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Commander's Message

I am extremely proud to have been elected as your Commander for the 2016-2017 year. I will do my best to serve you in this honorable position.

I want to thank my predecessor BG(R) James Reed for his superior contributions to the recruiting efforts of the Rhode Island Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars and for being a superb "Ambassador" of the Order

I would also like to thank and commend our Executive-Committee for their continued support during the times I was interim commander. I look forward to working with them again and our new Ex-Com members; as they are the engine that propels this organization.

The future of this Commandery now rests directly on my shoulders and my ability to provide the necessary leadership and motivation to continue with the ideals and goals of this organization and improve upon its foundation.

That said, our future depends upon its membership as much as it does its leadership. All of you reading this, at one time or another, made a commitment to the Order by joining our ranks. This "commitment" asks little of your time but does require your dedication to its purposes. One of those is to "Strengthen the ties of fellowship among the Companions of the Order". I personally feel comradeship is the glue that holds any organization together.

During the course of the year, we provide a variety of opportunities to our companions to "Strengthen the ties of fellowship" through voluntary participation in military and civic functions to enhance our ties to the Order and the public. Some examples of this, is our annual scholarship program, donations to veterans facilities, our weekly TV show and our monument at the Veteran's Cemetery.

As you are aware, it costs money to run these programs. I am not asking for donations... but rather greater **participation** in the events we hold during the year. Your involvement will keep this organization strong and relevant now and in the future.



Change of Command

A *Change of Command* ceremony and the Installation of new officers of the RI Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States was held on 14 June at Spirito's Restaurant in Providence.



New Officers taking Oath

(Pictured Above L-R) Fr. Philip Salois - Chaplain, Col Robert Germani – Jr. Vice Cdr, COL Michael Fitzpatrick – JAG, COL David Russell – MC of the Evening, MAJ George Miller – Commander, LTC Corlandt Clarke - Secretary



BG(R) James Reed Addresses Guests BG Reed passes flag to MAJ Miller Commandery Officers and Guests view ceremonies

Also that evening, LCDR (R) Kasim Yarn (Center Below) was invested as our newest Companion. LCDR Yarn served on active duty in the US Navy for twenty years. He is now the newly appointed Director of Veteran's Affairs for the State of Rhode Island.





As it has for some years, the RI Commandery participated on June 16 – 17 at the Rhode Island National Guard Airshow with our volunteers manning a beer booth. In attendance to help during the two day event were Dave Russell and Marque Setevage, Brad Hopkins, Al Guarnieri, Jr and Salvina, Cortlandt Clarke, Joe Hoey, Dennis Morgan, Jim D'Agostino, Jim and Carmel Reed, George Miller, John Duchesneau and Mike Fitzpatrick.



Unfortunately, due to rain on Saturday we had to shut down the booth in the early afternoon at 13:00 hrs.

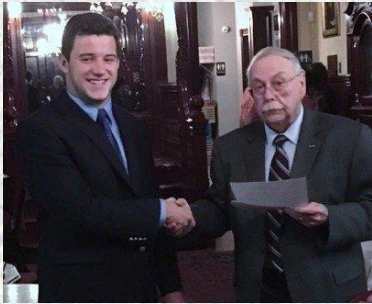
Sunday was a better day with lots of people, although it was a bit windy and some acts didn't go on. We did quite well at our booth, given all the bad weather, and brought-in over \$1,300 for the Scholarship fund.

Scholarship Night



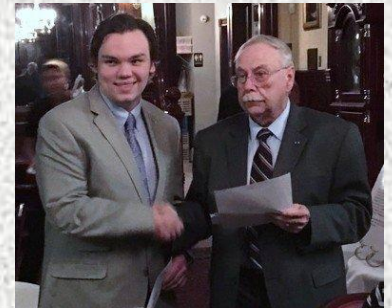
The Commandery's *Scholarship Awards Night* was held in conjunction with ROA and AUSA on the evening, 9 June 2016, at the Italo-American Club, in Providence.

Our Military Order of Foreign Wars scholarship committee, LTC Rick Riccardi, Chairman Brig Gen James D' Agostino and COL Susan Luz has chosen the following students to receive scholarship checks. All applicants are excellent students with above 3.0 averages MAJ Miller presented the RIMOFW awards below.



Alexander Barnes is graduating from Cranston East High School. He has been accepted to Rhode Island College as a history major and plans to become a history teacher. His passion for history has been influenced by his father, COL Ronald Barnes who is the commander of the RI Pawtuxet Rangers. Alexander's older sister is a teacher who graduated from Rhode Island College.

Ryan Conley is a graduate of South Kingstown High School. He is in his second year of a five year international Engineering program. This program requires him to spend one year abroad in Germany which means he must also become proficient in the German language. Not an easy language to learn. Alexander spends time tutoring calculus at URI and participates in college sports.



Ellen Goulding is graduating from Mansfield Ma High School. She is very active in school organizations, outside work and volunteer activities. Ellen has been recognized by the National French Honor's Society. She has been accepted to the University of Maryland where she will study science and business to progress into a law degree.

Amanda Marcus is graduating from Wiscasset Maine High School. She has spent many years volunteering in community activities with the Girl Scouts. Amanda has received many awards during her high school years especially in cross country, swimming, outdoor track and tennis. She has been accepted to Husson University, Bangor, Maine where she will pursue a degree in Communication Technology with a concentration in Web Media.



Supporting Navy League's Jr. Officer of the Year Event



Each year the Newport County Council of the Navy League of the United States hosts a reception for the Navy's Newport Naval Complex Junior Officer of the Year.

Representing our Commandery, RIMOFW Past Commanders Brig Gen James D'Agostino, USAF, Ret. and LTC Dennis Morgan, USA, Ret. attended this year's event held at the Best Western Mainstay Inn in May.

Lieutenant Lisa A. Hardman SC USN was this year's recipient. A native of Ohio, Lt. Hardman enlisted in the Navy in 2002 and graduated from OCS in Newport in 2011. She has held various assignments and graduated from the Navy Supply Corps School in which she is now an instructor.

Among other highlights of the program, the commanding officer of Naval Station Newport, CAPT Dennis Boyer, was the guest speaker.

The Newport County Council sponsors numerous honoraria throughout the year recognizing those serving in the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. It also supports the three Naval Sea Cadet Units in Rhode Island.

To learn more about the work of the Newport County Council, NLUS please visit its website: newportnavyleague.us





Antiterrorism awareness resources for Retired Soldiers

From ARMY ECHOS Feb – May 2016

WASHINGTON —The threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS), other foreign terrorist groups, violent extremists, radicalized individuals and lone actors is persistent and constantly evolving. Given these continuous threats, sharing knowledge and information is an important aspect of the Army's antiterrorism awareness responsibility.

Community awareness of the terrorist threat and individual protective measures are critical to sustaining an active antiterrorism posture. The combination of Army families and Retired Soldiers represents a formidable group that greatly extends the eyes and ears of our law enforcement and security professionals. Therefore, Army senior leaders encourage community members not to live in fear, but to remain vigilant, continuously watchful for threats and prepared to report them to local law enforcement when we see them ("If You See Something, Say Something"). We must also remain aware of our situation and our surroundings, noticing when something or someone seems out of place. Maintaining vigilance and encouraging situational awareness are guiding principles that will help ensure the safety and security of our communities.

The Department of the Army, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Antiterrorism Branch, develops and disseminates a wide range of antiterrorism awareness information and products. One way to share this information with families and Retired Soldiers is through Army One Source (AOS) at <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/default.aspx>. To locate the antiterrorism information on AOS go to the heading labeled "Family Programs and Services," scroll down to "Go To," then "iWATCH Army—See Something, Say Something."

The AOS website is the primary online source of antiterrorism information for Army family members, Retired Soldiers, and Army contractors. Examples of antiterrorism information and resources available on the site:

- General information—a wide range of antiterrorism topics, including self-help guides and flyers for individual protection
- Level 1 Antiterrorism Awareness Training—a link to online training
- iWATCH Army training—includes training, information on suspicious activities and public-service announcements and videos
- Active shooter—information including a video titled "Run-Hide-Fight"
- Social media precautions—information on the risks associated with use of social media and precautions to take
- Cyber threat awareness—information including brochures and how to protect against cyber threats targeting your personal computers and personally identifiable information
- Operations security—why it is important and what to do to help the Army
- Travel alerts - including those released throughout the DOD and the State Department

iWATCH Army: iWATCH Army encourages and empowers the Army community to identify and report suspicious behavior potentially associated with terrorist activity. The passive element of iWATCH Army is individual situational awareness of their surroundings. The active element of iWATCH Army involves individuals taking action to report suspicious behavior or activities to military police or local law enforcement for investigation. Information brochures and pocket cards available on AOS provide details on what to report and who to report to.

Indicators of Terrorist Activity: Examples of indicators of potential terrorist activity or behavior (not all inclusive) include:

- Individuals drawing pictures or taking notes in an area not normally of interest to a tourist or showing unusual interest in or photographing security cameras, guard locations or watching security reaction drills and procedures
- Multiple sightings of the same suspicious person, vehicle, or activity, separated by time, distance or direction
- Individuals who stay at bus or train stops for extended periods while buses and trains come and go
- Individuals who order food at a restaurant and leave before the food arrives or who order without eating
- Joggers who stand and stretch or individuals sitting in a parked car for an extended period of time
- Individuals who don't fit into the surrounding environment because they are wearing improper attire for the location or season
- Individuals who exhibit suspicious behavior, such as staring or quickly looking away from individuals or vehicles as they enter or leave facilities or parking area
- People asking questions about security forces, security measures, or sensitive information
- Briefcase, backpack, suitcase or package left unattended
- Vehicle parked in no parking zones in front of an important building
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you
- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs
- People purchasing weapons or uniforms without proper credentials

Constant vigilance and maintaining situational awareness help protect our Army communities. The antiterrorism awareness information on AOS provides substantial resources for Retired Soldiers to stay informed, be prepared and remain ever vigilant! Always Ready, Always Alert ... because someone is depending on you.



RIMOFW

Invite A Shipmate!



AUSA

And Join Us for

Pirate Night in Newport

Thursday

25 August 2016



Lobster Boil@ the "Regatta Place"
5 Marina Plaza, Newport, RI 5:00pm

Lobster Boil Only: \$60 pp
1 ¼ # Lobster
Corn
Mussels
Potato

There is space for up
200 dinner mates.

Dinner & Sail: \$75 pp
The boat is certified for
68 pirates

Cash Bar

BOOK EARLY!

Sailing Space Limited
No Reservations after

12 AUGUST 2016



Board the "Aurora"
for Sail @ 6:30 pm

100% of the proceeds of this activity
supports our scholarship funds



* Time is growing short

* Space on-board is limited

Mail Your Reservation form

TODAY!

NOTE: Pirate Clothing NOT Required

An enjoyable evening filled with great food, good friends and new adventures

Cut and Mail this Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Guests For Both Dinner & Sail @ \$75 pp _____

Name(s) _____

Guests For Dinner Only @ \$60 pp _____

Tele #: (H) _____ (C) _____

Your Email Address: _____

I cannot attend that evening but would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund of \$ _____

Please Make Check Out to: RIMOFW and Mail to: George Miller, 214 School St., Pawtucket, RI 02860

*** Dinner & Sail FREE to anyone who attends w/live parrot on shoulder, eye patch, and wooden peg leg!**