

# **BCMAC News & Updates**

1st Quarter 2022

#### Chair's Welcome-Liz Verna

As we wish you all a happy and healthy 2022, we celebrate all that 2021 brought to BCMAC as an organization, and we are grateful for the relationships that have developed with our JBMDL military. Our reason for being is them – whatever they need, however we can support them, whatever we can do to help – that is our mission, simplified.

And we are grateful for all of you who have joined us! It is only with our members, our generous sponsors, our volunteers, and our trustees that we can help our Joint Base military in such a significant way.

This issue revisits the activities of 2021. My message looks to 2022, when BCMAC will focus on building relationships, both with our JBMDL military, and also with new members who want to join us in our mission. And that includes our business community who make so many things possible for our Joint Base military members.

Who do you know who would like to join BCMAC? Do you own a company or know someone who does, who would like to get involved, either to donate in-kind products, time/services, or sponsor our events? We'd like to hear from you! All you need is the interest in our JBMDL military. We can help with the rest.

While we will all face the unknowns of 2022 and any challenges it may bring, let us remember the one constant, the one thing we can count on, and that is our military at JBMDL -- they are everserving, ever protecting our great country, ever adapting to the new challenges put in their path. And they can count on us, the Burlington County Military Affairs Committee, to support them in whatever we can.

# Operation Cookie Drop

Operation Cookie Drop is a project of the Spouses of JBMDL Organization – a \$10 donation provides one gift bag, which will include: \$5 gift card, prepackaged cookie, package of hot cocoa, candy



"Russ Regn Warrior of the Year Award"

**BCMAC Executive Director Doc** Carson (left) and BCMAC Chair Liz Verna (center) presented BCMAC's "Russ Regn Warrior of the Year Award" to Maj. Gen. Mark Camerer, Commander of the USAF Expeditionary Center on December 13th. Other awards were presented at BCMAC's Annual Holiday Luncheon but since Gen. Camerer was unable to attend, a special private presentation was made. This award recognizes and honors a member of the military establishment who has gone beyond the requirements of their position inside the military structure to cultivate relationships within the civilian community and to development an awareness of mutual concerns and promote interaction between JBMDL and the surrounding communities. An award letter was presented (as seen in photo) and a donation was made in Gen. Camerer's name to the Yellow Ribbon Club of Burlington County.

cane, holiday card, a mug, and most important, a message of support from our community members! Unlike previous years (when we baked dozens upon dozens of cookies and delivered them to the Joint Base), this year the plan is to provide gift bags for the JBMDL dorm residents. JBMDL houses approximately 800 "dorm residents," single Service Members who are new to the military. For most of these young Service Members, this is their first holiday season away from home. Pictured are Trustee's Lisa Post and Steve Prokop who helped out to assemble the packages .





## BCMAC Golf Outing 2022

Join us on Monday, May 23, 2022, for our 13th Annual BCMAC Classic Golf Outing at Little Mill Golf Course in Marlton, NJ. Proceeds from this event will benefit Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst military families and personnel in times of financial and personal need. We can have a significant positive impact in assisting our service men and women. Let them know that they are appreciated by supporting them and their families. BCMAC offers several sponsorship opportunities. Sponsor a hole for \$100 or donate a prize for the raffle drawing! Your generosity and involvement in our community enables us to help our JBMDL military. For more information, contact Andrew Bulakowski, Event Chair 609-289-2962

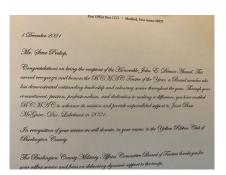




**BCMAC Holiday Luncheon** 

BCMAC hosted its annual holiday luncheon at the Burlington Country Club presenting awards to our mission partners at JBMDL and distinguished guests. Colonel Wes Adams was presented an award from Chair Liz Verna and Treasurer, Gary Vecchio.

#### Trustee of the Year



BCMAC honored Trustee, Steve Prokop with the Honorable John E. Dimon recognizing his outstanding leadership and volunteer service.



**JBMDL Tree Lighting** 

BCMAC Trustees joined JBMDL Leadership and their families with a holiday celebration lighting the annual Christmas Tree and Menorah. Guests enjoyed horse and carriage rides and a visit from Santa.

### Get involved with BCMAC

There are many great ways to join BCMAC and support our local military at JBMDL. Become a member and join us at events with local military leaders, join our Board of Trustees for an opportunity to continue our mission or volunteer at our community events such as our annual golf outing. We also participate in Amazon Smile where proceeds help support our efforts. As we update our website, look for additional opportunities to participate in our fantastic organization.







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