



El Camino Real District 20

**Mid-Winter Conference
January 21-23, 2022
Palm Desert, CA**



WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 20 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

On behalf of Coachella Valley AHEPA Chapter 528, it is a distinct honor to welcome you Palm Desert, CA and to the brand new Homewood Suites for the 2022 District 20 Mid - Winter Conference!

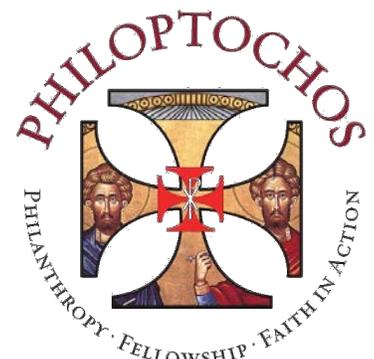
Our conference committee has been working hard in the hopes that this will be a fun filled and enjoyable weekend for everyone. Enjoy your stay and take advantage of everything the hotel has to offer as well as the numerous restaurants and activities here in Palm Desert and the surrounding areas.

Please be respectful during these strenuous times, mind your space and others, comply to any rules that the event locations impose.



This year we shall observe the Centennial of the founding of AHEPA and our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America should be and must be a truly national celebration.

AHEPA Chapter 528 would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the kindness and support we have received from the Saint George Ladies Philoptochos chapter, in hosting this District 20 event. Both the delicious "Welcome Night" Greek mezedes and pastries were handmade by our local ladies Philoptochos, as well as the assorted array of after-church fellowship goodies. Brothers and Sisters, please, express your appreciation by adding to the collection basket during fellowship on Sunday.



AHEPA Chapter 528 would like to express our thanks to our local Greek-owned, Spaghetti Factory. The District 20 Conference "Taverna Night" Dinner Event, had to change venues Saturday night and they stepped up to host everyone, at the last minute. We thank them for the years of hospitality working with AHEPA528 and the St George Church, Efaristo!

Everyone enjoy the night!

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El Camino Real District 20, Mid- Winter Conference

Beloved Delegates to our 2022 AHEPA District 20 Mid-Winter Conference



Welcome to our beautiful Palm Desert parish of St. George and the greater desert communities surrounding Palm Springs, California. We are honored to host you for this year's Mid-Winter Conference, as we join in inaugurating the 100 Year Anniversary of AHEPA.

Anniversaries have a two-fold purpose: 1) to thank God for all of the blessings that we have received over the years, and 2) to look forward to continuing our co-workship with God and finding new and better ways to meet the needs of God's people as the future unfolds.

Our co-workship and the blessings of our Savior go hand-in-hand. The history of AHEPA has made this evident to all over the past 100 years. We have experienced it like this: we work to do God's Will; God blesses us with the means to live in the peace of genuine fellowship which warms our hearts, through which we help each other to continue doing God's Will and acquire more blessings of love.

The many, many accomplishments of AHEPA nationally and locally are messages of God's love that you have shared with the world. That in itself is a blessing for both Orthodoxy and Hellenism, as well as for our society as a whole. Congratulations, indeed!

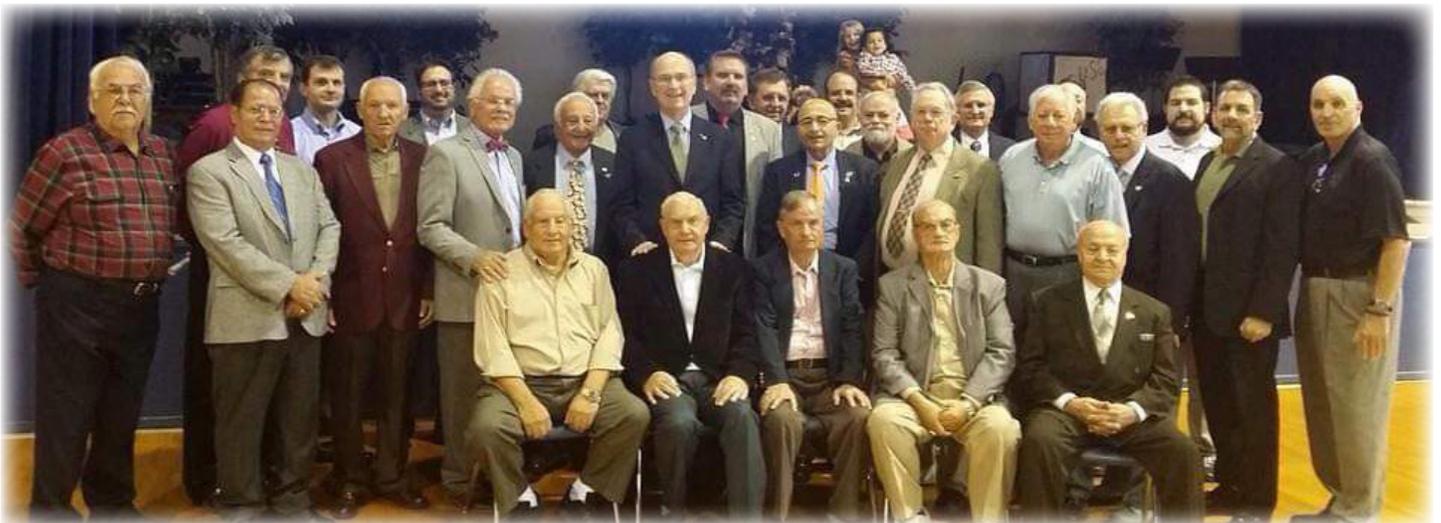
With the New Year upon us and with the fellowship of this year's AHEPA District 20 Mid-Winter Conference at this time, all I can say is *keep on keeping on*. The world needs you, and, through you, our Lord and Savior is to be truly glorified.

God bless,

Fr. Theodore Pantels, Pastor, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Palm Desert, CA



EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT 20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, NEVADA AND HAWAII





GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO
ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

January 22, 2022

✠ Timothy the Apostle of the 70

Beloved Members of the District 20 AHEPA Family,

*“For where two or three are gathered together in My name,
I am there in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

It is a joy to greet you as the District 20 AHEPA family gathers for your Mid-Winter Conference in Palm Desert, California, graciously hosted by the AHEPA Coachella Valley Chapter 528. Your presence in the southern and southwest regions of our Metropolis is a strong one, demonstrating your unity in faith and your devotion to our Hellenic ancestry. As members of the AHEPA family, you have committed yourself to the ideals of this esteemed organization, and are carrying the torch so that the future of AHEPA may be illuminated for others to follow your good works and continue your legacy of excellence.



You have remained strong in your bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood for the past 100 years, and you have promoted important causes for the people of Greece and for Greek-Americans. The vision and foresight of your educational scholarship program has provided well-deserved encouragement to our youth and is creating a connection to their ancestral roots that will last throughout their lives.

I also wish to thank you for your ongoing support of the church, as faithful stewards, offering of your time and talents in various parish ministries. Through the generosity of your respective AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Chapters, you have shared your resources in many meaningful ways, and have been ambassadors of good will and Christ's love in your actions.

I wish you a successful Mid-Winter Conference filled with the Lord's richest blessings. May this gathering be met with much success, and may the fellowship you enjoy be a lasting remembrance of your bonds as Orthodox Christians and Hellenes.

With Love in Christ,

Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco
✠ Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

December 1, 2021

On behalf of the Palm Desert City Council, it is my pleasure to welcome the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association to our beautiful city situated in the heart of the Coachella Valley.

We are pleased that your organization has chosen to hold this event in our city and hope you will be able to enjoy the luxuries offered by the hotel and the city.

The observance of this 100th Year Anniversary of AHEPA provides the City of Palm Desert the opportunity to thank the association for their continued commitment to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of civic responsibility, philanthropy, education, integrity, family, and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

Please enjoy your stay at the Homewood Suites and hope you have a successful conference. We hope you will visit Palm Desert again soon.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kelly

Mayor

El Camino Real District 20, Mid- Winter Conference



ORDER OF AHEPA

S U P R E M E L O D G E H E A D Q U A R T E R S
A M E R I C A N H E L L E N I C E D U C A T I O N A L P R O G R E S S I V E A S S O C I A T I O N

January, 2022

Dear Fellow Members of the AHEPA District 20 Family:

On behalf of the Supreme Lodge, it has been a great pleasure and honor to serve the highest level of office in our organization and to represent our beloved Order across the globe this year!

AHEPA is a very unique organization. Commitment to its core values, the perpetuation of the Hellenic ideals, is essential not only to the success of the fraternity but also to the maintenance of the ideals and values of the society in which we live. We have received a rich legacy from those who came before us. We are the stewards of that legacy which we must pass on to those of the next generation. In a time of pause, we should reflect on the great achievements, not just personally, but as the greatest grass roots organization across the world. Our philanthropic work is beyond reproach and is unheralded.

I have been continuing the efforts in encouraging our chapters to donate or volunteer time and energy needed to provide any and all in our communities with the, much needed assistance they so rightfully deserve. With the spirit of community service at the core of our mission, we are proud our chapters have responded superbly with safety as a priority! Our AHEPA Family continue to provide food for our frontline workers and those in need namely our elderly and those less fortunate. The AHEPA family continues its Hellenic ethos to work hard together to provide assistance around the world in an effort for us to get back to normal as safely as possible.

Our Educational Foundation continues to provide deserving students with the financial assistance needed to pursue their academic dreams. In the last academic year, the Foundation awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships. The AHEPA Journey to Greece is a great cultural enrichment program that, takes our youth and reintroduces them to our great heritage of Greece and affords them transferable college credit(s) while doing so!

My best wishes for a very productive workshop leading to the continuation of that success. I wish you a harmonious and productive deliberations as "ONE" AHEPA Family! I wish to thank everyone for their hospitality and to the courtesies extended to my family and I during my travels. We urge you to get vaccinated! Stay informed! Continue to practice social distancing! Wear a Mask! We can and will get through this pandemic together! I look forward to seeing everyone at our Centennial Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL at the wonderful Coronado Springs Hotel at Walt Disney World Resort during the week of July 13 – 26th, 2022.

Fraternally,

Jimmy Kokotas
Supreme President



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Greetings AHEPA Family from the Midwest,



Wishing you and your families a joyous and healthy New Year. A time to say goodbye, but also a time to say hello, to renewed hope, new opportunities, and new adventures.

On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for hosting this wonderful event. Each member in the AHEPA family is important in our story. The more there are of us, the brighter it gets.

The AHEPA family symbolizes all that we wish to accomplish in our lives. The love and knowledge of the Greek heritage and culture inspires all of us to be true to our beloved organization.

CONGRATULATIONS to the AHEPA for 100 years!

May the new year bring love, peace, and happiness and may we *“Re-ignite our AHEPA Family and Keep our Light Shining Bright”*.

Love in Theta Pi,
Kathy Bizoukas

Kathy Bizoukas
Grand President
Daughters of Penelope

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Maids of Athena

Office of the Grand President

1909 Q Street NW, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20009

Dear AHEPA Family of District 20,

On behalf of the entire Maids of Athena Grand Lodge, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2022 District 20 Mid-Winter Conference. The Mid-Winter Conference is an important time of year in which our chapters of all four orders come together, to reflect on our accomplishments, share ideas, and set up a plan to succeed for the remainder of the year. I commend you all for your outstanding devotion to your respective Order and congratulate you on your numerous achievements. Thank you for your active participation in our beloved organization.



The accomplishments of the Maids of Athena have been quite impressive this year. Through the promotion of our projects and programs we have been able to INSPIRE our members, EMPOWER our youth and IMPACT our local communities by various philanthropic efforts. Alongside the Sons of Pericles, we have made our national project The Ronald McDonald House – Greek Division in New York, our focus. In addition to fundraising, our membership is focusing on expanding our existing chapters and increasing our overall membership through the reactivation and initiation of new members – truly exemplifying the goals and ideals of our Sisterhood.

The bonds created and kept within this organization are what makes our AHEPA Family unique, and what has helped this organization prosper for a century. We aim to prepare our members for the responsibility of continuing the legacy of our senior orders, while also relying on our senior brothers and sisters to help us grow. We currently do not have any active chapters in District 20 as we have had in the past. It is my hope that through our Growth and Expansion initiative and your guidance and support, that we can revitalize our presence in the area. Our Grand Lodge is always available to assist in the strengthening and expansion of our order.

I wish you harmonious and productive deliberations in the spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood. I thank all of you for your support and I offer our best wishes for continued success and growth in the years ahead.

In Pi Alpha,
Maria Ana Pantelous
Maids of Athena Grand President

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O R D E R O F A H E P A
S U P R E M E L O D G E H E A D Q U A R T E R S
AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for the invitation to join your Mid-Winter Conference 2022.

Under the challenging circumstances of the Covid pandemic the last two years, the AHEPA Family did not miss the opportunity to continue with the same enthusiasm defending Hellenism and fulfilling our mission promoting the Hellenic ideals of Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

This Conference will give us the opportunity through collaboration and coordination to review and strengthen our efforts, focusing on membership and fundraising activities and have fun meeting each other.



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your District leadership for the tireless efforts organizing this event.

I encourage our AHEPA Family to continue either virtual or live, to be hosting many events on the local and district level. I am eager to come and meet with chapters as soon as it is safe, but until then, I will work to visit via ZOOM or other virtual platforms.

Best wishes to you and your family for a joyous, prosperous, safe, and healthy New Year!

Happy 100th AHEPA Anniversary!
Wish you a very successful conference.

Fraternally,

Alexander Mallas
Supreme Governor Region 8



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January 22, 2022

Dear Delegates,

It is my honor to serve as liaison for District 20 and represent you on the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope. To be able to celebrate the 100th anniversary of AHEPA at this convention is a double honor.

As an organization we have maintained and promoted our Hellenic Heritage, supported many events to promote philanthropy and raised funds to grant scholarships to deserving students. Many of our members take civic responsibility to new heights by participating in local government and strive for personal excellence in a variety of fields of endeavor.

As members, participating on the District Lodge or the Grand Lodge is the logical progression after serving the Chapter. We have so many talented and qualified members who would elevate the organization by pursuing a leadership position.

Attending District and Supreme Conventions is an important aspect of your membership as by doing so you have a voice in the decision making for the future, decisions that guide the leadership.

I look forward to visiting with my sisters and Brothers in District 20 during the convention in Palm Desert.

In theta pi,

Robbie Jackson

Grand Governor Zone IV

Daughters of Penelope

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Welcome Brothers to the El Camino Real District 20 Mid-Winter Conference!

It's been many months since we've convened in this format. It's no secret, Fellowship is best experienced when it's face-to-face. To be within hand-shake distance again is a warm and familiar greeting...appreciated more, perhaps now, than ever before.

As many know, 2022 marks a momentous occasion in our history. On July 26th, AHEPA will celebrate its 100th Anniversary as an organization formed in Atlanta, Georgia by Greek immigrants, seeking a harmonious integration to early 20th century American society.

The tenets of AHEPA were simple. The Founders mission to establish and promote the Hellenic principles of living, to all who embraced them, took time, devotion, and great conviction. Their inherent belief that such an organization could, and would, thrive on the ideals of strong fellowship, community cooperation, outreach, and patriotic loyalty to America, had a significant effect on taming the antagonistic attitudes about their Greek presence.

The principles of Hellenism are timeless and indisputable. There is still "strength in numbers" and there is still a very human need for Fellowship, Community, and Outreach. Antagonistic attitudes seem to be escalating at a frightening rate and Americans are at serious odds with each other in the 21st Century.

I believe it's time to stop and realize how blessed we are to have had Ancestor's with such grace and wisdom. They didn't use bullets, or spill blood in the streets to fight their societal battles. Rather they chose to unite and embrace the strength of their integrity, compassion, community, and conviction of ideals.

Brothers, we are so fortunate to have such rich heritage within the scope of our lives that began almost 100 years ago. Our strength is in our numbers. Our desire to live the best lives we can for our families, neighbors and fellow Americans is very much at the core of our beliefs and ideals.

Let us come together, in the spirit of our Founders, love of this great organization, each other, and Country, and rededicate ourselves to further the principals, ideals, and goals of Hellenism at a time when it is so desperately needed.

D.L. Pete Marudas
Governor, District 20
El Camino Real





*Daughters of Penelope
El Camino Real District 20*

*District Governor
Carol Stathopoulos*



Congratulations are in order!

To 100 years existence of the national ORDER of AHEPA,

To 100 years of dedicated service to Community and Church,

To 100 years of allegiance to God and Country,

To 100 years of Brotherhood!

Congratulations 100 times over and over! AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!

It is with great pleasure and pride I address the representatives of the ORDER of AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope of District 20 as we gather in Palm Desert for our Mid-Winter Conference 2022. Again, as District Governor. This was an unexpected placement last summer. It has been a long time since I served on the District Lodge. With an abundance of seasoned perspective and added experience, I now enthusiastically get the opportunity to work together with both old and young members as we move out of the fears of the past two years and forward into the future filled with faith, hope and love. I am looking forward to innovative ideas, new strengths, and new goals. There is so much to renew and much more to accomplish.

I have been blessed with wonderful friendships and countless fun and happy memories. Lots of challenging work too. To the AHEPA Brothers – congratulations once more. To the Sisters of the Daughters of Penelope – we are not far behind, 92 years and counting – together we can do anything!

*Carol Stathopoulos, District Governor
January 2022*

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This is what it means to be...an AHEPAN

Since 1922, AHEPA has been in the forefront, meeting the challenges of our communities. The Order of AHEPA has been through many challenging decades of time. AHEPA assisted people in keeping their communities running during the depression of the 1930's. During World War II, AHEPA became an official issuer of World War II War Bonds, selling over \$300M (that is \$5 Billion today)!

In the 1950's and 60's AHEPA built hospitals and medical centers in Greece. We built statues and dedicated buildings to our ancestors, and we expanded our chapters into every city in America. In 1974 AHEPA led the charge to Washington, DC to fight the injustice in Cyprus. In the 1980's AHEPA donated millions in support of the youth; \$1M to St. Basil's, we created and maintained the AHEPA Educational Foundation which awards Scholarships, we created the AHEPA Housing Corporation. AHEPA Housing, which currently manages 96 facilities in the United States, provides safe and affordable homes for nearly 6,000 elderly residents. In 1986 AHEPA donated to the restoration of Statue of Liberty and in 1990 AHEPA donated \$1M to the restoration of Ellis Island.

In 2001, AHEPA took the lead and raised \$500,000 for 9/11 relief and assistance. We have raised \$1Billion since 1922 for aid to the United States and Greece. **AHEPA takes the lead and AHEPA Cares.** In 2019 AHEPA donated \$1Million to the restoration of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and Shrine at Ground Zero. AHEPA continues to combat for the rights of all Hellenes and Defends Hellenism daily. In 2020 Supreme President Horiates assured the creation of an AHEPA burn unit at the Evangelismos Hospital in response to the MATI fires.

Today's COVID-19 pandemic, which spreads like nothing the medical community has seen, shows just how effective the AHEPA serves the communities. Our chapters are out in the field, feeding the frontline heroes, our Doctors and Nurses, Firemen and EMT's. AHEPA is donating blood, working to keep people safe and shopping for our elderly. AHEPA is the army of members which live all over the world. In Greece, the AHEPA is finalizing a donation to the Greek Police who are defending the border and in we are working with our hospitals to help the people in need education and training for the virus. The AHEPA wants to make sure our members remain safe

We salute all of you our members in District 20 on your hard work and efforts to make AHEPA the most preeminent organization of its kind. We need you! We want you! And We love what you all do for AHEPA!

Fraternally,

Basil N. Mossaidis
Executive Director

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January 3, 2022

Greetings Sisters, Brothers, and Friends,



Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy New Year!

The Daughters of Penelope congratulates the Order of AHEPA on its 100th anniversary. As AHEPA launches its centennial celebratory events, our members are excited to share in this momentous and historic celebration with our Brother Ahepans. AHEPA's commitment and dedication to service has earned its special recognition during 100-year history from governments and public officials to community organizations and community leaders.

Daughters of Penelope members are proud to be affiliated with an Order responsible for more than \$1 billion of charitable contributions and countless hours of service time donated since 1922.

Love in Theta Pi,

Elena Saviolakis
Executive Director
Daughters of Penelope



Nearly
A Century of Service
to our communities

- INITIATED OVER 500,000 MEMBERS
- PRESERVING HELLENISM
- CONTRIBUTING OVER \$1 BILLION TO WORTHY CAUSES SINCE 1922
- ANNUALLY AWARDING OVER \$1.8 MILLION COLLECTIVELY IN SCHOLARSHIPS

INVITE 1 TO JOIN TODAY

CALL YOUR LOCAL AHEPA CHAPTER, OR CALL AHEPA
GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS AT (202) 232-6300 OR
JOIN ONLINE AT WWW.AHEPA.ORG/JOIN



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AHEPA Chapter #528 in conjunction with the Narrow Door Faith Based Food Pantry in Indio, CA works to distribute food and clothing to the homeless on the street in the Coachella Valley in our "Refuel" truck...



On most Thursdays and Saturdays, we load the "Refuel Truck" up with Blankets, Clothes, Hygiene Kits put together by the St. George of the Desert Philoptochos and various food items. We head out to where the homeless gather and distribute Over 50 meals to those less fortunate. We recently met a parishioner "on the street" and were able to assist him in order that he could attend Sunday service.

As a side note, our truck was found in a field in Oxnard, CA several years ago and was restored by The Narrow Door volunteers to factory specifications including a hot and cold side.

The parishioners of St. George of the Desert have been more than generous with their donations to this cause.



PLEASE HELP SUPPORT
<https://ahepa528.org/donate.htm>

The El Camino Real AHEPA District 20 Scholarship Foundation

Our Scholarship Foundation has issued scholarship awards based on the simple principle of applicants meeting the requirements as outlined in the annual scholarship application. Most recently, the annual number of applicants ranges from 10 to 25 undergraduate students. After ranking by academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and community and church involvement (by an independent service), the Board of Directors of the Scholarship Foundation meet to determine the dollar value to be awarded to each student based on the cumulative value of the prior year's interest and dividends earned from the endowment fund. Higher ranking, or exceptional students in a discipline, usually are awarded more than others, depending on the available funds.

The Scholarship Foundation began with "a penny a day" call to the membership of District 20. Our first scholarship awarded in 1963 amounted to \$200.00. As our country rebounds from economic difficulties, our membership understands and continues to support the Scholarship Foundation with their chapter donations, Piggy Bank collections, pledges, and perpetual/memorial scholarship commitments. The Foundation has been blessed by the membership of the AHEPA Family of District 20. The El Camino Real AHEPA District 20 Scholarship Foundation collectively thank each one of you for your continued support of our past, current, and future scholarship recipients - your sons and daughters; their sons and daughters; and beyond.



Since 1959 when the Scholarship Foundation was first funded; to 1963 and the first scholarship awarded; to when we award new scholarships, one individual has been present to guide the ever changing membership of the Board of Directors and to successfully manage our funds with his financial expertise. A heartfelt thank you goes to Brother Chris Compogiannis of Santa Barbara, California.



We believe that in the next generation, all of our children should grow up living even better lives and striving for even more that we think is possible today. As we expand our giving, we will continue supporting the strongest leaders with the most promising ideas for advancing progress and equality around the most important challenges for the next generation -- from public education to health care, from life sciences research to energy and internet connectivity. People should not wait to give back. Our giving is just starting, and you and I need to continue to be active learners and participants for years to come. Please continue to give to our education foundation, continue devoting your resources as well as your personal time and energy, and let's spend our lives working to make sure future generations have the greatest opportunities possible.

We feel it is our moral imperative to given others the opportunity to pursue the American Dream by sharing our financial success. In the 1930's, Sir Winston Churchill observed that "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Just like generations before who believed and practiced the mission of being an AHEPAN, our gifts today will help propel the dreams of others to thrive and continue.

THANK YOU!

[HTTPS://AHEPADISTRICT20.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP/](https://ahepadistrict20.org/scholarship/)

2021 AHEPA District 20

AHEPAN of the Year



AHEPA Arrowhead Chapter 302 of San Bernardino is proud to announce the AHEPAN of the Year Award to Anastasios (George) Pallas. Anastasios has been a member of AHEPA for over 43 years. He has served as the Chapter 302 President for 2 years, Vice President for over 11 years, Captain of the Guard 3 years, Chaplain 5 years, first local Chapter President 1968-1970. Sons of Pericles member from 1968-1978, AHEPA 302 Inc. Senior Housing Secretary for over 6 years and board member for over 8 years. Advisor to AHEPA Inc. Charitable Foundation.

At the District Level, he participated at the District Convention as a delegate for 15 years. At the 2008 District Convention he served on the welcome, galas and reservation Committee/Chairperson.

He is involved in cancer, heart and children's fund raising, veterans fund raising, funeral detail for military veterans and the US Marine Corp toys for tot's drive. He is a member of the Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church and served as the President of the Parish Council. He has served as the GOYA advisor and director, Greek school and dance class board member, scholarship fund raising, church employee trainer and board member trainer. He has served as a soccer league coach and board member.

AHEPA Coachella Valley Chapter 528 of Palm Desert is proud to announce the Chapter AHEPAN of the Year Award and now District 20 AHEPAN of the year to Nicholas M. Latkovic. Nicholas is an outstanding member of the parish leading the charge on helping those who need our help most. He definitely leads by example.

Nickolas has been a member for 10 years, recently his partial retirement has given him more time to do more for the cause. He is currently Vice President - Community Affairs and has excelled at his duties.



Nicholas took charge and created wine to be sold, 100% going to Chapter 528 Scholarship program. He has worked along with his wife for our food drive efforts throughout the pandemic and has provided over 8000 meals to local families. Nicholas is truly deserving of the AHEPHAN of the year. AXIOS!



CHAPTER 528 PALM DESERT, CA.

Since 12/03/2003

El Camino Real District 20 2022 Mid - Winter Conference

2021 District 20 AHEPAN of the Year
2021 Chapter 528 AHEPAN of the Year



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Wynn Storton, PSG

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Nicholas Latkovic

In recognition of his devoted services to Chapter, Church and Community. His unselfish contributions toward the Advancement of the programs and progress of the Order of AHEPA.

Pictured above on left, with Chapter President Wynn Storton PSG

Fallen Brothers

2011 - Fr. Theophilos

2016 - Steve Geotas

2016 - Stan Georgalakis

2016 - Steve N. Pisanos /

2017 - Robert Maverick

2017 - George Tcharos

2018 - Thomas Evans

2018 - JJ Richards, Sr. /

2020 - Spiro Canakis

2021 - Nick Kyriacou /

2021 - Chris Laskaris

Memory Eternal

Axíós !



Nicholas Perdarís

*El Camino Real District 20
Lifetime Achievement Award*

Daughters of Penelope District 20

Congratulations to our own chapter Brother

Nicholas Perdaris

**District 20
Lifetime Achievement Award**



**AHEPA Anaheim Chapter 411
Celebrating 60 Years in Anaheim, CA (1962 -2022)**



AHEPA District 20

Lifetime Achievement Award

Brother Nicholas Perdaris

Initiated in AHEPA 04/19/1962



Nick Perdaris PSG

- 60 Years as AHEPAN Initiated 04/19/1962
- District 20 Governor 1997
- 3 term Supreme Governor
- Vice Chairman of the 1967 Supreme Convention, Dallas Texas
- Past President of the Albany Chapter #140, Glendale Chapter and Anaheim/Disneyland Chapter 411
- A major accomplishment of Nicks was, along Brother Chris Mellas, they succeeded in presenting an AHEPA float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in 1999, 2000, and 2001, being presented with the "Queens Trophy" for the best use of Roses in 1999 and 2000!!



Congradulations
on receiving the El Camino Real
District 20
Lifetime Achievment Award



From Your Brothers of AHEPA District 20
Thank You for your 60 Years of service!

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2020- Pete D.L. Murudas	1985-1986 Anthony Poulos †	1957-1958 Nick Litras †
2018-2020 James DeDakis	1984-1985 Chris J. Zazas †	1956-1957 Harry Boosalis †
2016-2018 Alex Soles	1983-1984 Sam Latinopoulos †	1955-1956 George Shanis †
2014-2016 Wynn Storton	1982-1983 Steven G. Tripodes †	1954-1955 A.G. Economou †
2013-2014 Basilios Lambropoulos	1981-1982 George Achedafty †	1953-1954 Nick G. Angelos †
2012-2013 Pete D.L. Marudas	1980-1981 Michael Pentogenis †	1952-1953 Andrew Angelson †
2010-2012 John Kopatsis	1979-1980 James Coumatos †	1951-1952 George Brotsis †
2009-2010 Basilios Lambropoulos	1978-1979 George Tassos †	1950-1951 John Cardos †
2008-2009 John Triantafyllos, M.D.	1977-1978 Peter Koustas †	1949-1950 Leo Athans †
2006-2008 Peter T. Triantafyllos	1976-1977 C. Peter Stath †	1948-1949 J.E. Dakis †
2005-2006 George Makris †	1975-1976 Harry Sifaris	1947-1948 George Nachicas †
2004-2005 Zachary T. Prineas	1974-1975 George Koulaxis †	1946-1947 Peter N. Stevens †
2003-2004 Dean S. Tripodes	1973-1974 Nicholas J. Dovalis †	1945-1946 Victor Adams †
2001-2003 Chris Mellas	1972-1973 Nick Wallace †	1944-1945 Dean Soles †
2000-2001 Si Chebithes †	1971-1972 John Siamas †	1943-1944 Gregory Panopoulos †
1999-2000 Gus Z. Frangos	1970-1971 Michael P. Bota †	1942-1943 Sparky J. Vamvas, †
1998-1999 Lyle Hochberger	1969-1970 William Drulias †	1941-1942 E.J. Fostinis †
1997-1998 Nick Perdaris	1968-1969 Thomas J. Pappas †	1940-1941 James Panos †
1996-1997 Anthony Horaites	1967-1968 Gus Diamantides †	1939-1940 George Poulos †
1995-1996 Dino Basdakis	1966-1967 Gregory Karaptis	1938-1939 George Damos †
1994-1995 Gus Alex †	1965-1966 Sam Platis †	1937-1938 Nick Chames †
1993-1994 James Selimos †	1964-1965 Mike Thames †	1936-1937 Chris Bacos †
1991-1993 George Dariotis	1963-1964 George Marantos †	1935-1936 George Polos †
1990-1991 Thomas Arhontas	1962-1963 Nick Koumiotes †	1934-1935 Anthony Aroney †
1989-1990 Fillipos Diamantis	1961-1962 Paris Tripodes †	1933-1934 George Kalliris †
1988-1989 Cris Eliopulos †	1960-1961 Gus Sellas †	1932-1933 George Ellis †
1987-1988 Pete Kotzambasis †	1959-1960 Frank Rhodes †	
1986-1987 Nick Katris	1958-1959 Nick Barboutis †	

† *May their memory be eternal*



EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT 20 PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

**We thank all those who have
served since District 20 inception in 1932!**





EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT 20 MEMORIALS

George Dafnis

March 23, 1930 - December 06, 2019



Steve Tripodes PSG

August 22, 1932 - February 19, 2020



George Makris PDG

August 10, 1949 - July 17, 2020



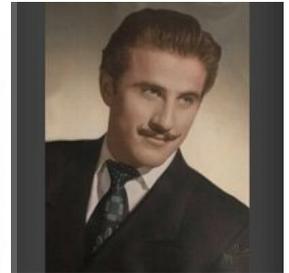
Nick Edwards

February 04, 1928 - March 04, 2020



George D. Achedafty PDG

September 25, 1927 - January 16, 2021



John Stamos

November 5, 1930 - October 10, 2021



Taso Papas

March 20, 1933 - July 13, 2021



Panagiotis Giannopoulos

May 16, 1935 - August 22, 2021



Gus Alex PDG

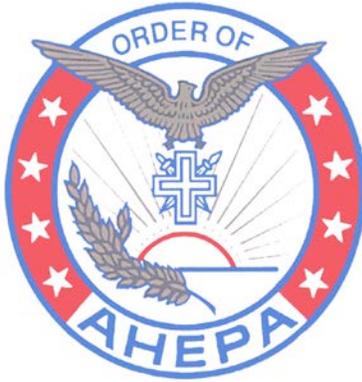
January 31, 1929 - 2021



MEMORY ETERNAL

WE HONOR RECENT PAST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP/MENTORS

*Thank you to Greek Obituary for many of the photos.
<https://www.greekobituary.net>*



**In Memory of Gus Alex
1929 - 2021
“Our Great Leader”**

**Neptune 233 and Theseus 88
San Pedro, California**



Pasadena AHEPA Rose Bowl Chapter 373

Sends Best Wishes to Palm Desert AHEPA Chapter 528

Honoring Steven G. Tripodes

Past President Chapter 373



- National Board of Trustees - 2005-2008
- National Board of Directors - 2002-2004
- Supreme Governor - 1995-1996
- District 20 Governor - 1982
- District 20 Periclean Award - 2011
- District 20 AHEPAN of the Year - 1995, 2005
- Chairman Bylaws Committee - 1998-2020
- Convention Chairman (many times)
- Convention City Selection Committee Chairman (many times)

IN LOVING MEMORY



TASOS PAPAS

Long Serving President of the Long Beach, CA, Chapter #342

Recipient of the AHEPA Lifetime Achievement Award

He will always be remembered for his leadership, hard work and dedication to his Chapter

The Officers and Members of the Long Beach Chapter #342

**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF A GREAT AHEPAN**

NICKOLAS EDWARDS

1928 - 2020

AHEPA Chapter 342



In Loving Memory of Sister Elaine Hatupis

October 30, 1942 – April 9, 2021



A Dedicated Member of the
Daughters of Penelope for 60 Years
And a Past District Governor of
El Camino Real District #20.

Georgia and Rebecca Souris

DOP Aegina Chapter #340

Peter, Nick, and Steven Souris

AHEPA Tri-City Chapter #454



Chapter 219



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

BROTHERS WE HAVE LOST SINCE 219 WAS RESTARTED IN 2008

ANTHONY "TONY" NICOLUZAKIS - 54 YEAR MEMBER

LOUIS SPEROS - 62 YEAR MEMBER

PETER PALMER PDG - 70 YEAR MEMBER

GEORGE P KOKALIS I - 82 YEAR MEMBER (FATHER)

PETER G KOKALIS - (SON)

GEORGE P KOKALIS II - (GRANDSON)

JOHN DENNIS

TED GIANNAKOPOULOS

GEORGE JOUFLAS

PAUL KARAGIANIS

NICK KOTSOVOS

JACK KOUVALIS

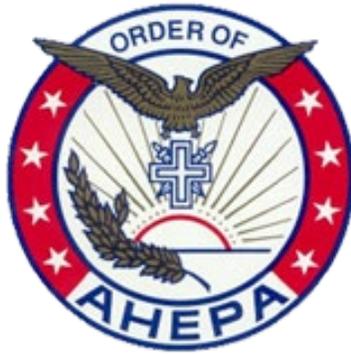
JOHN NICHOLS

CALVIN "CAL" RAUP

GEORGE SOURVANOS

"MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL"





**To the brothers of
AHEPA Chapter 528**

**I was there in 2003 when your
Chapter was just started and so
proud you are still going strong!**

Brother Harry Psaltis

Past Supreme Governor

Past District Governor



Celebrating 100 Years of AHEPA



Bill and Marcelle Lambropoulos

GREAT to be Deliberating in Person **AGAIN!**
**TO CONTINUED DISTRICT 20
SUCCESS!**



Peter & Georgia Souris
Nick, Steven & Rebecca Souris



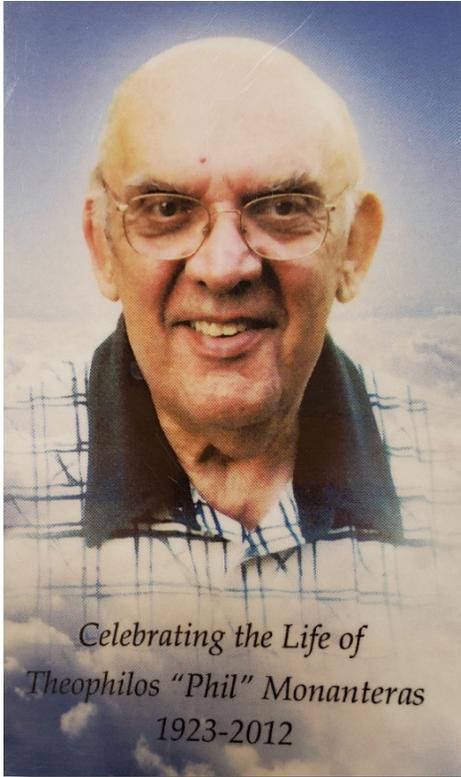
*Best Wishes for a Successful
El Camino Real District 20
Mid-Winter Conference*

Congratulations to all the Award Recipients

*Joanne Booras
Past Grand President*

*George Booras
Past Supreme Treasurer*





**Joined AHEPA Chapter 528, District 20
in 2021 in memory of my Grandfather.**

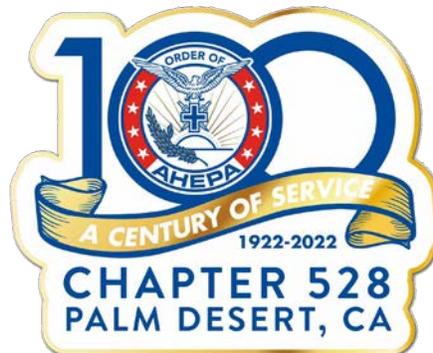
**Theophilos "Phil" Monateras
50+ years and life member of AHEPA
Chapter 78, District 12**

**He always enjoyed the organization and the
frinds he has made, may I gain as many
memories as he had.**

NICK ANDROS



Bill and Maria Rellos



**Looking for great fun and
fellowship with AHEPA 528
and St. George Church
Palm Desert, CA**



Voted #1 by Locals!

Andy's
SINCE 1989

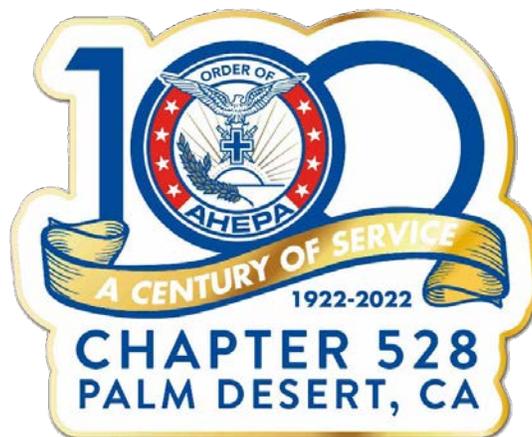
BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

Enjoy Authentic...American, Mexican & Greek Cuisine!

NICK AND FOTINI KRESPIS

AndysBurgers4.com

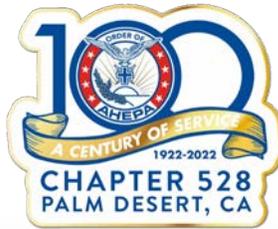
WE CONGRATULATE AHEPA 528 ON
HOSTING 2022 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE!



Thought for the day:

Be loving and cheerful towards others. Love them, serve them; they are valuable; the Savior's blood was shed for them; they are members of Christ. Do not offend them, even in ways that are scarcely noticeable

**Best wishes and Continued Success
to the District 20 Mid-Winter
Conference 2022**



Nick and Rhonda Latkovic

**Tucson Arizona Chapter 275
sends its best wishes for a successful
Mid-Winter Conference**



Good Luck in all your deliberations

From the Brothers of Arizona Chapter #275



**Fun in the Sun !
Thank you AHEPA Chapter 528**



**Best Wishes for a Successful
Mid-Winter Conference
2022**

**Carol Stathopoulos
DOP District Governor**





Matt and Lisa Holm



**Celebrating 100th Anniversary of
AHEPA and Greek Orthodox
Archdiocese**



The Hesperia - Alkandre Home Foundation, Inc.

AHEPA Hesperia Chapter 152

and

Daughters of Penelope Alkandre Chapter 43

of

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Los Angeles, California

Wishes the Palm Desert AHEPA #528

A successful Mid-winter 2022 Conference



Chapter 219



Ahepa 219 "Points of Pride" since 2008 resurrection

\$130,000 in scholarships awarded

\$350,000 in scholarship pledges

2 x D20 Chapter of the year

National Chapter of the year 2012

3 x D20 AHEPANs of the Year

2 x National AHEPANs of the Year

\$55,000 annual philanthropy outreach

AHEPA lead Chapter in St INNOCENT Orphanage Donations

Numerous 219 D20 Lodge Leaders

100+ active chapter members

35+ average meeting attendance

Small Chapter of the year

Medium Chapter of the year

9th largest Chapter in AHEPA

Holds an annual Awards Night

Held Veterans Day award dinner

Sponsors annual community picnic

Sponsors Christmas Galas

Sponsors Mother's Day events

Sponsors Palm Sunday annually

Sponsors Annual Super Bowl Pool

Sponsors Annual ATF (AHEPA TOBACCO AND FIREARMS) event

Sponsors 2 annual Steak Nights

Sponsors annual Poker night

Donations to Benevolent Fund

Bought numerous support equipment for the local Holy Trinity and

Assumption Churches totaling over \$10,000



If the 219 Saguaros can do it, so can you!!!



**AHEPA North San Diego George Polos Chapter #505
& The Daughters of Penelope Filia Chapter #380**

Extend Best Wishes to Host Palm Desert Chapter #528

**Looking forward to a Successful AHEPA El Camino Real District 20
2022 Mid-Winter Conference**



**Ahepa Chapter 505 & Daughters Chapter
380 Joint Annual Christmas Party**



**The annual party was at Sts
Constantine and Helen Greek
Orthodox Church.
A delicious meal was served, and
great fellowship was had by everyone.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to our blessed community.
Chris Panagos,**

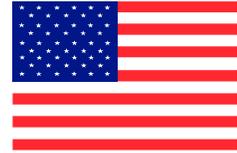
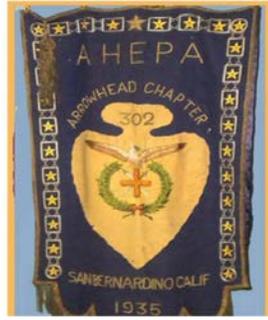
**Best Wishes
For a Successful 2022 Mid-Winter Conference**



**AHEPA Anaheim Chapter 411
Celebrating 60 Years in Anaheim, CA (1962 -2022)**

**AHEPA Chapter 411 Congratulates
AHEPA Palm Desert Chapter 528**

El Camino Real District 20, Mid- Winter Conference



**AHEPA ARROWHEAD CHAPTER # 302
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE AMPHITRITE CHAPTER # 151
SAN BERNARDINO, CA**



CHAIRS DONATION TO CHILDREN'S WARD AT LOMA LINDA MEDICAL CENTER



**AHEPA 302 INC.
SENIOR HOUSING APARTMENTS, 90 UNITS
AND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
377 EAST GILBERT STREET
SAN BERNARDINO, CA
HONORING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF AHEPA
BEST WISHES FOR THE DISTRICT 20 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**



Tri-Cities Chapter 454
Aegina Chapter 340
Chandler, Arizona



Officers and Members
Sending Best Wishes To
Palm Desert AHEPA Chapter 528
for a Successful Mid-Winter Conference



Let's Celebrate 100 Years of Service
and Brotherhood Together!

The AHEPA Family
Of Long Beach, California
Extend their Best Wishes
To the Brothers of the
Palm Desert AHEPA Chapter 528
For a Successful
District 20 Mid-Winter Conference 2022



Order of AHEPA
Long Beach Chapter #342
Long Beach, California

Daughters of Penelope
Minos Chapter #159
Long Beach, California



El Camino Real District 20, Mid- Winter Conference



AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program

Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Blesses & Supports our Program



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP



Dear Mr. Kanatzis,

It is with sentiments of joy that I address these words of heartfelt commendation to you and all the members of AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program for the gracious support you provide to the noble servicemen of our great nation. These national heroes and stalwart defenders of country, faith and freedom have sacrificed so much on behalf, so that we may enjoy the liberties and privileges, safety and independence, that we hold so dear in our lives today. As you honor our veterans' military service and duty to our homeland through this wonderful program of providing them with a specially trained service dog in order to aid them in their recovery and return home, you simultaneously respect the sanctity of creation by saving the life of a canine, which otherwise would have been left abandoned at a pound. And for this genuine display of Christian love and compassion for your fellow man and created world, I offer to you my wholehearted praise. May the Almighty bless and protect you always, granting you health, strength and inspiration to continue this venerable humanitarian program with unceasing determination, dedication and zeal.

† Elpidophoros
† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

El Camino Real District 20 has 2 dogs coming

Zoi AHEPA, Pasadena Chapter 411
Wynn AHEPA, Palm Desert Chapter 528
(Donated during his cancer year, multiple benefactors)

With the new partnership listed below, dog naming sponsor can be achieved for only \$6,000 per dog not the \$15,000 with the previous program. It still takes over \$50,000 to raise and train service dogs, for veterans.

Since 2016, AHEPA service Dogs for Warriors were able to raise over \$800,000 and secure 71 dogs names waiting to be trained and placed with a veteran.

<https://ahepa-servicedogs.org/>

Each DAY 22 Veterans Commit Suicide

Every so often a humanitarian cause comes along that captures our imagination and causes us to stand up and answer the call of duty. So many of our American heroes come home from war physically, but mentally remain on the battlefield. They are imprisoned by their own thoughts, which causes 22 veterans every single day battling PTSD and choose to commit suicide, rather than live with the effects of their invisible battle scar.

Service dogs or think of them as a medical instrument on 4 legs at \$15,000 each have proven to help mitigate the veterans suffering and helping them get their lives together.

Please Consider Helping Today!

AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Announces New Partnership

The AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program is pleased to announce a new partnership with America's VetDogs.

Through America's VetDogs, several dogs are in training to become service dogs for veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). At 16 weeks old, puppies like "Penny AHEPA" (pictured) will begin learning commands and interacting with the world.

Established in 2003, America's VetDogs specializes placing highly-skilled service and guide dogs to individuals with physical injuries, PTSD,

hearing and vision loss, and seizures. America's VetDogs trained the late former U.S. President George H.W. Bush's service dog, Sully H.W. Bush.

To date, the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program has raised \$750,000 to sponsor 51 service dogs.

The AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program aims to help veterans end the tragedy of PTSD. Due to PTSD, 22



veterans every single day die by suicide. Further, according to the Veterans Administration Department, there are currently over one million veterans under treatment for mental health illness and who are at risk. The program

has enjoyed the support of the AHEPA family as well as outside organizations, such as the American Legion.

Visit www.ahepa-servicedogs.org for more information.



Breakfast Lunch and Dinner. This is the place to enjoy quality food and big portions at the best price. Tacos to Salads to Gyros come enjoy the original taste of the desert for the last 35 years.

74601 CA-HWY111, Palm Desert, CA 92260

George and Stacy Argyros
Congratulations to AHEPA
and their 100 Year Anniversary!



AHEPA VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Celebrates the 100 Years of AHEPA

"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".

[HTTPS://AHEPAVETERANS.ORG/](https://AHEPAVETERANS.ORG/)

We are trying to collect images and/ or short video of veterans if you can help capture their memories while we can it would be appreciated.
PLEASE SEND THEM TO WEBMASTER@AHEPAVETERANS.ORG



2022 Chairman
Col., Nick Vamvakias PST
2022 Committee
John Bantsolas
Michael Frangadakis
Mike Labatos
Wynn Storton PSG
Don Vanover PSG



ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY 2021

The laying of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the graves of Americans of Hellenic origin buried at Arlington National Cemetery had its beginning at the Order of AHEPA Second National Convention in Washington, D.C., September 21-25, 1924.



RECOGNIZE AND REMEMBER YOUR VETERANS!



AHEPA Medal is available for all AHEPA Family members, DOP, SOP & MOA will be respective adult group AHEPA Veterans committee is run under direction of AHEPA National Lodge, AHEPA.org The AHEPA Medal for Military Service, acknowledged 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 AHEPA Veteran Affairs projects annually.

2021 MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION

Every Memorial Day since 1949, members of Washington Area AHEPA Chapters and Hellenic organizations visit over 550 gravesites of Greek Americans.





Join us for a
most magical event!

The AHEPA Family 2022 Supreme Convention

WALT DISNEY WORLD® RESORT JULY 18–24 • *Disney's Coronado Springs Resort*

Visit mydisneygroup.com/ahepa2022 to start planning your trip today.

See ya real soon!



Christmas 2021



**AHEPA CHAPTER 528
CONGRATULATES
First life member of our chapter**

BROTHER FRANK TRACADES

Joined AHEPA 4/13/1968

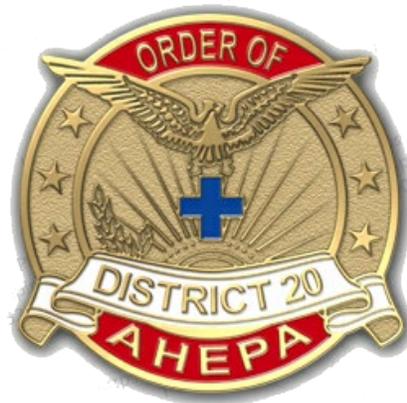
An original member of Chapter 528 at inception in 2003

Shown with his wife Lynn in above photo

Symeon
Seraphim

**DON'T
FORGET
CYPRUS**





El Camino Real District 20

Southern California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii

www.ahepadistrict20.org

AhepaDistrict20

Success to the 2022 Mid-Winter Conference Palm Desert, CA

We thank all our members for their steadfast dedication to AHEPA through the past couple of years.

**We recognize the following,
2021 AHEPAns of the Year
Anastasios Pallas Chapter 302
Nicholas Latkovic Chapter 528
and
Nick Perdaris PSG
El Camino Real District 20
Lifetime Achievement award**

‘AXIOS’