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FRAZEE HOUSE FALL ACTIVITIES AND PUMPKIN PATCH

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club

There is an exciting line-up of Fall activities scheduled at the Frazee House Park in Scotch Plains throughout October. The site will be decorated for Halloween and the Great Pumpkin Patch will be back for its eight year! Hundreds of pumpkins will be available, and they'll be sold every day from 11am to dusk throughout the month of October.

During the weekend of October 18th and 19th there will be games for children, a Big Bake sale and many photo opportunities. These will begin on Saturday October 18th at 11 a.m. The Big Bake Sale will be back for the second year and will offer a wide variety of sweet treats including brownies, cookies, cupcakes and fall specialties. Additionally, the Frazee House will participate in Union County's annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend". Representatives will be at the Frazee site between 12 - 5 p.m. on both days with brochures, bookmarks, and an internal tour of the renovated areas of the house. History buffs can note that the Frazee House is one of the stops on the Battle of Short Hills Historic Trail as well as being renowned for the legendary confrontation between General Cornwallis and Aunt Betty Frazee.

On October 24th and 25th, the popular Ghost Walking tours will be back at the Frazee House. The pre-Halloween tours will be conducted by renowned psychic-medium Jane Doherty. Each presentation will begin with a short orientation at the restored Frazee homestead, including details about the spirit world. The 90-minute tours will proceed with a walk along the property, stopping at each "ghost hangout" to reveal the stories and secrets there. There are two tours on 10/24 at 6 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., and three tours on 10/25 at 5 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Finally, October activities will end with the first ever séance at the Frazee



(above) The Frazee House in Fanwood

Courtesy Photo

House, held in one of the newly renovated rooms. There will be only one session at 7 p.m. on November 1st. Seating will be limited. The séance will be led by renowned psychic-medium Jane Doherty.

All proceeds will go toward completing the renovation of the historic Frazee house. The October activities are a great opportunity for the community to visit the site and see it for themselves. More information about the Frazee House and a complete schedule of events can be found at frazeehouse.org.

OSBORN CANNONBALL HOUSE MUSEUM

The Osborn Cannonball House Will Be Open For Scotch Plains Day and for Four Centuries in a Weekend.

The Osborn Cannonball House Museum, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will be open to the public on Sunday, October 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and for Four Centuries in a Weekend on Saturday, October 18, 2025, and Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

The museum will feature a display entitled "NJ Passengers Aboard the RMS Titanic," which will include replicas of the actual items used aboard the ship. From the museum's vast antique clothing collection, mannequins will be dressed in "Titanic era," or Edwardian, clothing. This display will have clothing representing the three classes aboard the ship.

Costumed docents will give tours of the 1750 home of the Osborn family, who witnessed and played a role in the Revolutionary War and the founding of the town of Scotch Plains. For the Four Centuries in a Weekend event, there will also be a children's craft in our craft tent along with an early Halloween treat!

For further information email
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(above) The museum will feature a display "NJ Passengers Aboard the RMS Titanic,."

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LIBRARY DEDICATES COMMUNITY ROOM

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As Fanwood Memorial Library approached the one-year anniversary of its new building, members of the community gathered on Saturday, August 16, to dedicate the Quraishi Family Community Room in memory of Dr. Nisar A. Quraishi, a beloved longtime physician and resident of Fanwood.

The dedication was attended by immediate family members, including Dr. Nisar’s wife Mrs. Shahida P. Quraishi and son Hon. Zahid N. Quraishi, who celebrated Dr. Quraishi’s enduring legacy in the community he served for so many years.

A transformational gift in memory of Dr. Quraishi to the newly formed Fanwood Memorial Library Foundation contributed to the establishment of a new endowment that will provide ongoing support for the Library’s programs and services each year.

“It has been wonderful to work with the Foundation to honor my father’s commitment to education and ensure the library can be a first-class resource for generations to come,” said the Hon. Zahid N. Quraishi, a U.S. District Judge for New Jersey who recognizes the influence that his parents’ commitment to academics and helping others in his hometown of Fanwood had on his own journey.

The Quraishis are among a group of families who have contributed to the Foundation’s endowment to date, in recognition of the Library

as a vital educational resource with great potential to enrich generations of Fanwood residents.

For more information about the Fanwood Memorial Library and upcoming programs,

please visit fanwoodlibrary.org. To learn more about the Fanwood Memorial Library Foundation and its mission, please visit fanwoodlibrary.org/the-fanwood-memorial-library-foundation.



(above, l-r) Kenneth Sommer, Fanwood Memorial Library Board; Hon. Zahid Quraishi; Mrs. Shahida Quraishi; Colleen Mahr, Mayor of Fanwood; Michele Saliola, President of Fanwood Memorial Library Foundation.

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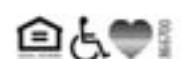
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JD Solomon, a Westfield resident and retired journalist, gives presentations about historical true crime at senior centers and community organizations in Union County. He is the author


of two historical novels. His first, The Tinen Killings, is a thriller about aging Civil War veterans in Philadelphia in 1898. His second, Home News, is a thriller about bootlegging set in his home town of Bay Shore, NY in 1928.

This third true crime presentation meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood is free and open to the public. The meeting on Wednesday October 28th starts at 7:30 p.m. and is held at the Shady Rest Golf Club at 820 Jerusalem Road (at the corner of Plainfield Ave.) in Scotch Plains. Refreshments and fellowship follow the presentation.

For further information, contact Connie Klock at 908-337-7735.




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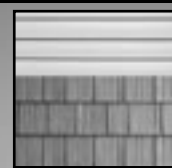
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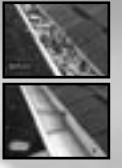
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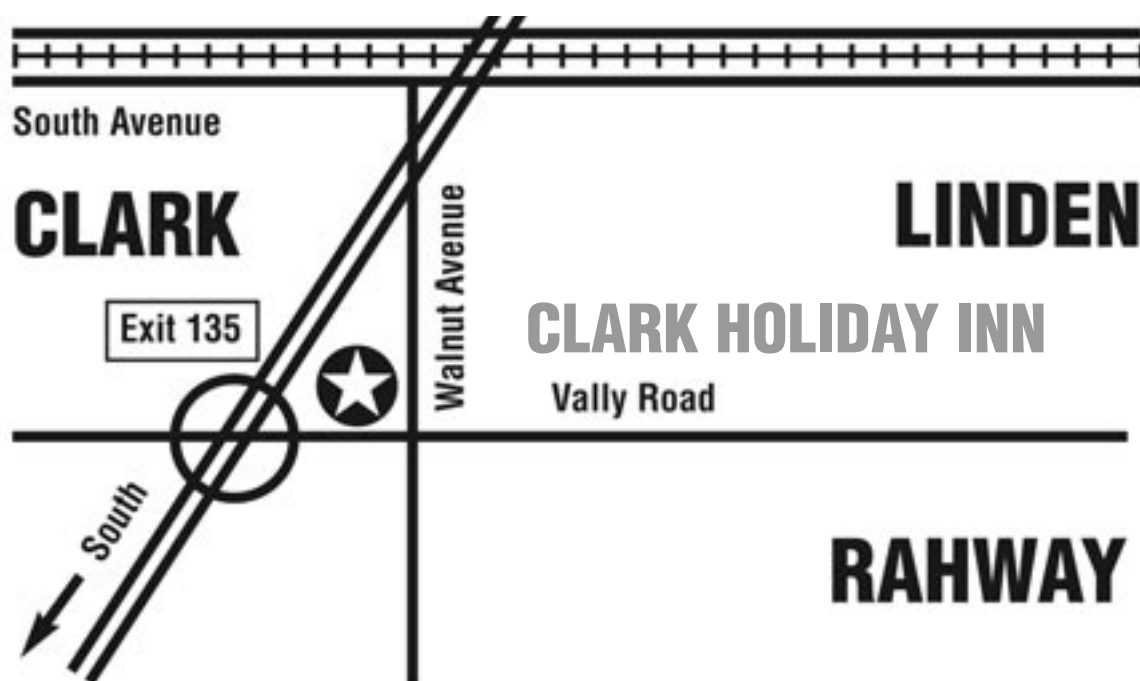
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LT. REYNOLDS DEFENDING AMERICA UNDER THE SEA

Submitted by Megan Lemly, Navy Office of Community Outreach

Lt. James Reynolds, a native of Westfield, New Jersey, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to USS Scranton, homeported at Naval Base Point Loma. As a submariner, Reynolds is part of a small percentage of Navy personnel continuing a 125-



(above) Lt. James Reynolds, from Westfield to defending America under the sea, one sailor's journey to USS Scranton

Courtesy Photo

year tradition of service under the sea to help ensure Americans' safety.

Reynolds graduated from Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City in 2013. Additionally, Reynolds earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the United States Naval Academy and a master's degree in cyber security, operations and leadership from the University of San Diego.

Reynolds joined the Navy eight years ago. Today, Reynolds serves as a weapons officer.

"I have two older siblings who served," Reynolds said. "I joined to follow the example they set of serving the country."

Known as America's "Apex Predators!," the Navy's submarine force operates a large fleet of technologically advanced vessels. These submarines are capable of conducting rapid defensive and offensive operations around the world, in furtherance of U.S. national security.

USS Scranton (SSN 756) is the second U.S. Navy ship to be named for Scranton, Pennsylvania. Scranton is a Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine. Los Angeles-class submarines have been the backbone of the submarine force for the last 40 years, with approximately 23 now in commission. They are equipped with 12 Vertical Launch System tubes for firing Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Strategic deterrence is the nation's ultimate

insurance program, according to Navy officials. As a member of the submarine force, Reynolds serves aboard a platform capable of bringing the fight to enemies in defense of America and its allies.

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"My proudest accomplishment is serving as a weapons officer aboard USS Scranton," Reynolds said.

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Sharing the spotlight will be 80 gifted artists and designers including several nationally recognized for their award winning accomplishments; many traveling from across the U.S., from as far as California and Florida. Guests will enjoy work never before seen on the East Coast. The fair could be called a weekend "Off-Broadway production" - with a great cast, many stars, with several booths designed like stage sets.

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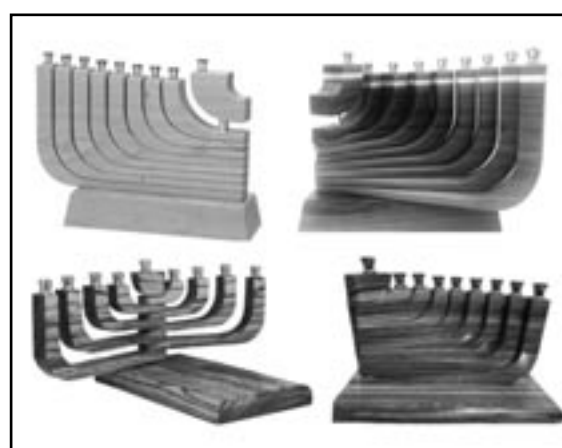
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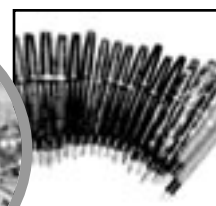
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Please join us Monday October 20th at 7:30 pm at Mira Vie (295 South Avenue Fanwood) to hear Women in Harmony perform. Women in Harmony, a women's choral group, will perform at the October Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club meeting. This event is free and open to the

public and refreshments will be provided.

Women in Harmony is the brainchild of Debbie Shapiro, retired music teacher from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. While she adored teaching children, it was always her dream to conduct an adult group of community

women in three-part harmony. In nine short months, she led the group from their first rehearsal to a hugely successful concert in June 2025, with plans for more.

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MORRISTOWN PUP NABS SPOT IN 2025 BARK FOR LIFE CALENDAR

She's got the ears of a supermodel, the zoomies of a champion sprinter, and a bark that says "treat, please." Meet Josie, Morristown's unofficial mayor of South Street — and now, one of the proud winners of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar Contest!

After a week-long voting frenzy, Josie galloped ahead of the competition to earn a coveted feature in this year's 2025 Bark for Life calendar. And not just a cameo — a full-page glam spread, complete with her story, her signature side-eye, and plenty of reasons why she's the queen of local hearts.

But Josie's calendar win is more than just a

photo op. It means she'll be a VIP (Very Important Pup) at the Bark for Life of Central NJ celebration on October 12, 2025 at Bell Works in Holmdel, where she'll be officially honored for her victory — likely with applause, belly rubs, and maybe a few snacks.

WHO IS JOSIE?

Josie is a 4-year-old Australian Cattle Dog (allegedly) — though some suspect she may also be part professional napper and part mayhem enthusiast, depending on the hour. She was rescued as a puppy and now lives her best life ruling the sidewalks and hearts of Morristown.

Known for her expressive ears, her suspiciously dramatic sighs, and a highly curated side-eye, Josie has become a local celebrity — both on leash and online.

Her favorite things include: Car rides (windows down, please), Sidewalk café people-watching (her favorite being the Lokl!), Chasing squirrels she has no intention of catching, Ignoring her toys to chew sticks instead, and Judging humans from the couch like it's her full-time job.

In short: she's a rescue with attitude, heart, and a whole lot of fans.

WHAT IS BARK FOR LIFE?

The Bark for Life event is part of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life movement. It honors the caregiving qualities of canine companions while raising critical funds for cancer research and support services — especially here in New Jersey.

Proceeds from calendar sales and fundraising events all go toward supporting programs like free rides to treatment, overnight stays near major cancer centers, and 24/7 access to cancer information and support for patients and families.

GET INVOLVED!

Missed your chance to vote for Josie? You can still be part of the tail-wagging fun. Donations are open at the Bark for Life of Central NJ website, and registration is now live for the October 12 celebration at Bell Works.

Whether you're walking in honor of a loved one, supporting a survivor, or just want to hang out with some adorable dogs (like Josie), this is your chance to do some good — and pet some pups.

Big paws up to Josie and all the calendar winners! Be sure to snag your copy of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar, come say hi to Morristown's finest furry ambassador this fall, and follow @ispyjosie and @barkcentralnj to come along for this year's adventure!



(above) Paws Up for Josie!

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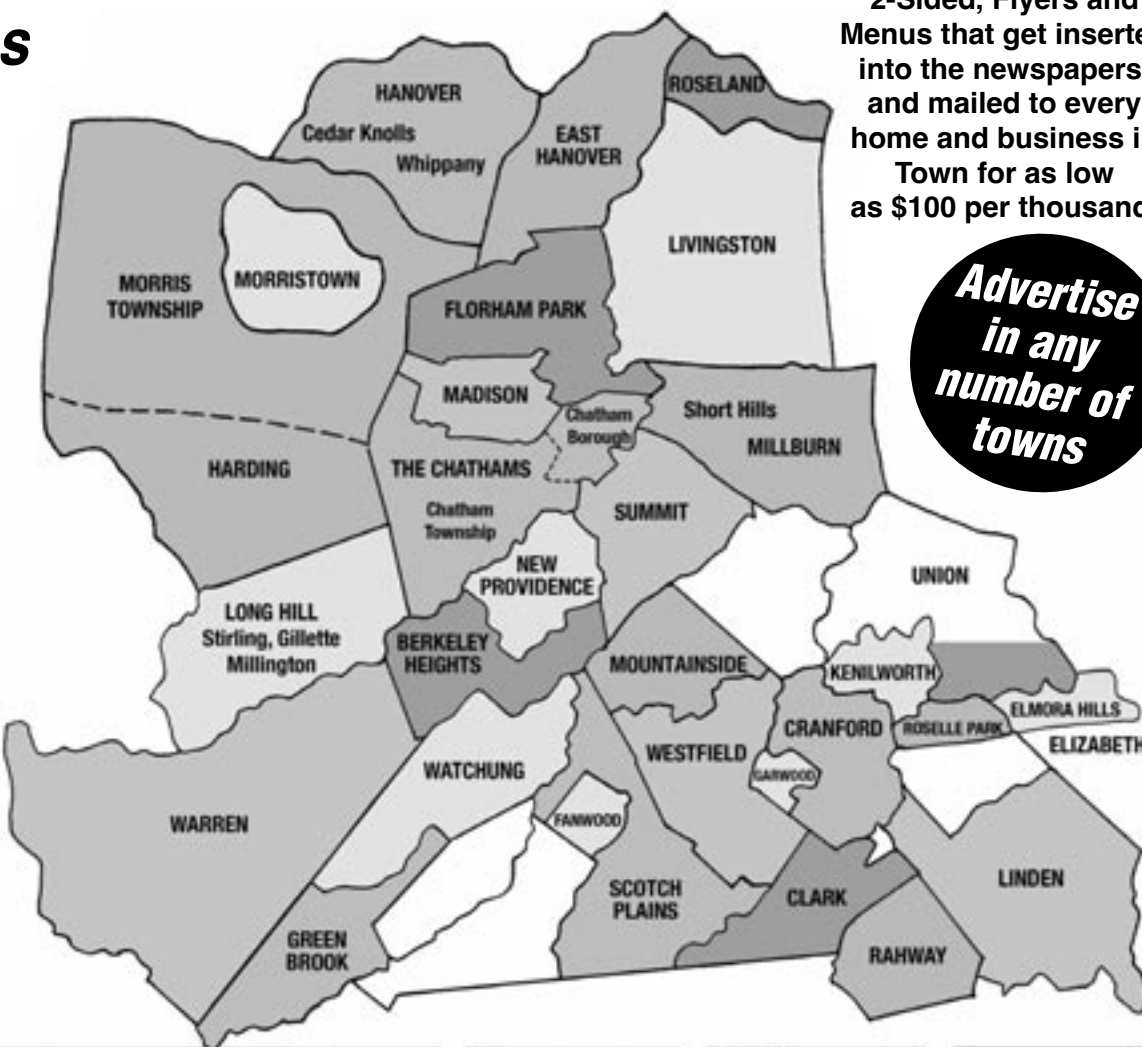
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POLICE OFFICERS ADOPT LUCKY PUPPIES THEY RESCUED

Best Friends Animal Society

In December 2024, a trio of officers with the Clark Police Department in New Jersey responded to a call from a Good Samaritan about puppies that were abandoned in a five-gallon bucket. When they arrived on the scene, the officers discovered eight tiny puppies, only a couple of weeks old, huddled together for warmth in the freezing winter temperatures.

The puppies were immediately rushed to Associated Humane Society-Newark after hours by their Animal Care Officers (ACOs) for veterinarian evaluation and treatment. They were cold, starving, severely dehydrated, and infested



(above) Clark Police Officer Ronny Taborda (adopted Capri), Detective Bruce McDonald (adopted Zeus), and Detective Paul Sosnowski (adopted Ozzy).

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with fleas.

“Deann Bowen, the Manager at AHS’s Tinton Falls location and a veteran vet tech with experience in neonatal care, was able to meet our ACO’s halfway up the Parkway and took them right into foster,” said Danielle Mania, Chief Operating Officer of AHS-Newark.

With the puppies safely in foster care, which included round-the-clock feedings until they were able to eat on their own, the team at AHS-Newark set about finding their family. They posted the story and photos on social media the next morning, took press interviews, and raised \$40,000 to provide for the puppies’ medical treatment and care.

“We did receive a few tips, but all were unsuccessful,” said Mania. Once they were old enough, the puppies were sent to foster in different foster homes.

The officers were instantly interested in adopting puppies from the litter. With each passing day, they could not stop thinking about the puppies’ wellbeing and regularly checked in on them. When they were all spayed/neutered and ready to adopt in March 2025, there was no need to list them all. Three of the puppies - now named Ozzy, Capri, and Zeus - had already found their loving homes with the three police officers that saved their lives on that cold winter day. Officer Ronny Taborda (adopted Capri), Detective Bruce McDonald (adopted Zeus), and Detective Paul

Sosnowski (adopted Ozzy).

“The Clark PD has an adorable group chat to keep in touch with all of the adopters, and they frequently have play dates with each other,” said Mania. “This situation was really a testament as to how we work together as a team across the entire organization to save lives and find pets homes.”

This full circle moment highlights modern animal services practices, and the pet lifesaving work that police and animal control officers do in their communities. It is also a reminder of the importance of microchipping pets and having them wear up-to-date identification tags, so in the event they become lost, they can be quickly reunited with their owners. Data indicates that 52% of lost dogs and two out of every five cats are successfully returned when microchipped, which reduces the amount of time lost pets stay in shelters that often already have limited space.

Best Friends Animal Society, a leading national animal welfare organization working to end the killing of cats and dogs in America’s shelters, is partnering with AHS-Newark to help them achieve their pet lifesaving goals. Best Friends’ most recent data shows that New Jersey is on the verge of becoming a no-kill state with an 89% save rate. There are just ten shelters in the state that need to save less than 100 pets to achieve no-kill. For more information, visit bestfriends.org.

SMALL BUSINESS MENTORING HELPS MILITARY VETERANS SUCCEED

SCORE Central Jersey

During National Military Appreciation Month and beyond, SCORE mentors offer resources for veterans to start and grow their entrepreneurial enterprises.

Veterans’ training, resolve and fortitude to overcome challenges make them the ideal entrepreneur. They soar as small business owners. According to research, 80 percent of the 1.7 million veteran-owned business owners consider themselves successful. The small business five-year survival rate for veterans is double that of the non-veteran population.

Data from the U.S. Small Business Administration has shown that small business owners with an established mentor have twice the success rate – 70 percent versus 35 percent – as those who do not have a mentor.

In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national nonprofit organization that assists small businesses, has developed specific resources for use by its 10,000 mentors nationally in mentoring veterans.

The SCORE Veterans Small Business Resource Guide features veterans-specific resources to offer insight on developing a business plan, securing funding, starting a business, buying an existing business, buying a franchise, connecting with one of SCORE’s volunteer mentors, and gaining a better understanding of business through webinars and



(above) Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 17 million entrepreneurs start, grow or successfully exit a business. SCORE’s 10,000 volunteers provide free, expert mentoring, resources and education in all 50 U.S. states and territories. Visit SCORE at score.org.

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workshops.

“Volunteering at SCORE is my way of showing appreciation to those who helped and guided me during my career while sharing my background and experience to help entrepreneurs succeed,” said SCORE Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ed Coleman. “While I enjoy working with all SCORE clients, as a U.S. Army veteran, I particularly enjoy working with veterans to translate their military experience into entrepreneurship. Helping clients realize their

dreams is very gratifying and the essence of the SCORE mission.”

SCORE Central Jersey Chapter Chair Nancy Verduin said mentors continually expand their knowledge base to better assist veterans on their entrepreneurial journey.

“Military transitioning from active duty have different needs than civilians in terms of starting a business,” said Verduin. “It’s wonderful to have veterans’ resources at our volunteers’ fingertips to aid in mentoring our service men and women.”

Veterans account for about 10 percent of SCORE’s client base. Veterans own 10 percent of small businesses and 14 percent of franchises. Since franchisors have a defined plan of what the business should entail, veterans represent the perfect franchisee given their ability to effectively execute plans as intended.

Nationally, veterans own nearly 2 million businesses, employing more than 5 million Americans, and generating more than \$1 trillion in annual income. Of those, 40 percent of veteran-owned businesses generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue.

To learn more about SCORE, request a mentor or volunteer to be one, visit score.org.

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