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Three Heroes Receive “R. Peter Hodge Valor Awards” at 200 Club of Mercer County Annual Luncheon

U.S. Marshal Juan Mattos, Jr. to Deliver Keynote Address

MERCER COUNTY, NJ— Officers Robert Albanowski and Marlon Parrott from the Trenton Police Department and Det. Adrian Markowski of the Robbinsville Police Department will receive R. Peter Hodge Valor Awards at 200 Club of Mercer County’s Annual Luncheon on June 17 at the Stone Terrace by John Henry’s in Hamilton. 200 supporters from the community are expected to attend to honor the Valor honorees and hear Marshal Juan Mattos’ keynote address.

The Valor Award is presented to an individual who has committed an act of bravery, beyond the call of duty, and at imminent personal risk to his own life and safety, and is the highest award bestowed by a 200 Club. A 200 Club Valor pin is the only pin allowed to be worn on the uniform of a New Jersey State Police officer outside of its own awards.

In 2015, the 200 Club of Mercer County named their awards the “R. Peter Hodge Valor Award” in honor of its late founding Board member who was truly an inspiration for his dedication and support of all first responders in our community.

“These honorees on the scene at these incidents, like so many safety and rescue personnel, put their own lives in danger to protect others, said Greg Blair, president of the 200 Club of Mercer County. “They are quiet real-life heroes that embody all that the R. Peter Hodge Valor Award represents.”

Juan Mattos, Jr., United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey will make the keynote remarks. The U.S. Marshals Service is the oldest Federal Law Enforcement Agency. On September 24, 1789, President George

Washington appointed the first 13 U.S. Marshals following the passage of the first Judiciary Act. This will be the first time a United States Marshal has spoken to the 200 Club of Mercer County audience.

Luncheon sponsors include: investors Bank and Ritchie & Page Distributing Co.

About The 200 Club of Mercer County

The 200 Club of Mercer County is dedicated to providing financial assistance to the families of our police, fire, and rescue personnel in Mercer County who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Business and other members of the community come together to support our public safety personnel and their families in times of devastating loss. Established in 1979, the 200 Club of Mercer County has provided funds to a number of local families. The club also supports organizations like local chapters of The American Red Cross, Mercer County Fire Academy, NJSP Museum honoring fallen Troopers, NY/NJ Port Authority Police Widows Fund. Visit www.mercer200club.org to learn more.

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Juan Mattos, Jr.
United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey



R. Peter Hodge Valor Award honorees Officer Marlon Parrott, Trenton Police; Det. Adrian Markowski, Robbinsville Police; Officer Robert Albanowski, Trenton Police; Leona Hodge, widow of 200 Club founder R. Peter Hodge; Greg Blair, President of the 200 Club of Mercer County; U.S. Marshal Juan Mattos, Jr., keynote speaker

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