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We are honored to welcome you to AHEPA's Garden State Chapter #517 Event. We are thrilled you could join us for this long-anticipated occasion.

Your support has been instrumental in advancing a national initiative: fundraising for AHEPA's Service Dogs for Warriors program. Introduced at the 2016 National Convention, this program was met with great pride and emotion. It raises critical funds to provide service dogs that aid in the rehabilitation of wounded warriors suffering from PTSD.

Your generosity also enables us to contribute to other important philanthropic causes, including Ronald McDonald House, the AHEPA District 5 Cancer Research Foundation, and Fulfill of Monmouth and Ocean Counties (Food Bank), among others.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsors, whose participation through journal advertisements helps our chapter continue its work. We encourage you to support these sponsors whenever possible. Special thanks as well to the Grand Marquis for hosting our event and providing outstanding food and service.

Finally, we would like to express our deep gratitude to the brothers of Chapter 517 for their dedication, generosity, and effort in making this event possible.

On behalf of AHEPA's Garden State Chapter #517, thank you for your presence, your ongoing support, and for helping make tonight another success.

Respectfully,

Bill Parlamis – Co – Chairman

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AHEPA GARDEN STATE 517 FOUNDATION

May 7, 2025

Dear Guests and Supporters of AHEPA Chapter #517,

It is with great excitement and honor to welcome you to our 14th Annual Cigar Night and Networking Event, which is our Chapter's most anticipated event of the year. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening amongst colleagues, acquaintances, old and new friends whilst enjoying unsurpassed food and drink, entertainment and prizes which are thoughtfully organized throughout the year for all of our guests to enjoy.

Your charitable contributions to this event and throughout the year make it possible for us to help our philanthropic goals. AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors, a national project that started with our chapter, The Ronald McDonald House, St. Basil Academy, Fulfill of Monmouth County, The Children's Tumor Foundation, The Cancer Research Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, St. Michael's Senior Home, The Cyprus Children's Fund, Journey to Greece, various scholarships and many more that help our community are just the few that we extend ourselves to.

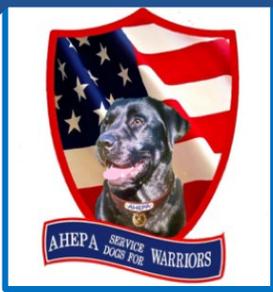
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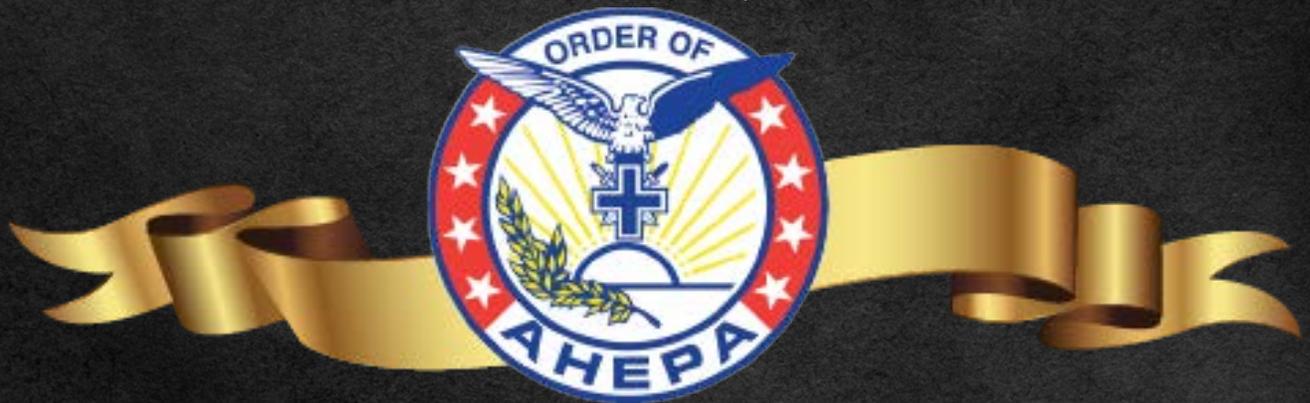
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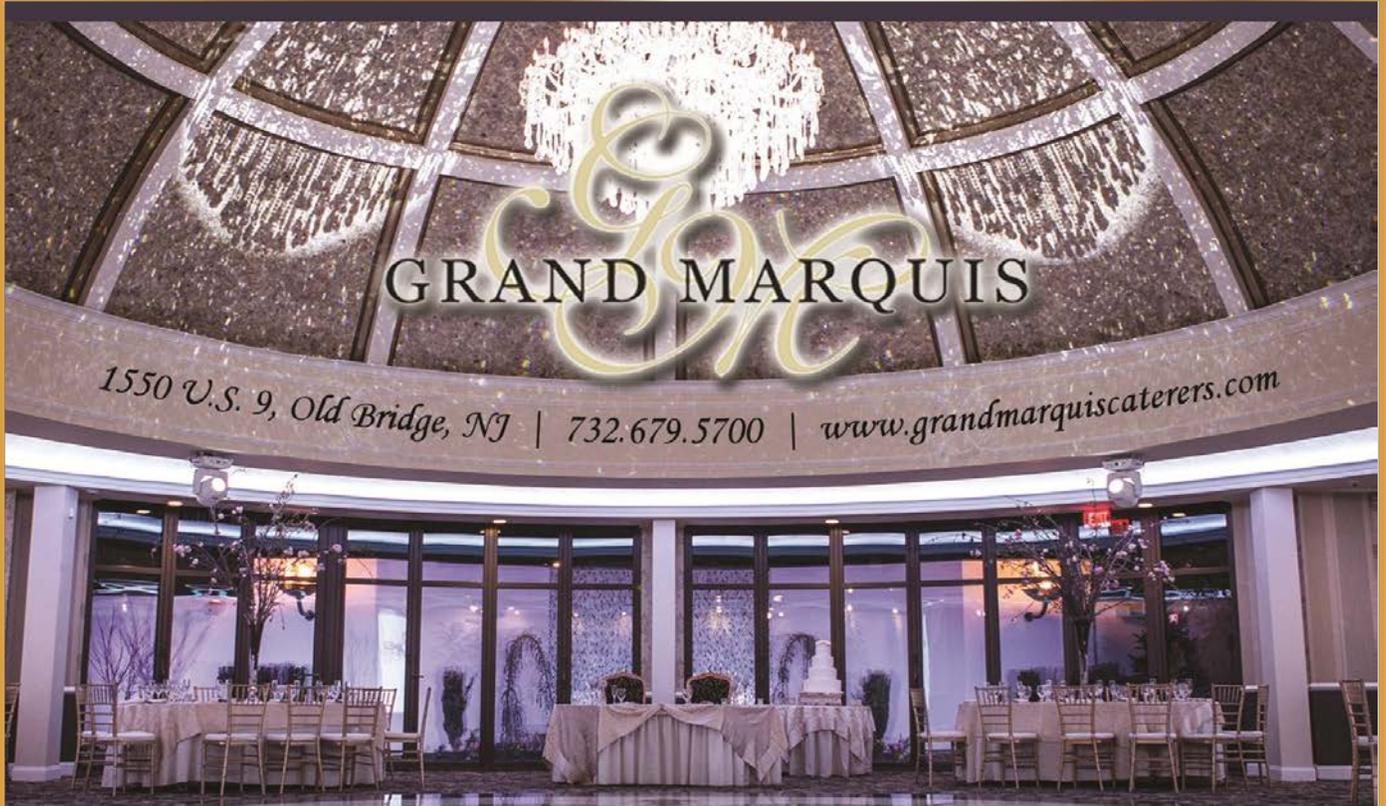
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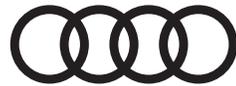
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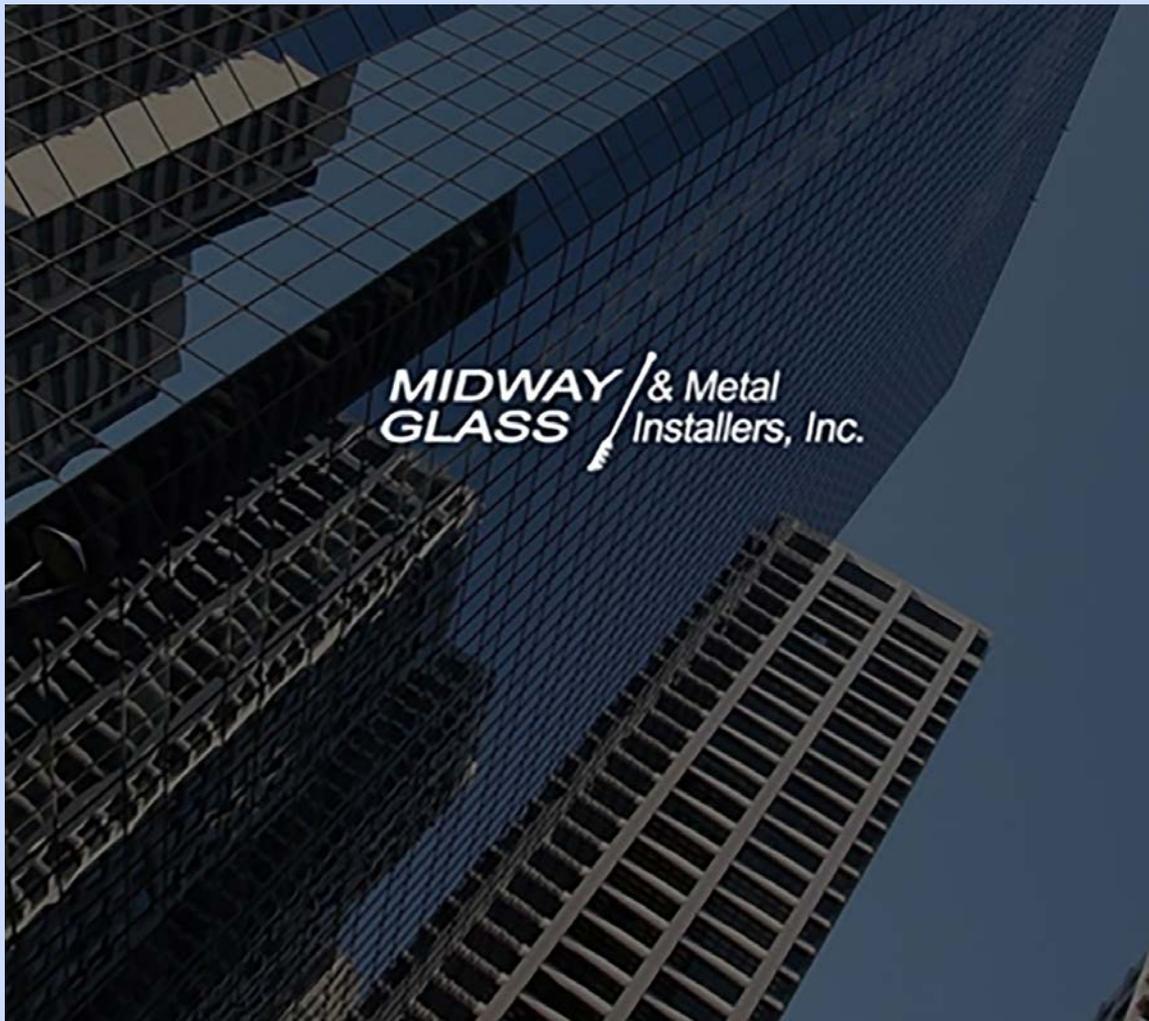
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AHEPA's dedication to these noble causes highlights their unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on society. Their continued efforts in philanthropy serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration, demonstrating the power of collective action and generosity.

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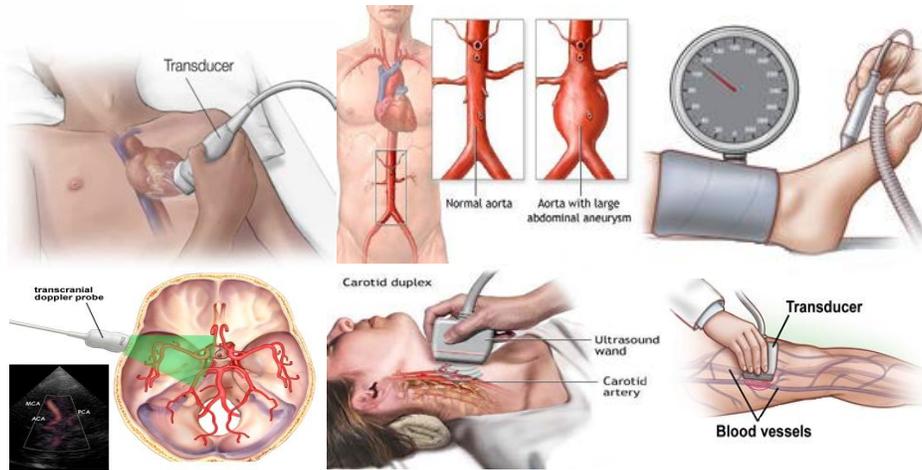
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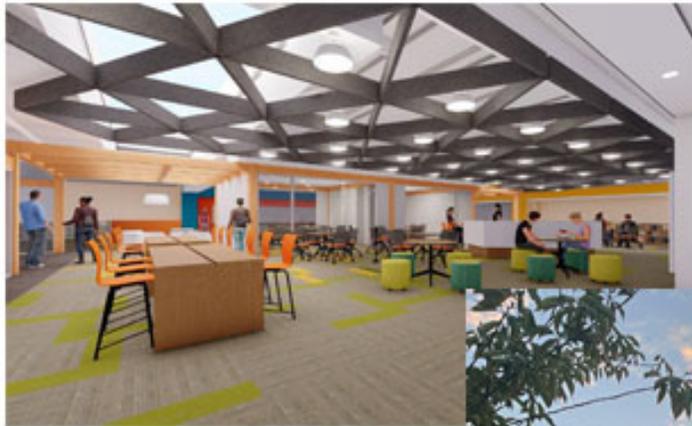
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