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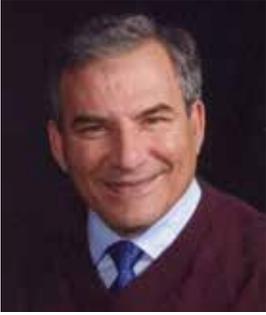
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**AHEPA GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21**

## *AHEPA District Governor's Message*



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Family,

Let me take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very happy, prosperous and healthy new year. A year ago under the new uncertain circumstances due to COVID19 we all faced new challenges.

As an organization we had to cancel in person events, adapt to zoom/tele conferences and finding new ways to promote Hellenism, education, philanthropy, family and individual excellence. We all worked together with positive new attitudes and we managed the new situation successfully while staying safe. We honored the AHEPA hundred years successful history by staying strong as a brotherhood/sisterhood!

This success story it wouldn't happen if it wasn't for the efforts of every one of you. **Thank you!** District Lodge, Chapter boards, Past District Governors, Scholarship Committee, the Housing Committee, the new Public Policies & Relations Committee and every Chapter member who worked hard to stay in touch and coordinate our efforts! Thanks you also to our Supreme President George Horiates, Supreme Vice President Jimmy Kokotas and Supreme Governor, Alex Soles for staying in touch and working close with our District.

The 2021 WRDC is postponed for next year. Our District Convention will take place through Zoom and the date will be decided soon at the spring conference.

Saturday, March 13th, 11 am PST, we are holding our **AHEPA Family District #21 Spring Conference** through Zoom.

**AHEPA Family Supreme Convention** – Athens, Greece 2021 is on, for more information visit: <https://ahepa.org/supreme-convention/>

**2021 AHEPA District 21 Scholarship Program** packets are available and the deadline is approaching, April 1, 2021. Please promote to your Chapter members the availability of this wonderful for the youth program.

**March 25th celebrations** planning are in progress for many of the chapters. As a District we have planned to have the **Consul General of Greece of San Francisco, Socratis Sourvinos** will be our guest host on Saturday, March 20th 2pm PST, with a presentation "*200 years since the Uprising of March 25th, 1821 and our National Independence*". During our 2021 Spring Conference the Chapter Boards will announce each Chapter's celebration plans.

Stay Safe, Stay Well

Fraternally,  
*Alexander Mallas*  
District 21 Governor

## *Daughters of Penelope District Governor's Message*



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I offer you all my heartfelt wishes of faith, hope and love during this Blessed Lenten Season. Thank you all for your continued support over this year. We appreciate every sister and brother and are grateful for your valuable contribution of your time and talents. I have been attending many DOP Chapter meetings and am so happy to see us meeting, sharing, caring and thinking about ways to give to our communities, our country and the world at large.

### **D21 AHEPA Family Virtual Spring Conference March 13, 2021**

Please join us for our D21 Ahepa Family Virtual Spring Conference, to be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 starting at 11:00am PST. Details are in the flyer included in this newsletter. I do hope you all will attend.

We will have some the of our DOP Grand Lodge and MOA Grand Lodge attending. Grand President Celia Kachmarski, Grand Secretary and National Liaison to our district Georgette Boulegeris, Grand Advisor to the MOA Kathy Leles and Grand Governor Zone IV Beverly Kennedy. MOA Grand President Theodora Ronstadt will be in attendance as well as the Presidents of our D21 Eleftheria (Stockton) and Ismene Diana (San Jose) reporting on their chapter activities.

### **2021 WRDC Has Been Postponed to 2022**

The WRDC committee met last week to discuss whether to proceed or postpone the 2021 Western Regional District Convention. After some discussion, we all voted that in the best interest of the health and well-being of our members, that we will postpone the WRDC to 2022.

### **D21 AHEPA Family Convention will be held June 2021**

The D21 AHEPA Family will meet soon to discuss having our 2021 Convention. We will share the details with you very soon. Stay Tuned!

### **Scholarships**

DOP D21 Scholarship packets have been sent to all chapters and are located on our DOP District 21 website: <https://dop21.org/scholarships/index.htm#>

Please pass the word to those in your family and parish to consider applying for our scholarships. We feel truly blessed when we can support our students to continue their education.

### **AHEPA Family Supreme Convention July 25 -31, 2021 in Athens, Greece!**

We will get more details about the Convention at our March 13, 2021 Conference. Updated Details can always be found on [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org)

### **Happy Greek Independence Day**

Congratulations on the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence! Let it be a time to reflect on our forefathers and their commitment to freedom and the sacrifices they made. Long Live Greece!

Sisters Laurie, Angela, Mary, Helen, Angie, Foula, Alicia and I want to wish you a very *Blessed Lenten Season* and a *Happy Pascha*.

Love in Theta Pi,

*Linda Belba*

District 21 Governor





**GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21  
AHEPA FAMILY**

*Virtual Spring Conference*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021**

**SCHEDULE**

OPEN/SOCIAL .....	11:00AM
WELCOME/COMBINED AHEPA FAMILY MEETING .....	11:15AM
BREAK .....	12:30PM
INDIVIDUAL AHEPA FAMILY MEETINGS .....	12:45PM
ADJOURN .....	2:00PM

*All Ahepa Family District 21 members are invited to attend.*

*Supreme Lodge and Grand Lodge Officers will be attending as well as District and Chapter Officers.*

*Agenda will include District and Chapter news and reports  
Ahepa and Daughters District Scholarship news  
National Officer's remarks*

*Invitations to join the conference through ZOOM  
will be emailed to members.*



## The 2021 AHEPA Golden Gate District Lecture Series

Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm (PST)

Sokratis Sourvinos, Consul General of Greece in San Francisco

"200 years since the Uprising of March 25th, 1821 and our National Independence"

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/socrates-sourvinos-34327710/>



Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2pm (PST)

Gonda Van Steen, Ph.D.

Greek Children of the 'Silent Migration': The AHEPA's Role in the US Adoptions from Greece in the 1950s-1960s

Book: Adoption, Memory, and Cold War Greece, Kid pro quo?

[https://www.press.umich.edu/11333937/adoption\\_memory\\_and\\_cold\\_war\\_greece](https://www.press.umich.edu/11333937/adoption_memory_and_cold_war_greece)



Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm (PST)

Alexander Kitroeff,

Professor of History at Haverford College

"The Greek Orthodox Church in America A Modern History"

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/alexander-kitroeff-9057ab167/>



Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm (PST)

Edward "Ned" Schoolman, Ph.D.

Professor; Director of Graduate Studies at University of Nevada, Reno

"The Greeks Of Italy"

Website: <https://emschoolman.com/>



Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm (PST)

Todd Jensen, MBA, MS

AHEPA National Housing Corporation,  
Director of Development

"New Construction in Today's Affordable Housing Industry"

<https://www.ahepahousing.org/>



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# Virtual BINGO night

In celebration of the  
200th anniversary of Greek Independence Day

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope Sparta #18

March 25 at 6:30 pm pst



1 card for \$10  
3 cards for \$25

Bingo cards and zoom link will be emailed to you

Proceeds to benefit:



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Sincerely,  
Sophoula

## DISTRICT & NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**AHEPA District Scholarship Foundation** Applications are available from your chapter and on the District website: <https://ahepa21.org/Documents/Scholarships/D21-current-scholarship-application-fillable.pdf>.

**Daughters of Penelope District Scholarship** applications are available from your chapter and on the District website: <https://dop21.org/scholarships/index.htm>.

**National AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope** scholarship applications on their respective websites: [ahepa.org](http://ahepa.org) and [daughtersofpenelope.org](http://daughtersofpenelope.org). See additional on the next page.

### *From the AHEPA website - APPLICANT QUALITIES:*

**Qualities we admire in students.** We strongly recommend all students to take one or more courses in the “classics” in order to understand their historical context as they relate to current events.

**Academic Excellence.** Higher grades help show us that you’re taking your future seriously and putting in the effort.

**Cultural Appreciation.** It is our organization’s belief, that the Hellenic or Classical Studies programs on college campuses are of great value.

**Extracurricular Activity.** Having a “work-life” balance during your professional career is important which is why balancing responsibilities outside of school shows us you’re on the right track

**Volunteerism.** Philanthropy and self sacrifice are attributes in the lives of those who leave well respected legacies.

***“We Are What We Repeatedly Do. Excellence Then, Is Not An Act, But A Habit.” - Aristotle***

## AHEPA STUDENT PROGRAMS

Visit [ahepa.org](http://ahepa.org) for more information about these student programs.

Washington Mentorship AHEPAcademy	Summer Excursion Journey To Greece	Study Abroad Odyssey In Athens	Master’s Program MBA Program
Professional development program that educates, mentors, and networks exceptional Greek-American high school students as they progress through their high academic and professional careers.	Immersive summer program that takes young students on excursions throughout Greece in order to learn about, appreciate, and celebrate Greek society and culture.	Students choose to spend either a semester or full year studying abroad in Athens Greece. The school and apartments are located in the Plaka area at the base of the Acropolis.	Webster University, through its Athens campus, is proud to offer for one time only its Higher Learning Commission [HLC], USA accredited Master of Business Administration in collaboration with AHEPA.

## **AHEPA Scholarships and Educational Programs are all open!**

Please download applications and promote the “E” in AHEPA. For nearly 100 years the AHEPA has assisted school age children with scholarships. Education is a key component to success and AHEPA promotes Educational here in the U.S , Canada and abroad!

The National AHEPA Educational Foundation works closely with our Global Headquarters to prepare, process, promote and perpetuate our Educational programs.

Nearly \$2.2 Million in scholarships are awarded throughout the AHEPA domain. Our Chapters and Districts work together with National to bring programs like these to our members and their children. Don't be left out, review and submit one of our programs is just for YOU!

**AHEPA Educational Foundation Scholarship Application 2021:** <https://ahepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-AEF-Application.pdf>

**The Constantine and Patricia Mavroyannis Scholarship** is open to graduate students who are either Greek or of Greek heritage and are enrolled in a PhD program in either theoretical physics or physical chemistry in the Faculty of Science at a North American university. The scholarship is in the amount of \$5,000 and will be awarded in the fall semester. <https://ahepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/mavroyiannis-scholarship.pdf>

**The AHEPA Academy Program** – We bring students to DC and spend a week exposing to the ways of Washington. [http://ahepacademy.com/ahepacademy\\_faq.html](http://ahepacademy.com/ahepacademy_faq.html)

**The AHEPA Journey top Greece Program- Summer of 2021**, study at a fully accredited US University in Greece; learn about modern and ancient Greece. Leave your myth in Greece! See and experience the beauty of the country and its people and earn 6 transferable University credits! <https://ahepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-JTG-APPLICATION.pdf>

**THE Odyssey Study Abroad program** – Webster University Athens Campus provides this unique study abroad programs are designed to afford college students a rich cultural experience in the birthplace of Western civilization and democracy while taking accredited, upper-level courses in their chosen fields of study. <https://webster.edu.gr/studyabroad/index.php>

**The AHEPA Webster Master's Program** – Webster University, through its Athens Campus, is proud to offer for one time only its Higher Learning Commission [HLC], USA accredited Master of Business Administration in collaboration with AHEPA. <https://ahepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Webster-University-MBA-Brochure.pdf>

**The AHEPA Educational Foundation Hellenic History Tournament** – Annually AHEPA hosts regional JEOPARDY type tournaments testing Hellenic history, winners from across the globe meet annually for the International Hellenic History Tournament which is hosted at the AHEPA Supreme Convention . Winners receive a total of \$15,000 in scholarships for first, second and third place showings, collectively. Email: [niketes@yahoo.com](mailto:niketes@yahoo.com)

The AHEPA Educational Foundation is working on all these programs and we are developing more for our members and students. Individuals who are interested in starting a Scholarship in their family name can contact AHEPA Global Headquarters or Chairman George Vorkas at either: [AHEPA@AHEPA.ORG](mailto:AHEPA@AHEPA.ORG) or [GEORGEAVORKAS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GEORGEAVORKAS@GMAIL.COM)

**LECTURE SERIES WEB ACCESS**

Please join the web conference 5-10 min before the start time of our scheduled presentation.

Video/Online meeting:

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ahepa>

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**MARCH IS AHEPA MASS INITIATION MONTH CELEBRATING BICENTENNIAL MARCH 25**

The Supreme President, George G. Horiates, has asked that every chapter work to assemble brothers for initiation, particularly in this the Greek Bicentennial month of March.

Each day during the month of March at any time, the Supreme President will attend any initiation along with Supreme Lodge members to swear in new members.

Get others to join. It never has been easier. Hellenism needs AHEPA, and it needs you.

Chapters have been approved to conduct on line initiations and we are encouraging all of them to do so now. All chapters can swear in new members on their own as well as if you wish attend a special Global Greek Bicentennial Oath to be held on March 25 at 7pm EST.

All brothers who have gone through the ritual of initiation will be offered this special video conference and take the final "Oath" from our Supreme President.

We are asking all our chapters to have an initiation, whether through their own or in conjunction with district wide initiations during March. Promote our active search for members to join chapters. We are also asking for all our delinquent members to connect as well as we want you back in the fold! All elected officers should coordinate with their individual membership committees to identify and coordinate this initiation for the AHEPA.

Working together we will continue to grow and provide much needed assistance in our communities.

MARCH is our month. MARCH is AHEPA Mass Initiation Month. BICENTENNIAL MARCH 25 is a most sacred and noble day.

Get new Defender brothers to take the oath! Together we thrive, together we march !!

Fraternally,

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Executive Director  
Order of AHEPA  
Defenders of Hellenism  
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*Reno, Nevada*

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## **Update, Greek Independence Celebrations, AHEPA District 21, March 25, 2021**

***“Long Live Greece-- 200 Years of Independence” “Zito I Ellas”***

**Chapter Updates** on 25th of March Celebrations are in progress and the latest status is as follows:

Great job brothers!

### **AHEPA 151 Fresno**

- Raising the Greek Flag ceremony at City Hall confirmation/date is tbd. Planning stages.
- Possible lectures by Dr. Ioannis Kokkinidis on (1) the Revolution of 1821 and (2) the history of the Modern Greek state afterwards, after the pandemic is over. Date TBD

### **AHEPA 153 Sacramento**

- Raise the Greek and US flags at the courtyard of the Annunciation Church in Sacramento
  - o We plan to invite Dr. Katerina Lagos, Director, CSUS Hellenic Studies Program, to give a short speech on the anniversary's importance.
  - o We plan to invite Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor, to the event
  - o We will purchase small Greek flags and distribute them to the crowd
- We are in the process of contacting members of the California Senate to introduce a resolution relating to the anniversary. A similar resolution passed in 2019.
- The chapter to meet in person on March 23rd at the Spaghetti Factory, outdoor dining to celebrate the anniversary.

### **AHEPA 246 Modesto**

- We will fire guns (at a gun shop) in honor of March 25th

### **AHEPA 281 Reno**

- Fly the Greek flag at the Nevada Legislature on March 25th
- Have a proclamation written by State Senator James Ohrenschall commemorating the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence

### **AHEPA 251 Silicon Valley**

- Raise the Greek Flag on March 25th at San Jose City Hall – to be confirmed

**District 21:** Presentation scheduled, Saturday, March 20th - 2pm (PST).

**“200 years since the uprising of March 25th, 1821 and our National Independence”** guest speakers are the Consul General of Greece, Mr. Sokratis Sourvinos and a guest professor. This event is part of the **“2021 AHEPA Golden Gate District 21 Lecture Series”**.

## Greek Independence Day 1821-2021

Every year on March 25 we celebrate Greek Independence Day. This year is special since it's the 200 Year Anniversary. Like elsewhere around the world, the day is marked with national pride, happiness, and is a special holiday to the people of Hellas. Hence, the saying on this special day:

ZHTΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ! (Long live Greece!)

This festive day also coincides with another celebratory event, the Annunciation to the Theotokos, the Greek Orthodox Church's celebration of when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and informed her she was chosen to bare the son of God.

### History Of How Greece Gained Their Independence

With the fall of the Byzantine empire to the Ottomans (Turkey), Greece fell under Ottoman rule in 1453. From that point forward, Greece produced small fractions of revolutionaries in an attempted to break free; however, each event resulted in the Ottomans beating out and disengaging the threat.

However, on what is reported as the 25 of March in the year 1821—things changed, by the hands of a bishop. This event rocked the Greek nation and sent them into a cry that mimics the one yelled to the British during the American revolution, "Freedom or Death" ( Ελευθερία ή Θάνατος – Eleftheria i Thanatos)

For it was on this day that Bishop Germanos of Patras raised the Greek flag at his monastery in Agia Lavras located in the Peloponnese. To this day, the monastery carries a symbolic representation as the birthplace of modern Greece.

By the end of March 1821—the Peloponnese had officially declared war on the Ottomans.

This led to Greece's first constitution in 1822. (there would be three more until they settled on the one they have today)

This enabled the whole of Greece ( From Macedonia to Crete) to rise up as well. Under the direction of the Greek general, Theodoros Kolokotronis they established a Navy to combat the Turks in the Aegean and trained anyone willing to carry a gun and fight for freedom.

Greece eventually took Athens, but by 1827 she had returned to the Ottomans, along with most of what Greece had won, with the help of Ottoman commanders from Egypt.

This sent shock waves across Europe and other countries could no longer remain objective to Greece's struggles. Thus, the United Kingdom, France, and Russia all came to the support of the Greeks.

With their newfound help, the Greeks stopped the reinforcements from Egypt and pushed the Ottoman-Egyptians out of the Peloponnese. This gained momentum and the following year, Athens and other parts of central Greece had returned to the people.

This concluded with a peace treaty, Treaty of Adrianople (or Treaty of Edirne), between Russia and Turkey that was signed on September 14th, 1829.

While the treaty did give Russia strongholds in Europe, thus weakening the Ottomans presence—it promised autonomy to Greece and control back to her people and in 1832—Greece was officially recognized as an independent state.

For the next 100 years, Greece slowly regained all of her territory to what it is known as today.

### Other Facts Of The Greek Revolution

Like any country who is at war, terrible things occur. The Greeks were massacred in many of the Greek islands and places where there were heavy populations of Greek people, such as Constantinople. This led to Greek settlements being completely wiped out. On both sides, most prisoners of war were executed and little respect was given for general civilians. Secret small fractions rose up, like the Filiki Eteria, who's goals were to overthrow Ottoman rule, much like in American and Ireland during their fight for independence.

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## National Heroes

Revolutions birth local heroes who manifest themselves in the fight for Greece to have its own Greek Independence Day. The following people are known as Greek heroes for either financially supporting Greek soldiers (like Manto Mavrogenous), taking part in the fight itself, or for coming to Greece to fight alongside them despite not being Greek themselves (such as the English poet, Lord Byron).

Alexander Ypsilantis	Athanasios Diakos	Dimitrios Papanikolis
Demetrius Ypsilantis	Andreas Vokos Miaoulis	Papaflessas
Constantine Kanaris	Petros Mavromichalis	Markos Botsaris
Laskarina Bouboulina	Yannis Makriyannis	Lord Byron
Manto Mavrogenous	Georgios Karaiskakis	Charles Nicolas Fabvier
Alexandros Mavrokordatos	Antonios Kriezis	Nikitas Stamatelopoulos

## Greek National Anthem

During the Greek revolution, Dionýsios Solomós, wrote the base for what became the Greek National Anthem. Ode to Freedom ("Ύμνος εις την Έλευθερίαν).

Below is Greek and English translations:

Σε γνωρίζω από την κόψη  
του σπαθιού την τρομερή,  
σε γνωρίζω από την όψη  
που με βια μετράει την γη.  
Απ' τα κόκκαλα βγαλμένη  
των Ελλήνων τα ιερά,  
και σαν πρώτα ανδρειωμένη,  
χαίρε, ω χαίρε, Ελευθεριά

I shall always recognize you  
by the dreadful sword you hold  
as the Earth with searching vision  
you survey with spirit bold  
From the Greeks of old whose dying  
brought to life and spirit free  
now with ancient valor rising  
let us hail you, oh Liberty

**ZHTΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ! (Long live Greece!)**

Hello Spring

*Stay Safe and Well*

## LinkedIn for Nonprofits? The often Overlooked Network

LinkedIn is one of the largest professional networks in the world and it's audience is valuable to every organization. It can be used for career building as well as networking. As an organization we can use the LinkedIn network to drive awareness and build a broader community, invite new members to join our non-profit organization, etc. This endeavor is not unique to Ahepa as many other non-profit organizations have established their place on LinkedIn as a non-profit network, not a job search listing.

Starting a network in LinkedIn requires to "Connect" with current members and friends, to join "Groups" and start your own group. It is important to engage regularly to grow relationships and awareness. Timely, captivating relevant content is a key to success. Examples of this kind of content are: Organization Updates, Community celebrations, Volunteers at an event, Chapter board members working on-site with beneficiaries, Sharing new blog posts and stories.

As you grow your network, you can see who your connections are also connected to in order to get a better sense of AHEPA's broader network.

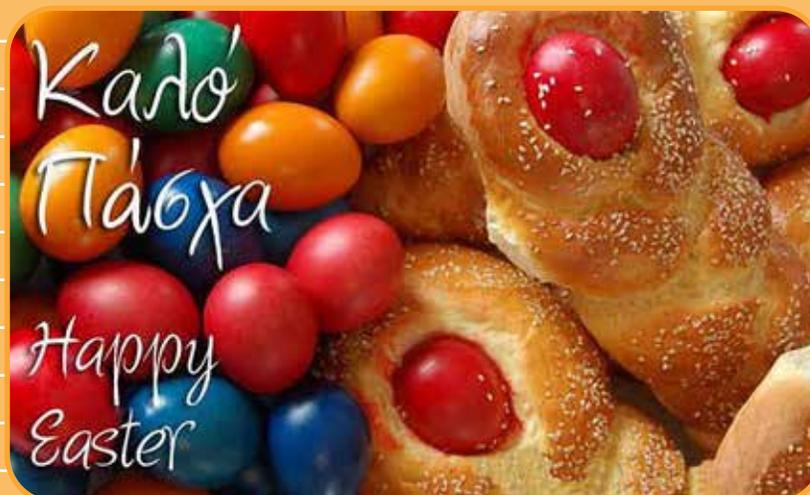
Currently in our District 21 we have three LinkedIn sites and is highly recommended to visit and join the broad Greek American community of Northern California:

AHEPA Golden Gate [www.linkedin.com/in/ahepadistrict21/](http://www.linkedin.com/in/ahepadistrict21/)

Daughters of Penelope, Golden Gate [www.linkedin.com/in/dopdistrict21/](http://www.linkedin.com/in/dopdistrict21/)

And AHEPA Silicon Valley [www.linkedin.com/in/ahepa-silicon-valley/](http://www.linkedin.com/in/ahepa-silicon-valley/)

Please contact Alex Mallas if you would like to setup your chapter's LinkedIn non-profit listing.



## AHEPA Emergency Fund

Donations for AHEPA's COVID-19 efforts can be made through the AHEPA Emergency Fund

The AHEPA Emergency Fund was started in the early part of 2006 in response to natural disasters which occur around the world. The Order of AHEPA has donating hundreds of thousands of man hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial aid for devastating natural disasters. From providing water to the first responders or milk for those in need.

We have helped clean up after Super Storm Sandy and rebuild homes in Houston. We feed thousands of homeless people through our chapters and we assist the elderly. All of our action need funds. We ask you and your chapters to donate to the AHEPA Emergency Fund.

You can donate by going to: [ahepa.org/donate](http://ahepa.org/donate)

### *Support Your Ahepa Traveler By Placing an AD*

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# ATHENS 2021



## GET READY FOR A CONVENTION TO REMEMBER! AHEPA RETURNS TO GREECE JULY 2021

**JULY 25, 2021**  
SUPREME LODGE & BOARD MEETINGS

**JULY 26, 2021**  
REGISTRATION BEGINS  
OPENING CEREMONY  
GENERAL SESSION  
99TH SUPREME CONVENTION ANNIVERSARY EVENT

**JULY 27, 2021**  
GENERAL SESSION  
REPORTS  
SYMPOSIUMS  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
DISTRICT 25 EVENT

**JULY 28, 2021**  
GENERAL SESSION  
ATHLETIC LUNCHEON  
GREEK NIGHT ACROPOLIS MUSEUM EVENT

**JULY 29, 2021**  
GENERAL SESSION  
AHEPA FAMILY AWARDS LUNCHEON

**JULY 30, 2021**  
GENERAL SESSION  
ELECTIONS  
GRAND BANQUET & BALL

**JULY 31, 2021**  
DEPARTURE

ALL EVENTS AND TIMES ARE TENTATIVE & WILL BE FINALIZED PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL  
THIS IS THE PLANNED SCHEDULE AS OF TODAY, ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT AHEPA GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
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## OFFICIAL AHEPA HOTEL

The official AHEPA Convention hotel is the Hotel Grand Bretagne!

AHEPA has made special arrangements to ensure that our members get the absolute best rate possible. In order to do this, members will need to reserve their rooms via AHEPA headquarters by visiting the link below. We have a very limited amount of rooms available at our rate so it's important that you reserve them immediately.

**AHEPA, MOA & SOP: <https://bit.ly/31MFUzj>**

**DOP: <https://bit.ly/2Cqw9y7>**

All rooms include a complimentary full breakfast daily.

Suites are available at the King George Hotel, located directly next to the Hotel Grand Bretagne.

AHEPA is working to secure as many discounts for our members as possible to assist in your vacation planning.

Please visit the above links for details regarding hotel room availability and rates.

**EMAIL [EVENTS@AHEPA.ORG](mailto:EVENTS@AHEPA.ORG) TO BE ADDED TO OUR  
CONVENTION UPDATE LIST**



The Zakynthian Brotherhood of California invites you to our

# APOKREATIKO

## VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

Put on your costumes and masks and feel the magic of Apokries from the luxury of your home

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021 - 8 PM**

Our program is **FREE** of charge and will include:

- ❖ Greek songs & recorded performances from Greece
- ❖ Recorded Kantades from Zakynthos
- ❖ A potpourri of videos & pictures from our past events
- ❖ Raffle with many great prizes

**RSVP TO: [Zak.brotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:Zak.brotherhood@gmail.com), call/text (650) 219-2790 or visit our Facebook page and a Zoom Link will be emailed**

This year, due to the pandemic, the Zakynthian Brotherhood, current President Takis Kalogierias, along with Eleni Metaxas, a very active leader in the organization, have organized a very entertaining and Zoom event that will include:

Live & Recorded Professional Singers from Zakynthosf

Greek Songs & Recorded performances from Greece

Professionally produced videos & pictures of our past events, which will include many of you in those images

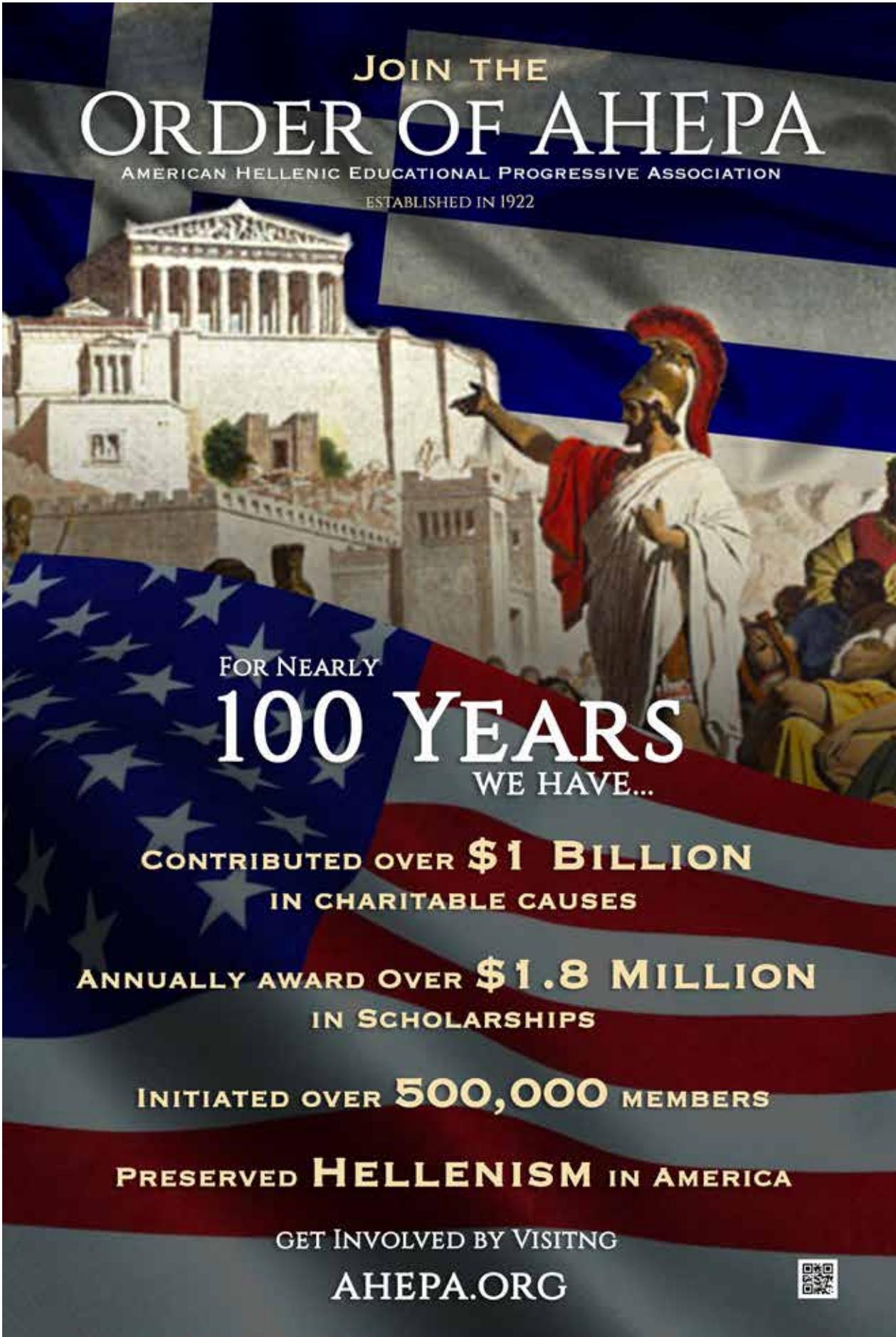
Raffle with many great prizes including Cash, Gift certificates to Kokkari, Evvia, Taverna, Canela Bistro, Restaurants and many Gourmet baskets and other great prizes.

For this year's Virtual Event, the Zakynthian Brotherhood of California have unanimously voted to donate ALL Raffle PROCEEDS to "NO KID HUNGRY" Charity, which helps feed children in our Greater San Francisco Bay Area Community, the State of California, and the United States of America. The following summarizes the Mission of "No Kid Hungry":

America's kids need us. Because of the coronavirus, millions of vulnerable children are losing the school meals they depend on. For some, it's only food they'll receive in a given day. We have a plan to feed kids, but we need your help today to continue our work to ensure every kid gets three meals a day.

You may purchase your Raffle Tickets at:

<https://rafflecreator.com/pages/45842/zakynthian-virtual-apokreatiko-celebration-&-fundraiser>



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## 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](http://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.



### *AHEPA Supports Military Family*

#### *Reading Program Through The USO!*

*AHEPA National President Dr. John Grossomanides announced the organization's support of military families by selecting the United Through Reading? Military Program as a national service project, working in cooperation with the United Services Organization (USO). United Through Reading is a program that enables service members to video record themselves reading books to their children back home and provides a DVD of the recording and a copy of the book to the child.*

***Go to the following links to learn more and make a chapter or individual donation for as little as \$10***

*Join Team USO-AHEPA and Make a Donation  
Read About the Last “I Love You”  
Feature in The Ahepan Magazine  
Read the AHEPA News Release*

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