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## JOE DOLL HONORED AS “VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR”

### *Independence for Veterans*

Green Brook Resident Mr. Joseph P. Doll has been honored with the prestigious Independence for Veteran’s 2023 Volunteer of the Year award.

Independence for Veterans is a grass roots, multi-award winning 501c-3 nonprofit based in Bedminster, N.J., spearheaded by Mrs. Stacia McDonough, the widow of Sergeant John E. McDonough, a decorated Vietnam Veteran, USAF, Enlisted. Their primary missions are assisting our disabled and homeless veterans with much-needed new clothing, groceries, toiletries, bedding, and necessities. All items are then hand-delivered by the Independence for Veterans volunteers. They recently helped a formerly homeless 2x Iraqi War Veteran purchase his own single-family home, and secured a grant from Home Depot whereas they renovated the home for this Veteran.

On any given night there are approximately 40,000 veterans sleeping on the streets in the U.S.

According to the Veterans Administration, an estimated 22+ Veterans commit suicide every day.

“Joe selflessly gives his time, and tremendous efforts helping our Veterans who have fallen on hard times. For his active participation in our fundraising events, our annual clothing and food drives, and his remarkably generous contributions, Independence for Veterans gratefully acknowledges Joe’s extraordinary dedication helping our struggling Veterans,” says Stacia McDonough.

“I made acquaintance with Stacia McDonough about 7 years ago after reading an article in the Star-Ledger regarding her work with veterans in honor of her late husband John, a Vietnam Vet. My wife Harriette made contact with her via phone, and we were soon involved helping Stacia. I was really impressed with her annual, “They Kept Us Safe, Let’s Keep Them Warm,” project helping homeless Veterans during the Christmas season. She volunteered for numerous years, and finally after much hard work and persistence, she branched off into the 501c-3 nonprofit, Independence for Veterans.

I am a 100% disabled Vietnam Veteran. I served with the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, 23rd Infantry Division, 196th Light Infantry Brigade in I Corp, Chu Lai, Quang Tin Province from 1970-1971 at Firebase Maryann. My disability is from ischemic heart disease, and in 2014 I received a heart transplant. I consider myself extremely fortunate for this life-saving surgery and as a result I am dedicated to helping fellow Veterans in need.

I also belong to the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). I joined those groups after my transplant; however, working with Independence for Veterans gives me my greatest fulfillment. Stacia is an amazing human being! She works tirelessly for the veterans, always putting them first. Her wonderful attitude and energy level are infectious, which inspires us to go the extra mile to get the job



(above) Green Brook residents Joseph and Harriette Doll helping Independence for Veterans serve our homeless veterans by hand-delivering brand new clothing for the approximate 85 residents at a veterans transitional housing facility.

done. I really enjoy working with Independence for Veterans, and am looking forward to the coming year, anticipating putting our 2nd disabled Veteran in a permanent home,” says Joseph Doll.

“This distinction is well-deserved. For consistently pausing his personal life to endlessly advocate, and spread awareness of the unfortunate plight of our veterans in need is exceptionally commendable,” says Mr. Louis Manzo, Independence for Veterans Board Member.

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During the month of February, in support of the non-profit Jersey Cares, the Green Brook Leo Club (the youth organization for the Green Brook Lions Club) collected personal hygiene products and assembled the products into bags for a First Night Kit Program.

The First Night Kit program is aimed to assist displaced families in New Jersey by providing them with essential toiletry items needed for their first night stay at a shelter or transitional home. Through a month-long collection drive, supplies were gathered at IEF Elementary School, Green Brook Middle School and at the Green Brook municipal building.

The Green Brook Leos gathered enough supplies to package over 50 kits, along with additional items such as socks and hats. In

addition, the Green Brook Education & Athletic Foundation made a generous \$250 donation to Jersey Cares in support of the Green Brook Leo Club's efforts. The Leo Club members also made cards to go inside of each kit with words of kindness, support and encouragement.

Jersey Cares distributes these kits to domestic violence shelters, transitional housing facilities, runaway safe havens, foster homes and other agencies with transitional populations in need of hygiene items on the "first night" of their stay throughout the year.

The next Green Brook Leo Club event will be an Alex's Lemonade Stand fundraiser, supporting childhood cancer research, being held on June 10th at Arthur Lewis Park.



(above) Green Brook Leo Club

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(above) Myles Shigeki Harada, “I want to know that I did everything in my power to make the world better than it was before.”



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# MYLES SHIGEKI HARADA EARNS EAGLE RANK

## Green Brook BSA Troop 129

Myles Shigeki Harada earned his Eagle Scout rank on April 6, 2023 with Green Brook BSA Troop 129, he was originally part of Dunellen Troop 29. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.

Myles has worked extremely hard to reach his accomplishment of Eagle Scout. With many obstacles and tests, learning many different skills has been an exciting achievement.



(left & above) Dunellen Town Library was Myles’ beneficiary for his Eagle Scout project which included both a mural and a community garden. These projects add to the beauty of the town, and promotes community fellowship.

As Myles gets ready to graduate this June from Dunellen High School, he has juggled many different things at once, one major part is his many AP classes at school and being part of The National Honor Society.

Myles performed the lead role as The Beast in his high school spring production of “Beauty and the Beast”. He is the leader of the bass group for Madrigal chorus. And if this isn’t enough, he’s a baseball player, a lifeguard, and president of his class. Myles puts the scout motto of “be prepared” to good practice for his everyday tasks.

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When Myles attends college, he plans to follow the same path of participating in clubs and sports, along with pursuing rigorous academics. Clinical Psychology will be his major. Myles plans to help people struggling mentally or socially as he sees this as a prominent issue. He feels he is fortunate to have a strong family with good values. He has learned many tools he wants to share.

For more information about Green Brook BSA Troop 129 contact [greenbrook129chair@gmail.com](mailto:greenbrook129chair@gmail.com).



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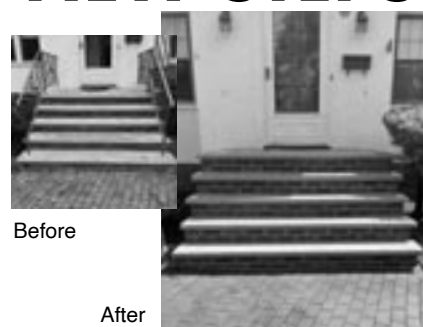


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(above) Alexander Christian's future plans include staying active in Boy Scouts, being a leader and staying faithful to his religion.

# ALEXANDER CHRISTIAN EARNS EAGLE RANK

## Green Brook BSA Troop 129

Alexander Christian earned his Eagle Scout Rank on April 6, 2023 with Green Brook Troop 129. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.

Alex's scout experience has brought him to many different troops starting with Dunellen Troop 119 until it unfortunately folded. Alex continued on with Dunellen Troop 29 rather than quitting like others had. Eventually this Troop merged into Green Brook Troop 129 during Covid. Alex is grateful for the welcoming spirit of the Green Brook scouts and the opportunity to continue leadership and outdoor experiences including camping and hiking.

As a scout, Alex was able to assist multiple community groups such as Menlo Park Veterans

Homes, Somerville Elks, and FISH. The group Alex put most of his efforts towards was American Legion Post 119 in Dunellen. They were awarded with Alex's dedication of service by dedicating his Eagle Scout project to renovating and painting the Legion's lobby and hallway. Some of the proceeds he raised will also go towards new carpet for the stairs.

After Alex graduates from Dunellen High School this June, he will be looking towards furthering his education at a trade school focused on either plumbing or welding. He hopes to travel and visit all 50 states and will be visiting England this summer. Alex's future plans include staying active in Boy Scouts, being a leader and staying faithful to his religion.

For more information about Green Brook BSA Troop 129 contact [greenbrook129chair@gmail.com](mailto:greenbrook129chair@gmail.com).



(above) American Legion Post 119 in Dunellen was the beneficiary of Alex's Eagle Scout project. The lobby and hallway were painted, and some of the proceeds he raised will go towards new carpet for the stairs.

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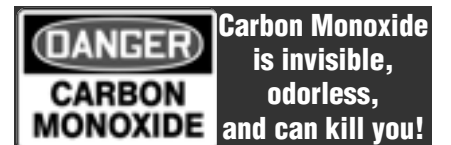
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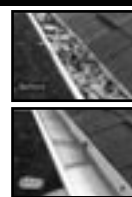
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#### Armchair Travels

May 11, 11 a.m.

Armchair Travels: Patagonia with Parul. We will watch the Patagonia Expedition and Argentine Tango Dance. We will also learn about the Gaucho Culture. Similar to what American's would call cowboys.

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May 24, 11 a.m.

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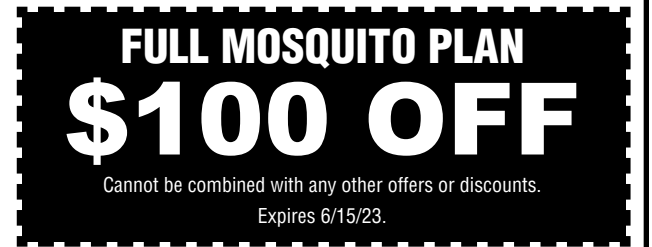
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Units	Size	1 TOWN	3 TOWNS	6 TOWNS	9 TOWNS	12 TOWNS	15 TOWNS	18 TOWNS	21 TOWNS	24 TOWNS
1 Unit (Business card)	3.25" x 2"	\$60	\$150	\$250	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550	\$600
2 Units	6.5" x 2" or 3.25" x 4"	\$100	\$250	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1000
4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700	\$1900
6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000	\$3400
2-PAGE SPREAD	21" x 14"	\$700								
BACK PAGE	10" x 14"	\$500								
FRONT PAGE BANNER	8.25" x 2"	\$320								
FRONT PAGE BOX	1.5" x 4.5"	\$240								

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- Landscape Tools

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Hardwood.....	\$26
Playground.....	\$40

## QUARRY BASE MATERIALS

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Stone Dust.....	\$39
QP .....	\$48

## DECORATIVE STONE

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1 Riverbed .....	\$88
1 1/2-3 Riverbed.....	\$98
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**3pm - 6pm**



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