

**Nomination for the  
Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award**

**Part I - Biographical Data**

Name: Mr. Mario Monaco Jr. (USMC Reserve GYSGT Retired, 31 Oct 05)

Title/Position: Owner, Jackie Evans, Inc. (clothes and sportswear)

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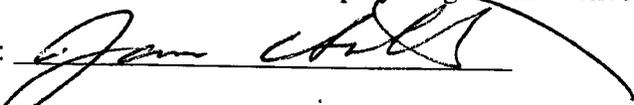
Period of Service: 1 Nov 05 – 1 Sep 07

Nominator Name: Mr. James C. Sutton

Title/Rank/Position: SES / Deputy Program Executive Officer Ammunition

Address: 171 Buffington Road, Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey 07806-5000

Signature Block: James C. Sutton, Deputy Program Executive Officer Ammunition

Signature: 

**Part II - Humanitarian Service**

Life Time Contribution: 1 Nov 05 – 1 Sep 07

Award Justification: Supporting Documentation Attached

Award Recognition: Attached certificates and notes of appreciation.

**Part III - Award Criteria and Achievement**

**1. Exemplifies personal qualities of patriotism, generosity, and selfless dedication to the members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through an outstanding humanitarian act or service. (Achievement # 1)**

- Dedicates countless hours in caring and compassionate service as Chairman of the Marines Helping Marines Program of the L/CPL Chris Cosgrove III Detachment #206 of the Marine Corps League. This program provides monthly visits to Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval Hospitals since June 2005. Visited service members, not just Marines, receive comfort packs of toothpaste, shampoo, soap, water bottle, mouthwash, breath fresheners, phone cards, beanie babies, hand softener, Veteran's Affairs benefits book, t-shirts, blankets, etc. collected and issued by Mr. Monaco. Approximately 300 veterans have been visited to date.
- The Marines Helping Marines Program provides financial assistance to Marines, other service members and military families in need. In the month of August 2007, as an example, three Marines and families received financial assistance of \$400, \$500 and \$400. Mr. Monaco has successfully solicited funds for this use from corporate and veterans' organizations.
- Coordinates all color guards provided to the Family & Friends for Freedom Fund, American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Slattery Detachment Marine Corps League, church and school events.

- Ambassador for Marines Helping Marines and others by visiting with local civic groups and Veterans groups to raise awareness of the needs of wounded Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and military families.

**2. Selfless contributes an extraordinary amount of time, talent, or resources to benefit members of the Armed forces of the United States. (Achievement # 2)**

- Contributed \$5,000 to the National Marine Helping Marines Program Marine Corps League. Donated \$5,000 to Family and Friends for Freedom Fund which financially supports all branches of the Armed Services. "Devil Dog" sponsor of \$1,000 in local golf outing in support of the L/CPL Chris Cosgrove III Detachment #206 of the Marine Corps League.
- Raised through the Marines Helping Marines program \$11,000 for the 2007 Bethesda Hospital Marine Ball.
- Coordinator of the Leatherneck Semper Fi Motorcycle Run to Bethesda Naval Hospital to raise funds and serve a BBQ for the wounded service members and their families.
- Mr. Monaco owns a clothing manufacturing company that custom makes and donates USMC, Army, Navy and Iwo Jima logo blankets given to wounded service members during monthly VA hospital visits.
- Mr. Monaco donates new women's clothes (blouses, t-shirts, slacks, skirts, dresses and shorts) from his factory to wounded female service members and female attending family members in need while staying at the visited VA hospitals.

**3. Significantly enhances the quality of life of military members or their families through the act of service. (Achievement # 3)**

- Mr. Monaco collects, assembles, stores and issues at his clothing factory comfort packs for donation to wounded veterans during monthly visits to Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Hospital. The comfort packs include personal hygiene items, pens, paper, clothes, CD players, CDs, hats, phone cards and VISA gift cards (Subway, Dunkin Donuts). He solicits item donations from hotels, corporations, medical offices, food franchises, etc.
- Supported a funding request to support volunteers who are building a wounded Soldier and his wife a home in Wharton, New Jersey as part of the Homes for Troops program. The recovering soldier has had over 80 medical operations.
- Mr. Monaco negotiated \$100 round trip Continental airline tickets from Camp Pendleton, California to Newark, New Jersey for 65 volunteer Marines of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Marines so they could visit home before deploying to Iraq.
- Mr. Monaco supports service members and families as the local "go to" person to make local veteran events happen, such as dedication of a memorial stone for a fallen Marine at County College of Morris; dedication of two streets in Hanover, New Jersey, to two local fallen Marines; Veteran's Breakfast at Notre Dame Church, North Caldwell, New Jersey; driving veterans that cannot walk in local military parades in Mr. Monaco's 1953 M30A1 Jeep; and arranging for hundreds of New Jersey combat veterans to receive New Jersey's Distinguished Service Medal.

**Part IV - Proposed Citation**

**Mr. Mario Monaco Jr. is recognized for outstanding humanitarian service to the United States Armed Forces by actively supporting numerous veteran organization's programs and individual service member needs with his organizational skills, money, and his company's clothing and blankets. His service has aided wounded veterans in hospitals and recognized contributions of both living and deceased service members in local events and ceremonies.**

Award Nomination POC: Mark Eldridge, 973-724-6095 DSN: 880-6095  
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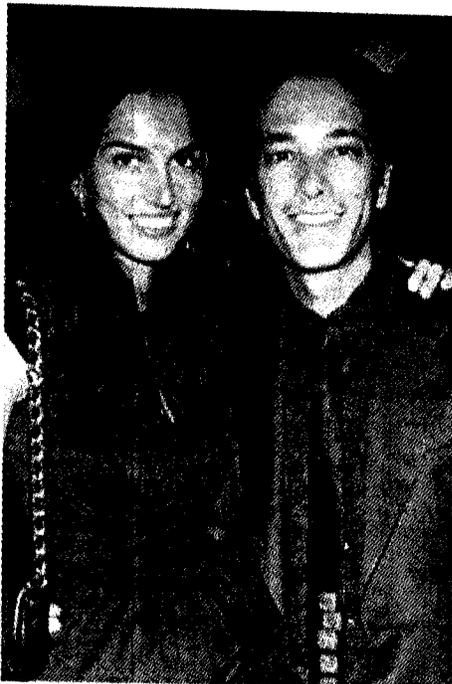
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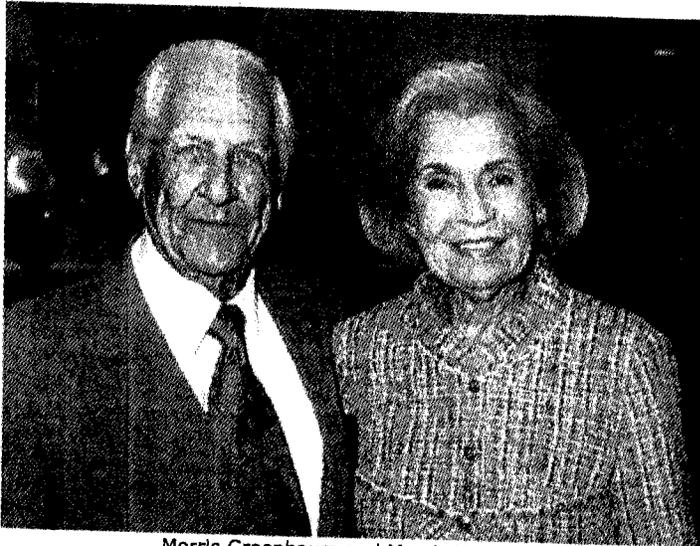


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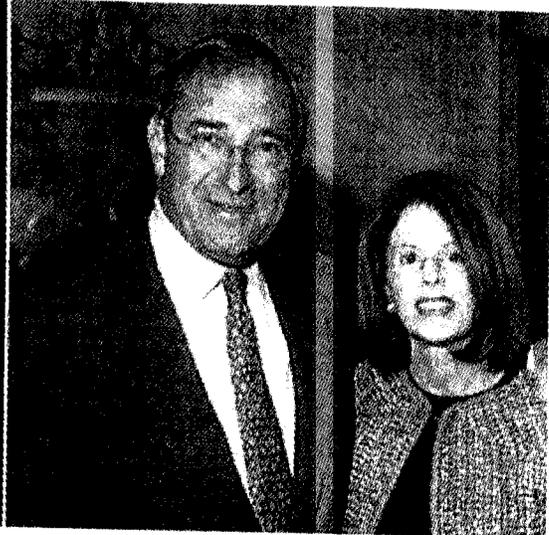
**The Consul General of Brazil José Alfredo Graça Lima and his wife Marisa** rolled out the red carpet at the Brazilian Ambassador's Residence to welcome the friends of the Bronx Museum of the Arts and celebrate their wildly successful show *Tropicália: A Revolution in Brazilian Culture*.

The exhibit opened last month when Mayor Bloomberg cut the ribbon on the museum's new \$19 million building. "The Bronx Museum of the Arts has put the "grand" back in the "Grand Concourse." he said.

*Tropicália*, curated by **Carlos Basualdo** and **Lydia Yee**, is the first comprehensive exhibition exploring one of the most significant chapters in the world's modern cultural history. It was the late 1960s, when daring experiments in Brazilian art, music, film, architecture and



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**Manhattan orthodontist and former Marine Dr. Peter Theodorou and his brother Dr. Spero Theodorou** hosted a “Red Party Benefit” for the **Marine Assist Foundation** at Lollipop on the Upper East Side two Saturdays ago.

The party raised awareness and funds for the foundation, which offers free dental and plastic surgery services to Marine veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq. As Director of Operations in NYC of the **Marines Helping Marines program**, Dr. Peter Theodorou has extended his efforts in helping those who have fought courageously and brought together friends, family, colleagues and supporters of Marine Assist for this special occasion. Everything from the décor of the lounge to the attire of the guests was donned in red, adding to the festivities of the evening. The benefit raised \$2,400 dollars for the foundation.

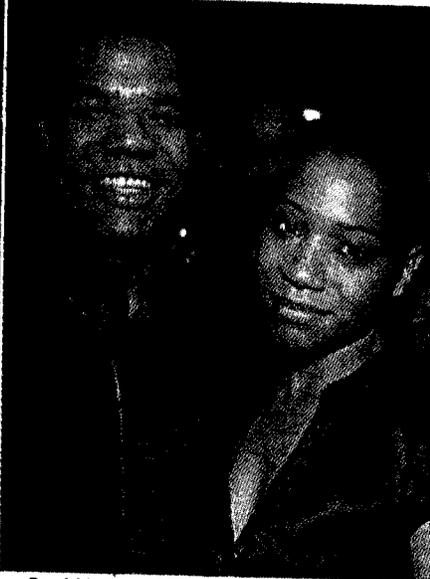
Guests and supporters included event producer **Yanni Diskini, Dr. Michael Kane, David Sturner, Catherine Salter, Kelly Sullivan, Nancy Pearson, Justin Mitchell, Sarah Maxwell, Julie Theodorou, Vanessa Vander Gast, Dr. Stacy Zarakiotis, Trish Alva, Ivy Cho, Theodore Goneos, Mario Monaco, Steven Eilat, Gerald Harrington,**

and **Tania Maneiro**.

For more information on the **Marine Assist Foundation** or to make a donation, please visit [click here](#).



Dr. Peter Theodorou and Yanni Kiskini



Raul Moreno Castillo and Jesses Tajeda



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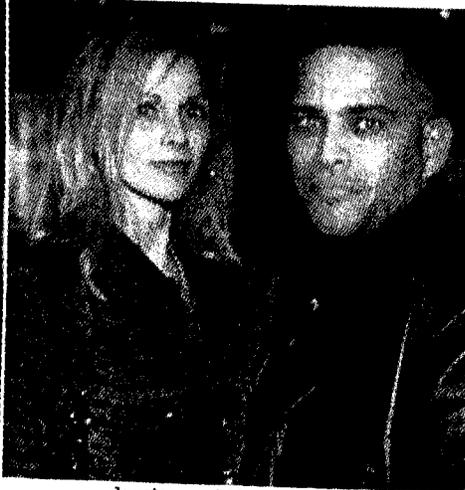
The scene at Lollipop



Sarah Maxwell and Catherine Salte



Dan Di Blasio and Melissa Di Blasio



Jessica and Mario Monaco

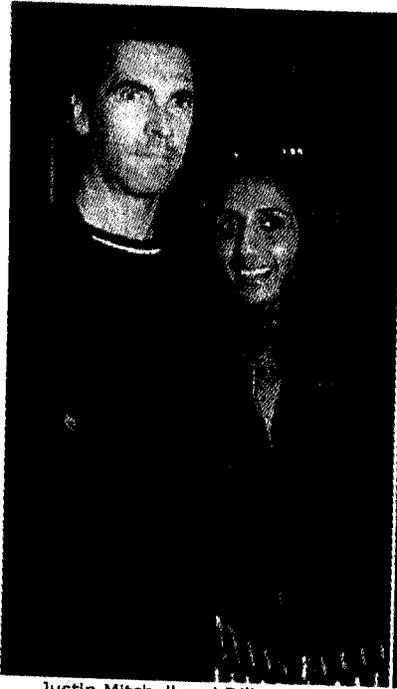


Kent Oszmanski and Shelley Tai



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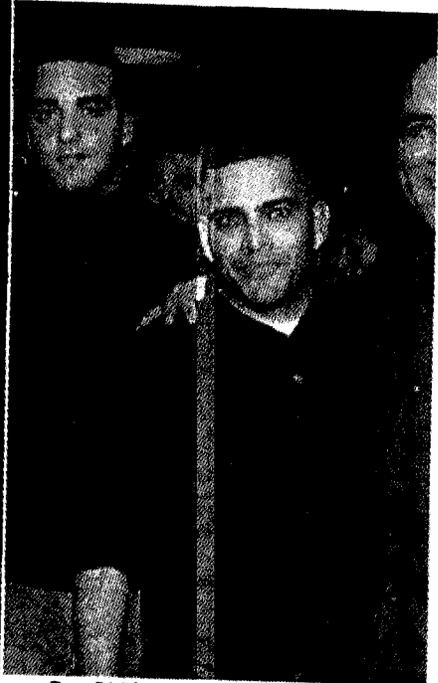




Justin Mitchell and Dilina Ghetia



Richard Pearson and Nancy Pearson



Dan Di Blasio, Mario Monaco, and Steve



Dr. Nancy Rosen, Dr. Peter Theodorou, and Dr. Stacy Zarakiotis



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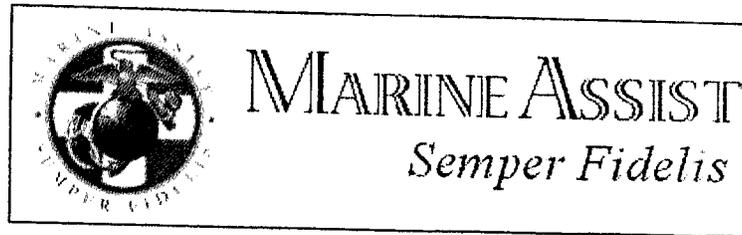
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Dentist, former Marine donates care packages to wounded soldiers

Posted Dec. 14, 2006

By Jennifer Garvin

New York—The motto "Once a Marine, always a Marine" is something that drives Dr. Peter Theodorou each day.

A New York City orthodontist, Dr. Theodorou joined the Marines in May 2001 and later served as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 as a corporal in an infantry unit and later as a sergeant in a scout/sniper platoon. He spent 94 days in combat and received a presidential unit citation.



Dr. Theodorou: "Marines look out for Marines."

Although he's been home for more than three years, his mind is never very far from the Marines.

That connection that led him to join Marines Helping Marines, a national program that provides care packages to wounded and recovering soldiers at major military hospitals such as Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital, Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., the burn unit at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio and Balboa Navy Medical Center in San Diego. Currently Dr. Theodorou is the director of operations for New York City.

The program, which began in 2003, is supported by the Marine Corps League and delivers personalized care packages to Marines as well as to injured Army, Navy and Air Force personnel.

Dr. Theodorou said he got involved with MHM after his former platoon leader, Gunnery Sgt. Mario Monaco, asked him if he'd be willing to donate dental supplies for injured Marines.

He jumped at the chance to get involved, but said he wanted to do more than just donate toothbrushes. He thought, why not do complete care packages? Something to let the wounded know their fellow Marines and soldiers were thinking about them.

To date, MHM has delivered more than 500 such packages with more than 150 at the ready. The packages are delivered personally and contain toothbrushes and floss, but also nondental items such as DVDs, phone cards, stamps and batteries. Any thing to make a hospital stay easier on a patient.

"Nine times out of 10, we give a Marine a care package and they say, 'Give it to someone who needs it more,'" Dr. Theodorou said. "We tell them, 'No, this one is for you and they're going to

get one, too.' Marines look out for Marines."

Dr. Theodorou is responsible for gathering the donated materials, which he in turn gives to Gunnery Sgt. Monaco who has them assembled before the Marine Corps League picks them up for delivery.

So far, most of the donations and supplies have come from neighboring states such as Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, but Dr. Theodorou would like to reach out to volunteers all around the world.

Additionally, Dr. Theodorou and his brother Spero, a plastic surgeon, have founded Marine Assist, a foundation that offers free plastic surgery and dental services to Marine veterans who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

To help, contact Dr. Peter Theodorou by telephone at 1-212-688-6188, by e-mail at [doctor@newyorkcityorthodontics.com](mailto:doctor@newyorkcityorthodontics.com) or visit [www.caltrap.com/ap/inc\\_marines\\_helping.asp](http://www.caltrap.com/ap/inc_marines_helping.asp).

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# Marine Corps League



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### **Gunny Mario Monaco USMCR**

*The Marines Helping Marines Program and the Marine Corps League take great pleasure in presenting this certificate of appreciation. Your generosity and tireless efforts in creating the EGA blankets has provided much needed support to the morale of the wounded Marines and FMF Corpsmen at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.*

***Semper Fidelis!***

*Presented this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2007*

*Tony Regan*

Cochairman, Marines Helping Marines Program

*Paul A. Smith*

Chairman, Marines Helping Marines Program

RESOLUTION  
Honoring John Wroblewski

WHEREAS, John "J.T." Wroblewski graduated with highest honors from County College of Morris with an Associate of Arts Degree in Humanities and Social Science on May 27, 1999 and thereafter continued his education at Rutgers University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree; he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after college and upon completion of Officer Candidate School was commissioned as a United States Marine Corp. Lieutenant; and

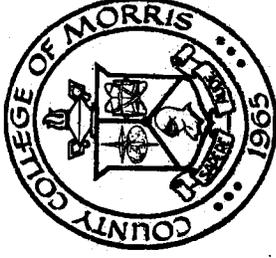
WHEREAS, Marine Lieutenant Wroblewski courageously served our country in Iraq and lost his life from battle wounds on April 6, 2004; and

WHEREAS, he was laid to rest with full military honors on April 23, 2004 at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Marine Lieutenant Wroblewski's dedication and service to our country serve as an example to all in the County College of Morris family; and

WHEREAS, we mourn his death, offer condolences to his family and remember his sacrifice;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the County College of Morris on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004 honor and recognize Marine Lieutenant John "J.T." Wroblewski by authorizing the placement of a memorial plaque dedicated to him on the campus of County College of Morris.



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JOHN "J.T." WROBLEWSKI

DEDICATION OF  
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at  
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APRIL 6, 2007

Posting the Colors	United State Marines
Pledge of Allegiance	
National Anthem	
The Occasion	Dr. Edward J. Yaw, President County College of Morris
Invocation	Father Matthew Twiggs
Chorus <i>He trusted in God that He would deliver him</i> (from The Messiah)	CCM Chamber Choir Marielaine Mammon, Director Accompanist, Joseph Bilotti, Piano
Remarks	Roy J. Evans, Esq. County College of Morris Board of Trustees
Reflections from the Family	
Tributes	Elected Officials
Dedication of the Memorial Stone	
I Am But A Small Voice	CCM Chamber Choir
Benediction	Father Matthew Twiggs
Retiring the Colors	United State Marines
Taps	Richard Gradone
<i>Special thanks to . . .</i>	
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# Unit Fund Program

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Sergeant Major Schreck, Garrison Sergeant Major

## Unit Fund Working Group

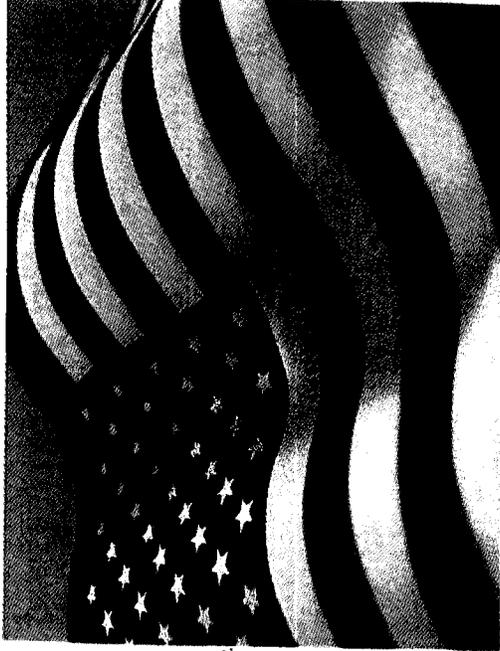
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## Special Guests:

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Gunny Monaco  
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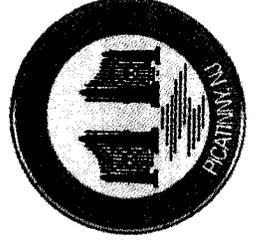
## Picatinny Unit Fund Program Briefing

### WELCOME

Date: 28 March 2007

Time: 6:30pm

Place: The Cannon Gate Club  
Picatinny Arsenal, NJ



# Unit Fund Program Agenda

# Unit Fund Program Purpose



1900-1905  
1905  
1910  
1915  
1940-1980  
2005  
2020  
2030  
2050  
2100

- Unit Fund—officially established purposes
- All unit members have the opportunity to contribute
- Activities related to WFR of unit members
- Partnership—enhance relationships with WFR
- Reinforce common bond
- Nurture the community relationships
- Involve American Legions and WFRs in planning, programming and financial support

Thank you for your participation!

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Skyhawks—Ms. Amy Kubie



**The L/ Cpl. Robert J. Slattery Detachment  
Marine Corps League #206**

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February 10, 2007

Gunny Mario Monaco  
18-26 3rd St.  
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Dear Mario,

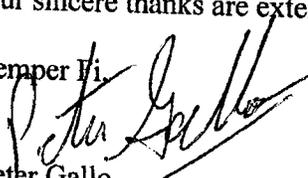
The members of the L/Cpl. Robert J. Slattery Detachment of the Marine Corps League and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your recent donation to the Marines Helping Marines program of the Marine Corps League and the Family & Friends for Freedom Fund.

Not only will the donation assist us in our visitation to Bethesda Naval and Walter Reed Army Hospitals but it will provide the needed cash to purchase the lap blankets and gift cards which in turn are donated to the injured soldiers, sailors and Marines.

As you know, each one of the injured we visit on these monthly trips gets one of these blankets. Each warrior appreciates this gift as well as the other items that are handed out. To some, these items mean the world and they can't express in words how they feel. Your gift will be utilized wisely.

Our sincere thanks are extended to you, your father and to your business.

Semper Fi.



Peter Gallo

Commandant of the Slattery Detachment #206

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Mario -

25 Jan 07

Again thank you for all  
your great support for our  
warfighters. You and your  
father are truly unsung  
heroes. Hooah!

P.S. Thanks for that great wine -  
hope our paths cross again  
soon. Warm regards  
MG I 330



## Business owner recognized for his support of wounded warriors

Feb 08, 2007

BY Audra Calloway, Picatinny Public Affairs Office

A local business owner was recently recognized by the Joint Munition and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command commander for his generosity and kindness in support of wounded military members.

During a tour of the Jackie Evans Inc., manufacturing facility in Passaic Maj. Gen Paul S. Izzo presented Mario Monaco Jr. with a two-star note in recognition of continued support to wounded Soldiers Jan. 23.

Since Jackie Evans opened for business in 1966, the company has manufactured at its various facilities an array of clothing items from Girl Scout apparel to designer label Susana Monaco.

However, these days Jackie Evans' employees also manufacture a new product that never reaches stores - blankets for wounded Soldiers and Marines.

The blanket donations to wounded service members are a fitting gesture because Jackie Evans' owner has deep rooted ties to the military. Monaco is a retired gunnery sergeant who served as a Marine reservist with the Company G, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, here at Picatinny. He is also a current member of the Lance Cpl. Robert J. Slattery Detachment of the Marine Corps League, a Marine support organization

One of the ways the Marine Corps League supports Marines and their families is through the Marines Helping Marines program. The program was created to aid injured Marine Corps personnel recovering at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere.

As part of the Marines Helping Marines program, Slattery Detachment members visit Bethesda and Walter Reed once a month to give "ditty" kits, along with encouragement and good wishes, to injured military personnel.

The "ditty" kits include various gift cards, apparel and other products donated by corporations. The league also distributes the blankets manufactured by Jackie Evans.

"It's a little peace of home we try to provide them," said Monaco. "We tell (the wounded), 'This is not going to solve your problems, we just want you to know we're here for you. What can we do?'"

Monaco, who designed the blankets, said the wounded become very attached to the blankets and almost begin to think of them as their security blankets. He said he remembered putting a blanket on a severely wounded Marine and later the Marine's father called to thank him. The father said his son loved the blanket and held onto it every day.

"(The father) actually started crying on the phone," said Monaco, who later sent the family another blanket because the original had meant so much to them all.

Thank you

Monaco's company produces two types of blankets, one with a Marine logo and one with an Army logo. Even though Monaco is part of the Marine Corps League, he said he wants to help all wounded military personnel.



Joint Munition and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command Commander Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, Jackie Evans owner retired Gunnery Sgt. Mario Monaco Jr. and JM&L LCMC Aide-De-Camp Capt. Ted Wiley hold a Jackie Evans manufactured Army blanket. Monaco presented the blanket to Izzo during a tour of one of Monaco's facilities. Photo by Photo by Eric Usawicz

"We're all one, it doesn't matter," said Monaco.

Monaco donates some of the Army blankets to Picatinny for Izzo and Picatinny Sergeant Major Sgt. Maj. Gerald Schreck to distribute during their visits to Walter Reed.

In recognition of Jackie Evans' generosity, Izzo thanked Monaco for supporting the wounded service members and presented him with a two-star note.

"Because of the efforts of individuals like you and companies like Jackie Evans, these exceptional men and women being treated at these two facilities realize that they have not been forgotten by their country and their fellow citizens," the note read.

Schreck echoed Izzo's thank you and presented Monaco with a sketch of Picatinny inscribed with the words, "Picatinny salutes Jackie Evans, Inc. for supporting America's wounded war fighters."

Schreck also told a story about a visit he took to Walter Reed. Schreck said he spoke with a multiple-amputee sufferer and gave him one of the blankets. As the Soldier accepted the blanket, he cradled it against his chest and started crying. The exchange was so powerful Schreck said even the medic in the room was crying.

"These guys really appreciate these blankets," said Schreck.

Monaco estimates that 200 to 400 blankets have been distributed to wounded military personnel.

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July 21, 2006  
Date



12 July 2006

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Thank you for your kind note and for the limited edition prints by Mr. Tom Miller. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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Commandant of the Marine Corps

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*On this day, this flag is presented to*

**G/SGT Mario Monaco**

*By the Marines of*

**1st Battalion 25th Marines**

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*B.A. Granger*  
**B.A. Granger**  
1st Sgt, U.S. Marine Corps  
Charlie Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 25<sup>th</sup> Marines  
Company First Sergeant

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# Parents Without Partners donate to the cause

## Spread holiday cheer by taking part in the annual Marine Toys for Tots program

BY JAIME HOVAN  
Staff Writer

A local group continued its charitable endeavors by participating in the Toys for Tots program.

Parents Without Partners (PWP) is a non-profit organization that according to its mission statement, "provides single parents and their children with an opportunity for enhancing personal growth, self-confidence and sensitivity toward others by offering an environment for support, friendship and the exchange of parenting techniques."

The group was founded in 1957 by two single parents who felt isolated due to their marital status. The two formed a mutual support organization and after putting out one advertisement, the duo immediately became a group of 25. The group has since grown into the largest international organization dedicated to the well being of single parents and their children.

"It's a great group. Everyone that comes makes friends because we all have so much in common,"

said Janet Schleicher, East Bergen Chapter 962, president.

On Dec. 22, Chapter 962 met at the Hasbrouck Heights Holiday Inn to celebrate the holidays and to give back to those less fortunate.

The group participated in the Toys for Tots program run by the United States Marine Corps, whose main objective is to deliver new toys to less fortunate children within local communities.

This was the second time PWP took part in the fund-raiser, collecting more than 200 gifts that were delivered to children of Pasaic. Marine Sgt. Mario Monaco presented the group with a certificate of appreciation for its donation to Toys for Tots.

"I want to thank everyone for the donations, it was much appreciated," said Monaco.

In addition to Toys for Tots, the group also participates in Gilda's Club and each year donates a scholarship to one member's child for his or her college education.

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PHOTO/JAIME HOVAN

Marine Sgt. Mario Monaco presents Janet Schleicher, president of Parents Without Partners, a certificate of appreciation for her group's participation in the Toys for Tots program.

### SABBATH

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tigious national tournament regardless of whether, or if, they observe a religious Sabbath," Rothman explained.

### LEGION

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members, was founded in 1919, and has been at the Union Street location since 1950. Its namesake, Joseph M. Lane, was one of the first casualties of World War I, Wesch said. A picture of Lane was recovered from the building's remains.

patches.

"The night of the fire it was like someone put a sword in my chest," Wesch said. "I was devastated."

He called his post a home to veterans and is hopeful soldiers returning from Iraq will join up.

"It's good to have the camaraderie of others who served," Wesch said.

The post keeps a fund to help veterans who fall on hard times

all kinds of juices," Wesch said.

The post also took pride in renting out the hall at very affordable prices to community groups, he said.

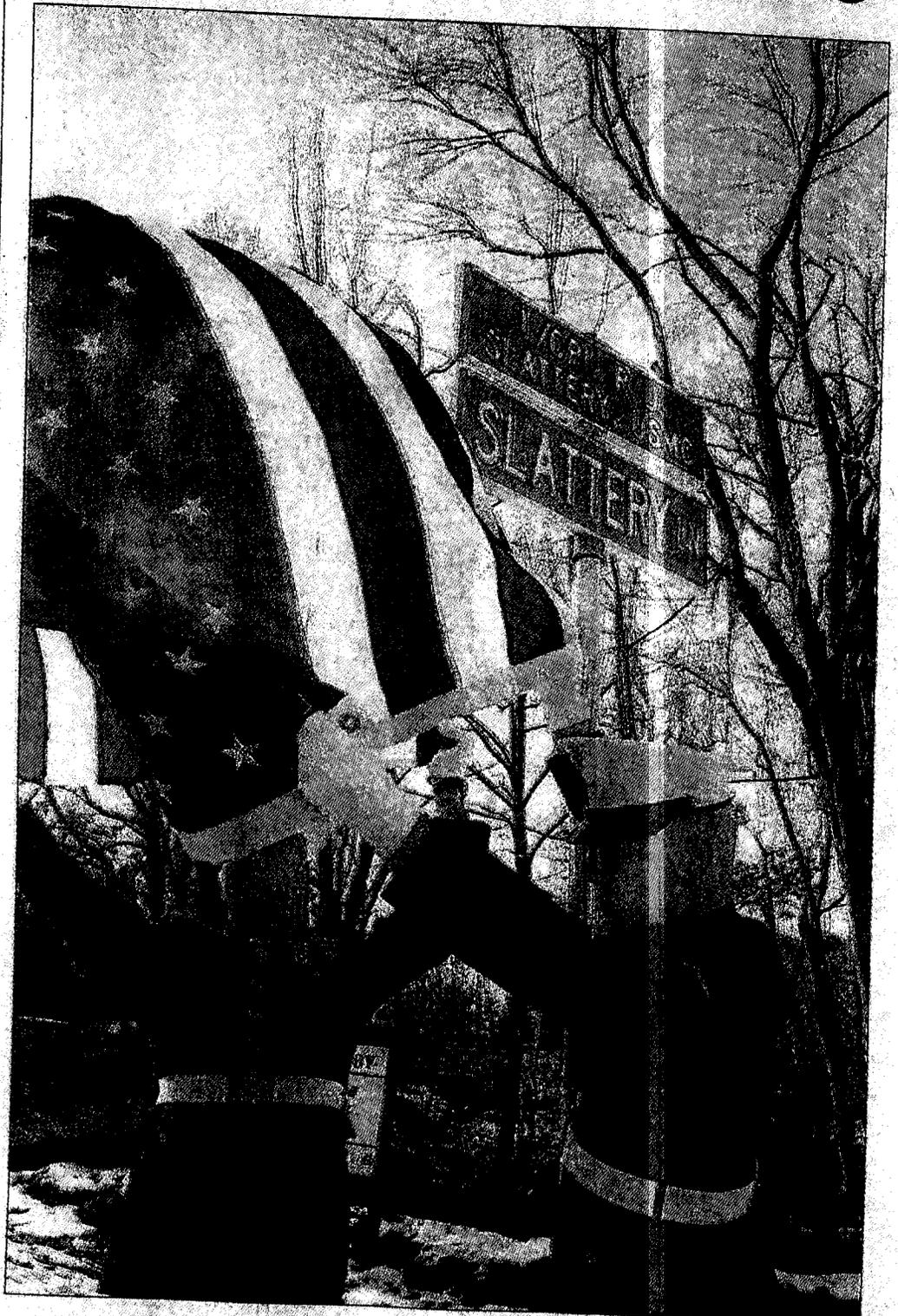
Wesch said with the cost of heating, the post would hardly make any money on rentals during the winter.

One of his goals is to get the post rebuilt so the community will have a place to use again. He said a T.H.

His resolution does not wield any ability to change the rules of the privately operated competition, but he hopes it will force the board to "understand how seriously the United States House of Representatives views with disdain and disgust the failure of the board to accommodate the Christian, Jewish and Muslim children who observe a Saturday Sabbath."

• B.F. GOODRICH

# Hanover gives fallen GI his due



Sgt. John Hertlein and Pfc. Moses Bloom of the G Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division Pfc. Bloom, unveil the new Slattery Lane street sign dedicated in memory of Marine Lance Cpl. Robert J. Slattery.

DANIELLE AUSTEN / DAILY RECORD

# 38 years later, street is dedicated to honor life of a Vietnam veteran

BY TEHANI SCHNEIDER

DAILY RECORD

HANOVER — Thirty-eight years after Lance Corporal Robert "Bobby" J. Slattery died in Vietnam, he was honored by his native Hanover with a street dedication in his name.

Slattery Lane, located off Cedar Knolls Road, was unveiled Saturday before a crowd of about 50 people, including nearly two dozen members of the Slattery family, township officials and the Whippany-based Lance Corporal Robert J. Slattery Detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps League.



■ For a more pictures, go to [www.daily-record.com](http://www.daily-record.com)

Members of the VFW Post 5351 in Whippany, American Legion Post 155, and Cedar Knolls and Whippany Fire Departments were also on hand for the dedication.

Slattery was remembered by his friend and fellow Marine, retired Sgt. Major Ed Neas of Rah-

Neas recalled how he met Slat-

tery in boot camp 40 years ago, when he was 17, and Slattery was 18.

While Slattery was sent to southeast Asia, the minimum age requirement restricted Neas from going to Vietnam for another year. Neas never saw Slattery again.

"He was a good friend, a good Marine, and I know he was an even better son," Neas said in his opening remarks, nodding towards Slattery's mother, Alice, who stood to the side supported by family members.

SEE DEDICATE / A20

— Hanover Mayor Ron Francioli



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Mario Monaco of the 4th Marine Division Picatinny presents Alice Slattery, mother of Marine Lance Cpl. Robert J. Slattery, with the flag that was draped over the new street sign that was dedicated in memory of her son, who was killed while serving in Vietnam.

## Dedicate

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"The dedication of Slattery Lane is a commemorative way to celebrate your son's service," he said.

An American flag, which had flown over the U.S. Capitol prior to the ceremony, was draped over the street sign.

Two Marines removed the banner to reveal the green and white marker, which read L/CPL R.J. SLATTERY - SLATTERY LANE. They folded the flag together and presented it to Alice Slattery, who accepted it gratefully.

The Marines of G Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division of Picatinny Arsenal led a firing squad salute to the fallen corporal, which was followed by the playing of Taps.

Hanover Mayor Ron Francioli spoke on behalf of the township, and presented a duplicate of the street sign to Alice Slattery. "We're proud of a native son who fought at a difficult time, in a war for freedom that was difficult for so many young men and women," Francioli said.

Slattery, a 1964 graduate of Hanover Park High School, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1966. He served in the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. On July 6, 1967, Slattery was killed in combat, nine days shy of his 23rd birthday.

Pete Gallo, commandant of

the Lance Cpl. Slattery Detachment, which was founded after Slattery was killed, said Slattery was the only resident of Hanover to serve in Vietnam.

He was two weeks from returning home when he volunteered for a search-and-destroy mission, Gallo said. The decision, he said, was ultimately ill-fated.

The 73-year old Gallo, a resident of Cedar Knolls, lobbied township officials to dedicate a street to Slattery. The street chosen marked a yet unnamed development of townhouses, Gallo said.

A wreath was placed at the base of the newly christened sign by Alice Slattery and her sons, Michael and John. They were joined by the Veterans Alliance of Hanover Township and Ladies Auxiliary of the Slattery Detachment.

Clutching a bouquet of red roses, Alice Slattery thanked everyone in attendance for honoring her son and his memory.

She recalled the last words he said to her and his now-deceased father, John, when he was leaving Newark to head overseas. It was a statement that eerily mirrors the present-day wartime situation.

"Bobby said, 'Mom and Dad, I have to do this because we have to stop the enemy on their shores before they come to our shores, and hurt our family,'" Alice Slattery said.

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**Good to the corps**

BY HEATHER ROBINSON

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Dr. Peter Theodorou, an upper East Side resident and Marine who served in combat in Iraq, has found a creative way to live by the code of the Marine Corps — *semper fidelis*, Latin for "Always Faithful."

"When a wounded Marine ends up in the hospital, usually they don't have much with them, so they're going to need the basic necessities, like a toothbrush and toothpaste," says Theodorou, 33, who is an orthodontist.

"Obviously, I'm interested in their dental hygiene, because of my profession," he adds with a smile.

In 2004, Theodorou founded Marines Helping Marines, a program to deliver care packages to injured Marines at Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital, considered the flagship of the U.S. military's medical centers.

While the focus is Marines, the program also delivers packages to injured Army, Air Force and Navy service members.

In addition to dental supplies, the care packages include such basics as a blanket with the Marine Corps seal, shampoo, T-shirts, phone cards, postcards, stamps, pens, CDs, DVDs and, when possible, CD players and DVD players.

"[We include] anything we can get our hands on that is small, compact, and they can carry with them, because maybe they'll move to a different hospital, maybe they'll move from intensive care to something [less intensive]," says Theodorou. "Basically, we include anything we can to make their stay more comfortable."

The program is as much about providing emotional support as material assistance.

"Uncle Sam does a pretty good job of providing what a soldier or Marine needs, but sometimes things get [overlooked]," he said. "And I'm sure [the government doesn't] provide DVDs, or stuff that is entertaining.

"It's always good to get something when you're in the hospital, pretty much bored out of your mind."

Natty and soft-spoken, Theodorou, who is single, comes across more like a matinee movie idol than a man who saw combat as recently as 2003. An infantryman, he served for 94 days on the front lines in Nassiriyah and Baghdad.

His firsthand experience of combat enables him to share with his fellow Marines more than just material aid. When he can, he delivers the care packages himself.

"Of course, you joke around," he says. "If they know you're a Marine, they will open up, because they feel that you are their brother. ... They're glad to talk to someone who's had the same experiences."

The project reflects the Marine Corps ethos of brotherhood, Theodorou says, as it is a cooperative effort. Gunnery Sgt. Mario Monaco, a clothing manufacturer who was Theodorou's platoon leader in the Corps, runs the project's distribution center in Passaic, N.J., where Theodorou and other Marines from as far away as Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania send supplies.

As Marines Helping Marines' director of operations for New York City, Theodorou gathers donations from medical and dental providers, as well as from businesses. Donors include United Parcel Service, the Carlyle Hotel, the Palace Hotel and Crowne Plaza Hotels, among others. Monaco assembles the packages and coordinates deliveries.

About 90% of the time, Marines deliver the care packages in person; the rest of the time, the task is performed by family members of Marines. So far, they have delivered about 150 care packages, "but that is rapidly

increasing," Theodorou says.

In addition to providing basics, Marines Helping Marines sometimes takes on bigger projects. In recent months, for instance, they were able to procure a laptop for one Marine who had sustained a severe head injury and needed the computer to practice regaining motor skills.

The most common injury the volunteers encounter in visiting their fellow Marines is amputation. In some cases the wounded Marines he visited have seemed to feel forgotten, Theodorou says. He believes that is the real reason the care packages mean so much to them.

"They're more appreciative that somebody took the time to actually think about them than just the material aspect of it," Theodorou says. "They are extremely grateful that as a grateful nation, we're trying to give something [to them for their service]. "They want to be appreciated and they deserve it."

Theodorou enlisted in May 2001, after completing dental school and earning a master's degree in orthodontics at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Four months later, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon reinforced his decision to serve.

"When Sept. 11 happened, I was in training," he says. "I knew I was in the right place.

"Anyone who has served this country, in any capacity, should be very proud," he adds.

He emphasizes that Marines Helping Marines is not an innovation on his part, but an extension of Marine Corps tradition. "For hundreds of years, Marines have helped Marines," he said.

His fellow Marines appreciate it.

Lance Corporal Sean Barney, 31, of Chatham, N.J., who was shot in the neck in Fallujah and recently received the Purple Heart, says Marines Helping Marines helped him stay in touch with family: "They provided me with a lot of the little necessities, [like] phone cards I relied on throughout my stay to communicate with those who love and care about me."

Most of all, Barney adds, the visit from Marine Corps veterans lifted his spirits. "These are the people you look up to with enormous respect, and when they come to your hospital room and say you're a hero, it means an enormous amount," he said.

Businesses or individuals wishing to contribute to Marines Helping Marines may contact Dr. Peter Theodorou at (212) 688-6188.

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L/Cpl Christopher B. Cosgrove III  
USMCR  
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Our Son, Our Marine, Our Hero

Dear Gunny Monaco,

Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation we have for you. Your kindness and participation helped to make the Cypress Drive street dedication in memory of Chris, an event we will always hold dear to us.

You helped to make this event one that we will never forget and one that we absolutely know, Chris was honored to have been given.

We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity.

Please also thank your family for us for all the time they missed seeing you because you were working on the street dedication.

You are very special to us. Thank you again so very much.

*Art & Charlene*

Art & Charlene

Jessica

And All of Chris' family members

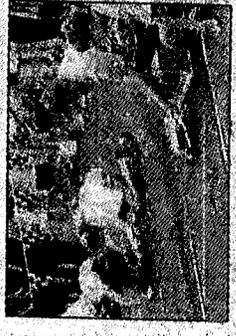
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## DAY AT THE RACES UNDER THE SUN IN MORRISTOWN

Students from 16 schools bring the sunlight-powered model cars they built to a competition in Morristown. **A14-15**



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# Street sign in Hanover to honor fallen Marine

Cedar Knolls resident killed by car bomb while serving in Iraq

BY VIDYA PADMANABHAN  
DAILY RECORD

**HANOVER** — Not that she needs it, but starting Saturday, every time Charlene Cosgrove Bowie steps out of her house, the street sign will remind her of her only child.

Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher Cosgrove III, who was killed by a suicide car bomb in Iraq on Oct. 1 last year, will be commemorated with a plaque to his heroism and service to his country.

**VOICES**  
"We're taking each day at a time. I pretend he's still away."

— Charlene Cosgrove Bowie, mother of Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher Cosgrove III

On Saturday, a plaque to commemorate Cosgrove's heroism and service to his country will be unveiled across the road so that it

would be directly in front of the Bowies' home at Cypress Drive and Sycamore Terrace, said Gunnery Sgt. Mario Monaco of the Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment, Cosgrove's unit.

The league had been working closely with the family on charitable projects in Cosgrove's memory, Monaco said. The Bowies had been named honorary members of the league.

The league, together with the township committee,

had made the street dedication possible, Charlene Bowie said Thursday.

"It's wonderful what people are doing to keep his memory alive," she said.

### Career dreams

It had been seven long months since her son's death. "We're taking each day at a time," she said. "I pretend he's still away."

She still thinks about what might have been.

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Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher Cosgrove III died in Iraq in October. A street sign will honor his memory.

## Cosgrove

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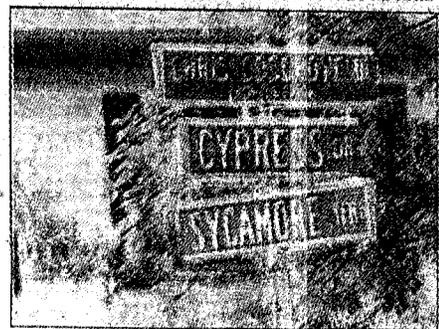
Cosgrove, a Whippany Park High School and Monmouth University graduate, had wanted to enter law enforcement after his stint with the Marines. But, inspired by his fiancée, Jessica Gurdemir, he had also thought about becoming a history teacher, Bowie said.

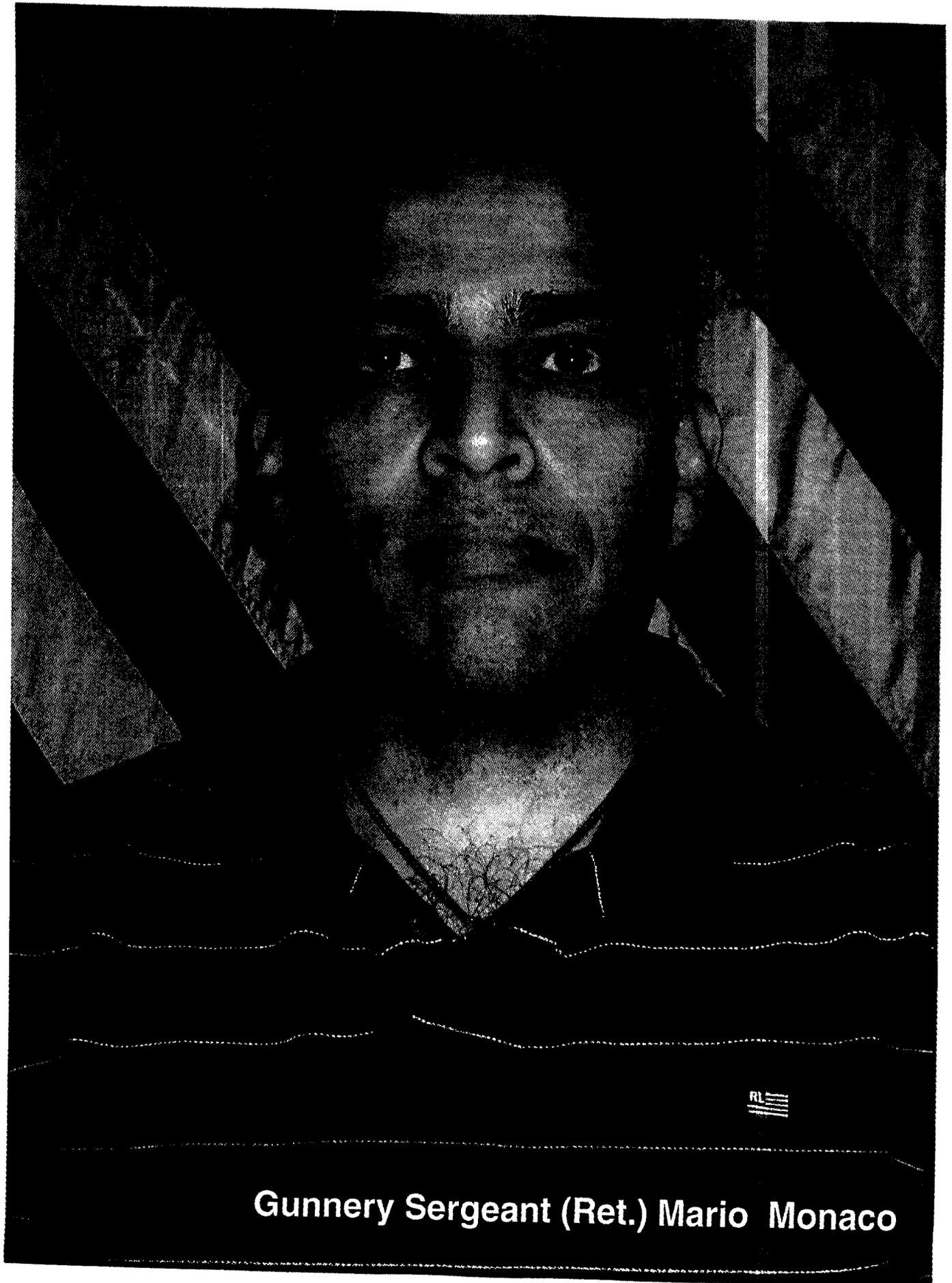
## Street named after fallen Hanover Marine



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The family of Marine Lance Cpl. Chris Cosgrove III, at right, receives a flag in honor of their loved one from Marine Lance Cpl. Nick Pillos in Hanover. From left, stepfather Art Bowle, mom Charlene Cosgroves-Bowle, and the Marine's fiancée, Jessica Gurdemir. Center is Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. At far right, a street sign that has been named after Cosgrove III. Cosgrove III, 23, was killed by a suicide car bomb in Iraq on Oct. 1 last year.





**Gunnery Sergeant (Ret.) Mario Monaco**