All,

On behalf of my fellow volunteer officers and board members, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Thank you to all of our members and guests who took the time out of their schedules to join us for our 2018 events. A special thank you to all of our sponsors over the past year for their support. They make it possible for us to continue to provide our services to both our members and our community.

In 2018, we welcomed additional members to our board, increased our membership and added additional Chapter sponsors. Our chapter also became a proud Community Partner with the AUSA Monmouth Chapter. We look forward to partnering with them in the coming year.

We encourage our members to reach out to us directly to suggest topics/speakers that would be of interest to the chapter.

Below is an overview of some of our events held and community support provided during the 2018 calendar year. Visit our website for the individual flyer details and to find additional information concerning our chapter:

**VA Claims Clinic - 12/13/2018 - Monmouth County Library - Ocean Township Branch - 701 Deal Road, Ocean Twp NJ, Ocean Twp, NJ**
Provided information concerning VA benefits, including compensation, pension, vocational rehabilitation and employment and education benefits, benefits enrollment and VA Healthcare entitlements/eligibility

Co-hosted the annual **Gingerbread Ball - 12/01/2018 - Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ**
Event to benefit Fisher House Foundation - a 501(c)3 Not for Profit Organization serving military, veterans and their families providing a “Home away from home” while receiving medical care at a major military and VA Medical Centers of Excellence.

**November Meet, Mingle & Learn Luncheon - 11/28/2018 - Eatontown Double Tree, Eatontown, NJ**
Presented a panel of speakers representing Government Prime Contractors. Each presented a short overview of their dealings with the Government. Networking before and after the luncheon with a chance to network with the presenters. One of the presenters was from the NJITs Procurement Technical Acquisition Center (PTAC). The PTAC organization matches small and large companies for federal contract opportunities. This is a great opportunity for all potential sub-contractors to interact with these Government Primes for potential business.

**Lt. Dennis Zilinski II Memorial Fundraiser** – Supported with AFCEA attendance and funding

**AUSA Run for the Fallen** – Supported with AFCEA funding

**A Day at the Races - 08/24/2018 - NJ**
Networking, Lunch, Race - Attended and supported the Eatontown Industrial Park Association “Day at the Races” at Monmouth Park

**The Jersey Shore Junior Science Symposium** – Participated in and supported with AFCEA funded scholarships - 04/20/18

**Chapter Luncheon - 02/06/2018 - Doubletree Hotel, 700 Hope Road, Eatontown, NJ, Eatontown, NJ**
Ms. Michele Foster, TAC Associate Executive Director, presented a Contracting Officer Panel Best Practices & Acquisition Strategies of the VA’s Technology Acquisition Center

We look forward to seeing everyone at a future chapter event soon. We are currently in the process of finalizing our programs for 2019. Please check our website regularly for updates at [https://greatermonmouth.afceachapters.org/](https://greatermonmouth.afceachapters.org/)

Contact our Board Member and VP of Membership, Chuck Strimpler, for membership details at cstrimpler@sabresystems.com.

Please be sure to join us on our Facebook and LinkedIn groups on Social Media. Below are the direct links.

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/AFCHEAGreaterMonmouth/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AFCHEAGreaterMonmouth/)
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Happy 2019!
Donna V Petro
**President** – AFCEA Greater Monmouth Chapter