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NEWS RELEASE

AHEPA TO AWARD PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE MEDALS TO 2 AHEPA MEMBERS IN PENSACOLA, FL

WASHINGTON-Supreme President Savas Tsivicos announced today that AHEPA will be presenting two Presidential Service Medals to 2 individuals in the Pensacola AHEPA Chapter on November 11, 2024 during the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park of Pensacola.

Each year, the Pensacola AHEPA Chapter assists in the annual Veterans Day Parade and events scheduled around the time-honored salute to our Veterans.

Tsivicos stated: "We are so proud of our Pensacola Chapter for their decades long service to the community and especially for their devotion and support of the annual Veterans Day parade".

The Order of AHEPA was founded in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, on the principles that undergirded its fight for civil rights and against discrimination, bigotry, and hatred felt at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan, AHEPA is the largest and oldest grassroots association of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes with more than 400 chapters across the United States, Canada, and Europe.

At our core, we advocate to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. The AHEPA with its over 500 chartered chapters across the globe, work to promote community service in the neighborhoods we service.

The Order of AHEPA is honoring two of our members, **Mr. George "Doc" Dodge and Mr. Joe O'Neil** who exemplify the Orders' mission and have served for decades in the Pensacola area. Both our honorees will be awarded the **Presidential Service Medal for Volunteerism** which is an authorized White House medal.

"AHEPA has stood by our service men and woman since its inception, and we could not be prouder of the hard work and service it provides in our communities" stated Supreme President Saves C. Tsivicos.

AHEPA is the largest and oldest Greek American organization with more than 500 chartered chapters across the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus; and with sister chapters in Australia and New Zealand. Founded in 1922 to protect Greek-Americans from the evils of bigotry, its mission is to promote the ideals of Hellenism, philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence.