

**Veteran's Reception and General Membership Meeting  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**



Our Veteran's Reception was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Laurita Winery in Cream Ridge, NJ. This was our first joint event with the Ft. Dix AUSA Chapter and AAAA Mid-Atlantic Chapter. Over 70 people attended to listen to our guest speaker, Mr. Charles V. Maraldo, Director of CERDEC Flight Activity in Lakehurst NJ, as he discussed the status and position of the Flight Activity center. The evening began with a little social networking of old and new friends with a buffet. The presentation kicked off at 6:00 PM with a wonderful opening performance of The Star Spangled Banner, performed by Cornerstone Music Studio, [www.cornerstonemusicstudios.com](http://www.cornerstonemusicstudios.com), student, Gianna Pallante.

Mr. Maraldo gave his update on the CERDEC Flight Activity Center (brief can be viewed at [www.ausa-ft-mon.org](http://www.ausa-ft-mon.org), click on "Presentations and Briefings")

**Mr. Charles V. Maraldo Jr.  
Director, CERDEC Flight Activity, Lakehurst NJ**

Mr. Maraldo has over 25 years of engineering and management experience in DOD programs, with over 20 years directly applicable to DOD aviation systems as an Army Civilian Engineer. Mr. Maraldo holds a BS degree in Engineering Science from the City University of New York and has earned a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He has held Program/Product Management and Chief Engineer positions at PM Aerial Common Sensors (ACS), maintaining System Engineering Oversight for complex aircraft integration programs such as GUARDRAIL Common Sensor, Aerial Common Sensor, Aerial Reconnaissance Low and the Task Force ODIN fleet. As Deputy Product Manager for ACS, an ACAT 1D program, he managed the efforts of a Joint Army/Navy team. Mr. Maraldo is an Army Acquisition Corp member and is certified Level III in Program Management and Systems Engineering. He has received numerous awards and recognition including the Commanders Award for Civilian Service from PEO IEW&S for his work as DPM ACS. In 2008 Mr. Maraldo rejoined the Intelligence Information Warfare Directorate in charge of Special Projects for the Director including the Persistent Surveillance Test Bed. Since 16 November 2009 Mr. Maraldo has held the position of Director of the CERDEC Flight Activity (CFA) in Lakehurst NJ on the Joint

Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst. The CFA mission is to provide R&D aviation support to the development of all Army C4ISR programs.

Mr. Maraldo resides in Millstone Township New Jersey with his wife Linda and 2 of his 3 children, Anna, age 11 and Kara age 18. His son, Chas, is a Computer Scientist for the Army CERDEC Software Engineering Directorate in Aberdeen Proving Ground MD and resides in Maryland.

After Mr. Maraldo's presentation, AUSA Ft Dix Chapter President, Norman Harkins, gave a few Chapter comments and presented Charlie with a wonderful gift from all the organizations present. After Norman, Mr. Ed Carnes, President AAAA Mid Atlantic Chapter, recognized all our Veterans in the room and a special "Thank you" for all they've done for our Country.

The night continued the next hour with networking opportunities between all the organizations.

A special thank you to our corporate sponsors for the night: ESP Corporation for sponsoring a table, Ace Electronics for donating to the event and Cornerstone Music Studios for providing the entertainment.