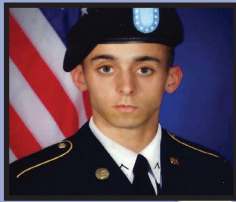
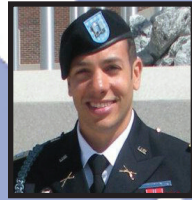


HOMETOWN HEROES



CORP. BRANDON IDELL

2019 WHS Graduate
 Currently: Brandon is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Stewart, GA as a Military Police Officer.
 Family: Brandon is the son of Gina and Jonathan Cox and brother of Aidan Idell who reside in Woodbridge.



CPT. JOVAN DIAZ

2002 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Jovan is stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
 Family: Wife - Sabrina, sons - twin boys Jaxon and Jaydon. Son of Ray and Margarita of Colonia,
 Brothers - Christian and CPT Eric Diaz of Colonia.



CPT. ERIC DIAZ

1997 CHS Graduate
 2002 Rutgers University
 Currently: Eric is stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Family: Wife Anja, daughter Angelique and son Benjamin. Son of Ray and Margarita Diaz of Colonia, Brothers - Christian & CPT Jovan Diaz.

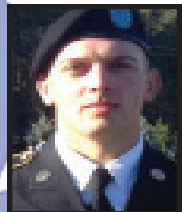


PVT ZACHARY J. BENEDICKS
 2017 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Zachary reports to 2-113 Infantry in Woodbridge.
 Family: Son of Greg & Lisa Benedicks, brother to Brandon & Sean of Colonia.



SEAMAN CHRISTIAN IRIZARRY

2018 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Fort Meade, Maryland.
 Family: Son of Angel and Lisa Irizarry and brother of Julia of Colonia.



PFC MICHAEL J. CUMISKEY IV

2014 WHS Graduate
 Currently: Stationed in Fort Benning, GA 1/507 PIR Parachute Infantry Regiment E. Co. - Parachute Rigger.
 Family: Michael is the son of Mike Cumiskey & Cheryl Isbill. Brother of Sarah and Andrew of Woodbridge, NJ.



ENSIGN JUSTIN M. KITCHEN

2004 Woodbridge HS
 Currently: Justin is Commissioned as an Ensign and stationed at Pearl Harbor Naval Base, HI, on board the USS Preble, (DDG88). Justin is married to the lovely Anna Kitchen and together they have daughter - Makayla May and son-Tyler James along with their devoted pet, Jacks.
 Justin is the son of Barbara and Steve Kitchen.

If you have a family member serving our country and would like to include them with our Hometown Heroes please call 732-382-0273 or email coloniacorner@comcast.net



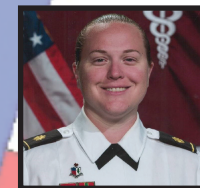
CAPTAIN TIM HANSEN

1993 CHS Graduate
 Currently: 99th Regional Support Command, Army Reserve, Fort Dix, NJ.
 Family: Husband to Kristina Hansen, dad of Gabrielle Hansen, son of Mary Ann Hansen and Harry Hansen (Army) and Brother of Eric Hansen (Navy).



LCPL ORLANDO SANABRIA JR.

2012 JFK HS Graduate
 Currently: Orlando is stationed in California.
 Family: Son of Carmen Rivera (of Florida) & Orlando Sanabria (of Sewaren). Brother of Jarlen, Jasmine, Tiyon & James.



MAJOR AMY M. UPDIKE

2003 Carteret HS
 Currently: Amy is a Nurse Manager in Seattle.
 Family: Amy is the daughter of Robin Goodrich of Carteret.



CORP. GERALD E. LEWIS

2008 St. Joseph HS, 2012 Kings College
 Currently: Gerald is now stationed at Kings Bay Naval Base, GA.
 Family: Son of Marilyn and Gerald E. Lewis, Sr., brother of Christian.



SEAMAN JAMES MORRA JR.

2015 WHS Graduate
 Currently: James is stationed at U.S. Navy Ship CVN-74 John C. Stennis, Bremerton, Washington.
 Family: Jimmy is the son of James Morra Sr. & Lisa Morra of Woodbridge.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MARCUS SOM

2021 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Marcus has finished his one year tour in Osan Air Base, South Korea and is now stationed at Tyndall AFB, Florida. Family: Son of Ernest & Maria, brother of Sophia of Colonia.



LCPL BRIAN ALMEIDA

2009 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Brian is stationed with the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort South Carolina.
 Family: Brian is the Son of Jorge and Sylvia Almeida, brother of Michael, nephew and cousin of the Oliveria family, all of Colonia and grandson of Maria and Leonardo Guerreiro of Portugal.



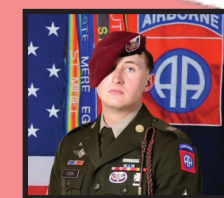
PV2 RYAN NEWMARK

2015 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Fort Bragg North Carolina.
 Family: Son of Abbey and Ed Newmark of Avenel and brother of Ian.



1ST. LT. MP RYAN LITTERER

2016 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Ryan is currently in the Army Reserve as an MP.
 Family: Jim, Franca, Jimmy, Erin and Kelly of Colonia.



SERGEANT DYLAN YORK

2020 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Deployed overseas in Syria.
 Family: Dylan is the son of Rick York of Spotswood, New Jersey and the late Diane York of Colonia.



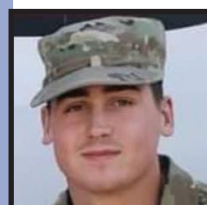
A1C TIYON U. CONYERS JR.

2011 WHS Graduate
 Currently: Tiyon is stationed in Japan. Family: Son of Annette & Orlando Sanabria (of Sewaren). Brother of Jarlen, Jasmine, Orlando Jr.



A1C JOSHUA HARTMAN

2011 WHS Graduate
 Currently: Joshua is stationed at McGuire Air Force Base. He was deployed to Al Dhafra Air Force Base in United Arab Emirates and promoted to Senior Airman USAF. Family: Son of George and Joann Hartman and brother to Jonathan, who reside in Fords.



2ND LT. MATTHEW STERNESKY

2018 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Matthew is stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickman in Hawaii.
 Family: Son of Jerry and Trish, brother to Jonathan and Kristina, uncle to Quinn, Molly, and Avery.



CAPTAIN TJ MATTY

2014 CHS GRADUATE
 Currently: TJ is stationed at Fort Stewart, GA.
 Family: Son of John and Arlene Matty. Brother to Kaitlyn & Jordan. His family resides in Colonia.



LCDR. WILLIAM CHANG

1997 Arthur L Johnson HS
 Currently: William is assigned with NJ District Food and Drug Administration. Family: Husband to Marlena, and father to Liam, Owen, and Riley who reside in Colonia.



SGT. JUSTIN ZELIFF

2019 WHS Graduate
 Currently: Justin is stationed at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC 82nd Airborne Division.
 Family: Son of Karen Zelif of Woodbridge and William Zelif of Avenel, Brother to Jordan and Daina Zelif.



E-4 AM3 SEAN MURRAY

2015 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Sean is stationed in San Diego.
 Family: Son of Sue Murray and Dad to Aiden. His family resides in Iselin.



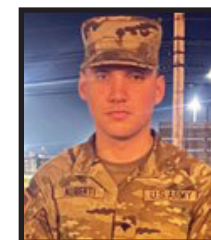
A1C ZACHARY R. HERRICK

2009 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Zack is stationed at Spangdahlem Air Force Base in Germany.
 Family: Son of Joann Herrick and Charles Herrick and brother to Kristin of Colonia.



LCPL ALEXANDER GROCHOWSKI

2022 WHS Graduate
 Currently: Alexander is stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC. Family: Son of Monika & Tomasz Grochowski, brother to Alexandra Grochowski of Woodbridge.



SPC. JONATHAN ALIBERTI

2016 CHS Graduate
 Currently: Jonathan has currently been deployed overseas.
 Family: Jonathan is the son of Michael and Linda Aliberti, brother to Michael, husband to Gianna, and father to Jonathan Jr.