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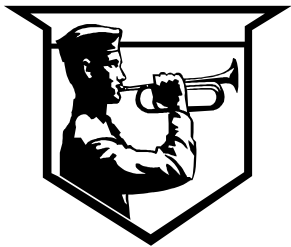
*"Voice of the Army, Support for the Soldier"*



Our Voice Speaks on Behalf  
of RI's Soldiers and  
Their Family Members



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## Important Dates

18 Sep 2019	ExCom Mtg., 6:30 PM
16 Oct 2019	ExCom Mtg., 6:30 PM
20 Nov 2019	ExCom Mtg., 6:30 PM
19 Dec 2019	Joint org holiday dinner



## President's Message

LTC (R) Robert Galvanin

Another AUSA Operational Year has come and gone and once again it's been a very productive year for our Rhode Island Chapter. Since our last newsletter we've presented AUSA awards to many outstanding cadets at the State's ROTC and JROTC Commands' award ceremonies, given seven scholarships totaling \$6000 to some exceptional students of Chapter members, and made donations to various military related causes and events. With some hard work the 2019-2020 Operational Year should be just as successful.

I would ask you all to please continue your support by renewing your membership in AUSA and by recruiting others to become members, because only through a robust membership can we continue to provide for our Soldiers and their families. And remember, unlike many organizations, ANYONE can be a member of AUSA, and the cost to join or renew is VERY affordable. You can join online or access the latest application/renewal form to download and mail at [www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org). And if you're looking for a little volunteer work to do please contact me to see how you could lend a hand as the Executive Committee is always looking for good people.

Thank you for your continued support, and may you stay healthy and safe.

*Bob*

Your website - [www.ausari.org](http://www.ausari.org) - is where you need to go to find out what is happening regarding our local meetings, scholarship application info, links to relevant areas of interest, copy of this newsletter and other important information.

Be sure to visit often!

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED

On 5 June 2019 the Rhode Island Chapter held its 3<sup>rd</sup> GMM of the operational year, the Annual Scholarship Dinner and Awards Night. As in recent years, in an effort to reach out to sister military volunteer organizations, the Chapter invited the Rhode Island Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars and the Rhode Island Department of the Reserve Officers Association to present their scholarships at the event as well.

The evening began with a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a presentation of the Memorial Wreath by Gold Star Parents CSM John Mancini and SSG Richard August and a moment of silence. After an Invocation by SSG August Chapter President Bob Galvanin welcomed the guests and invited them to enjoy dinner. After dinner LTC Galvanin informed the audience what AUSA was all about and invited those not yet members to consider becoming one. Scholarships for each organization were then awarded. LTC Galvanin read the accomplishments of each of the 7 RIAUSA awardees before presenting them with their awards.

The Chapter then held a 244<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday celebration where all scholarship recipients were invited to come to the front of the room and cut the Army Birthday cake together. The wait staff then cut the cake up for dessert. After a Benediction by SSG August LTC Galvanin closed the event by wishing each of the awardees good luck in their college careers and thanking everyone for helping to make the evening a success.



## THE U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY

As part of its Annual Scholarship Awards Night the Rhode Island Chapter held a 244<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday celebration. June 14<sup>th</sup> is the US Army's birthday so during the evening's program all Scholarship Awardees were invited to come up and cut the Army Birthday Cake with a military saber provided by RI State President LTC(R) Dennis Morgan.

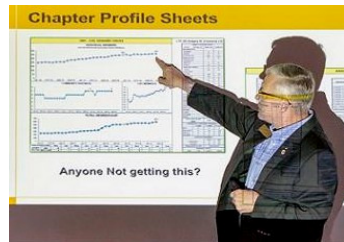


# FIRST REGION SPRING MEETING

Each Spring the AUSA First Region conducts a meeting at the location of one of its 22 Chapters over 10 states where Chapter representative gather to share ideas and receive briefings and guidance from AUSA National leaders on Army and military related issues.

This year, from 26-28 April 2019, RI Chapter President Bob Galvanin and his wife Pat represented the RI Chapter at the Annual First Region Meeting co-hosted by the New Hampshire, Maine, Mass Bay, and Minuteman Chapters. After some briefings by First Region President Dennis Dougherty and National representative COL(R) John Davies the business meetings provided some valuable insights into such topics as team building, best practices for chapters to follow, marketing, fund raising, and membership drives.

The event closed with the annual Mary G. Roebling Awards Dinner at which various awards were given to numerous servicemen/women, elected and public service officials, and AUSA members.



## **YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP TO REMAIN VIABLE**

While we are all very proud of our past accomplishments we must focus on the future if we are to continue to be successful. To that end, the Chapter needs your hands-on support in whatever capacity you can give. In the last year we unexpectedly lost 2 members of our Executive Committee, increasing the burden placed on the remaining members.

If you're looking for some great volunteer work that will realize a lot of self-satisfaction the Chapter could really use your help. This is a volunteer organization, and you will never be asked to do more than you can, so any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me, Bob Galvanin, at [bpje5310@verizon.net](mailto:bpje5310@verizon.net) or 508-339-5301 if you think you can lend a hand. We will not be able to sustain operations without additional assistance. Thanks.

# Membership Matters

As of 1 Sep 2019 your Chapter membership total stands at 450 membership, the highest in recent memory!

**LISTEN UP** - We need YOUR HELP to keep AUSA's voice strong for our Soldiers. Each of us can and should reach out to someone (anyone can be an AUSA member) and ask them to join AUSA and our Chapter. They can sign up on line at [www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org) or simply forward your prospective member's name and contact info to our VP Membership, LTC (R) Dennis Morgan at 401-533-8404 or [dmorganltc@gmail.com](mailto:dmorganltc@gmail.com) and we will do all the work.

**Please be a part in this serious effort to recruit members!**



## New Chapter Members

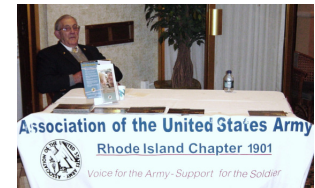
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- MSG Charles Gibbs Jr.
- SSG Michael Roache
- CDT Dakota Coleman
- CDT Brian Powell
- CDT Ryan Warneke
- Mrs. Janine Calise
- Ms. Elizabeth Kenney
- Mr. Kevin Ricketts

**Welcome and thank you !**

## Chapter Meetings

Your Chapter hard working Executive Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at the **Italo American Club**, 477 Broadway, Providence. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. Simply contact your Chapter President, LTC (R) Galvanin, to notify him that you plan to attend.

The Club provides delicious meals and the bar is open for refreshments!



"Show me your membership card or give me 20"

# RI Community Partners Appreciated

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**(Each issue highlights a RIAUSA Sustaining/Community Partner)**

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**Our Mission:**

Support and recognition of

RI Soldiers

and

Their Families!

# DUTCH ISLAND and FORT GREBLE

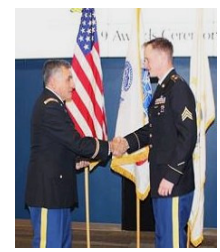
Dutch Island is an island lying west of Conanicut Island (Jamestown) at an entrance to Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island. It is part of the town of Jamestown, Rhode Island and consists of 81 acres. It served an important role in our country's military history, from its acquisition by the United States Army in 1864 until its closing by the military in 1947.

Beginning with the Civil War, the beginnings of a substantial military complex began to be built eventually known as Fort Greble housing as many as 495 military personnel. Utilized from then through WW I and WW II, it was finally abandoned in 1947.

Once a site of much activity, today only some ruins exist of brick barracks and concrete coastal gun bastions that give some indication to all that was there in silent honor to all who served in more that 80 years of RI military history

## ROTC/JROTC AWARDS

As it's done for many years the Rhode Island Chapter presents awards to deserving ROTC and JROTC Cadets as determined by the Cadre from the respective Commands. This year awardees from the PC and URI Army ROTC Battalions as well as the Cranston East, Hope, and Rogers High School Army JROTC Commands were recognized for their academic and leadership excellence. Besides the AUSA medals, certificates, and military history books awarded some honorees were given an AUSA shadow box or plaque manufactured by RIAUSA ExCom member SSG(R) Luis Sousa. Presenters who donated their time this year were RIAUSA members SSG(R) Luis Sousa, LTC(R) Edward Glod, COL(R) John Petrella, COL(R) John Ricottilli, and RI Chapter President LTC(R) Bob Galvanin.



# Retired Soldiers - Still Proud, Still Serving, Still Saluting!



From WW II to GWOT, Mr. RIAUSA CSM(R) Tony Ferri takes care of Soldiers.

**Retired Soldier Council** - There are 967,000 Retired Soldiers and over 246,00 surviving spouses. We are the Army's largest demographic as there are just over one million Soldiers currently serving in the Active, Guard and Reserve - combined!

**Army Recruiting Command** - Our Army still needs YOU! If the Army transformed you, gave you new perspective, made you better, or positively impacted your life, please help us reconnect with the American people. As Soldiers for Life, serve beside us as ambassadors and help us educate today's youth about the importance of service and the value of a career in the U.S. Army. If you would like to participate in our campaign, find out how at [www.goarmy.com/cp](http://www.goarmy.com/cp)

**Automatic Prescription Refills** - Express Scripts needs annual consent from patients who want to receive automatic refills of the maintenance medications enrolled in TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery. Express Scripts will notify the client by email or telephone.

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