPA (28 th AHEPA dog)	#92 Patrick AHEPA (36 th AHEPA dog)	#101 Scotty AHEPA (42 nd AHEPA dog)
#31 Gabriel AHEPA (29 th AHEPA dog)	#93 Wynn AHEPA (37 th AHEPA dog)	#102 Zoi (f) or Zois (m) AHEPA (43 rd AHEPA dog)
#45 Louie AHEPA (30 th AHEPA dog)		#104 Uncle Buck AHEPA (44 th AHEPA dog)

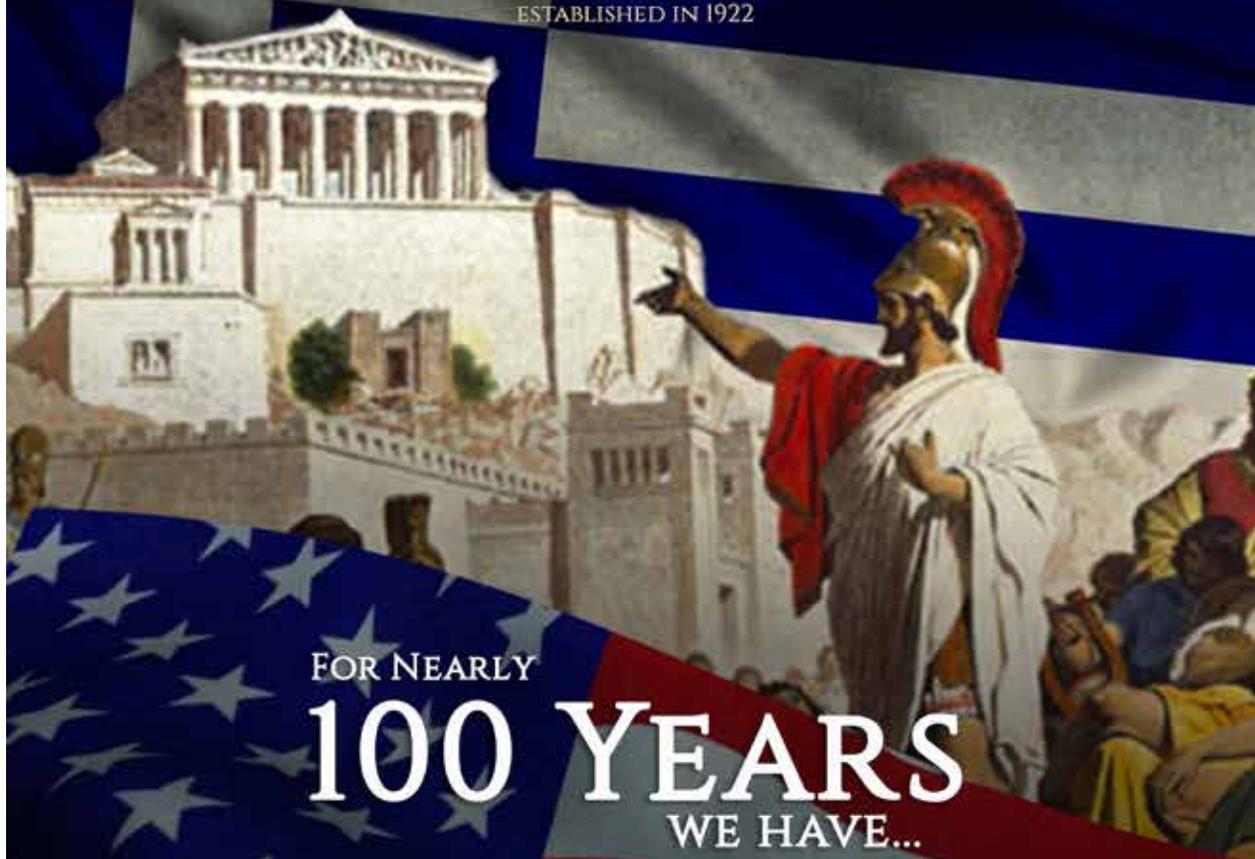
America's VetDogs: UPDATES:

We have now officially partnered with AMERICA'S VETDOGS in Smithtown, NY. The cost of a canine for a Veteran is now \$6000.00. The time for a Veteran to receive a Canine has also been reduce from 3 years to 18 months to 2 years. Aside from this great news AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors has 10 dogs in training at AMERICA'S VETDOGS! We look forward to continuing our great work with AMERICA'S VETDOGS.

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