



# THE POWDER BAG

THE CAMDEN LIGHT ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery**

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"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation"

*George Washington*

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Commander:	Ed McCarty
Executive Officer:	Richard Tomasso
Adjutant:	Sydney Silverman
Finance Officer:	Marc Kantor
Logistics Officer:	Ed McCarty

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## **COMMANDERS COMMENTS**

**Ed McCarty, Commander-CLA**

Thanks to Joe Scioli, Lou Bovino, Ed Powell and Bob Lane for relocating our supply room to the maintenance area this week. They planned, used their own vehicles and equipment, secured our valued equipment while working around the contractors busy fixing the building. Thanks men, for your hard work.

Our Monthly Meeting and Christmas Dinner this year falls on Wednesday, 7 December 2016, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the 75th anniversary of the battle.

A total of 21 U.S. vessels and 323 military planes were sunk or damaged and 2,300 killed that Sunday morning, most personnel were lost on the USS Arizona. Besides Pearl Harbor, Japanese planes also bombed Manila and the Philippines, Guam and Wake Islands, Bataan and Hong Kong.

They gave their lives so we could dream the dreams in this wonderful nation.

Praise the memory of those young men and women. If we don't forget, they can't be forgotten.

This is also the season for giving. To each other and to those less fortunate, please consider those less fortunate in you giving plans.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your families. See you at our annual holiday get together. Thank you for all your help this year and bless you and your families.

## **SUMMARY OF THE 2 NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING**

**Sydney Silverman, Adjutant**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of The Camden Light Artillery was held on 2 November 2016 at 1905 hours and called to order by the Adjutant. The pledge of allegiance and invocation was given by the commander.

### **ATTENDEES**

Roll call of officers all present except for Logistics because this position remains vacant at this time.

### **SICK CALL**

Bob Constantine had a bad fall and is recovering OK. This is why he is not present at this meeting. Chet Malik also fell but is present and OK.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the October 2016 meeting were accepted as reported and they were unanimously approved.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Available from the financial officer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Commander offered thanks to Santiago Marti and Paul Rini for their efforts in removing our AC unit and storing in our supply room.
- Valley Forge Casino gun show 11/5/16 and 11/6/16 was cancelled. Always call ahead to see if the show is actually scheduled, since they often cancel them if not enough vendors sign up for the show.
- The Oaks Extravaganza Gun Show in the Expo Center on the weekend of 16/17 December will be a very large show due to the holidays and probably will be held.
- The next outing of the 112FA Sports Club is scheduled for Wednesday, 16 November at 1:00pm at Range 14 at Ft Dix, weather permitting.
- Saturday, 12 November at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Berlin cheeks swabs will be done to gather DNA data for bone marrow donation. This is being sponsored by Brian Scully.
- Wreaths Across America.org; Saturday, 17 December 2016. Contact 1SG(Ret) Ed Powell and Mrs. Powell for details.
- Washington Crossing rehearsal is Sunday, 11 December at 10:00am. The main event is Sunday, 25 December 2016.
- The Siege of Fort Mifflin reenactment is Saturday, 12 November from 10:00am to 4:00pm.
- Our holiday dinner will be held Wednesday, 7 December 2016 at 6:00pm at the Armory. If you are planning on bringing food please only bring enough for about a half dozen people. For details contact Ed McCarty.
- The HVAC and roof work is not expected to affect our current dinner plans. Major work should not start until 1 January 2017. Boiler replacement will not take place until the heating season is over. All work is to be completed by mid June of 2017. The Pub was contacted about a possible alternate location for our holiday meal for 50-60 people the cost would be \$32.00 per person including tax and tips. This is only an alternative and is not needed this year. Discussions determined that subsidizing the meal may not be cost effective at about \$600.00. The sense of the group was to have the meal in the armory in a more family like atmosphere.
- We received the certificate of appreciation for our participation in the 114th Golf Tournament. A top shelf event held at Valley Brook Country Club in September, really a great event, please support their efforts next year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None to report.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

None to report.

## COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

-On Sunday, 23 October 2016, Brian Strecker and Marc Kantor attended the impressive Change of Command ceremony of the 3-112FA in Morristown, NJ. The new Battalion Commander is LTC Brian Stramaglia, a West Point graduate. He is taking over from LTC Robert Hughes. The new Battalion Commander is interested in sharing information with the CLAA. He has been involved with the Field Artillery his entire military career.

-Warren Strumpfer will be working with volunteers Chet Malik, Paul Rini and Phil Willows as nominating committee for the following offices: Executive Officer, Logistics, and Finance.

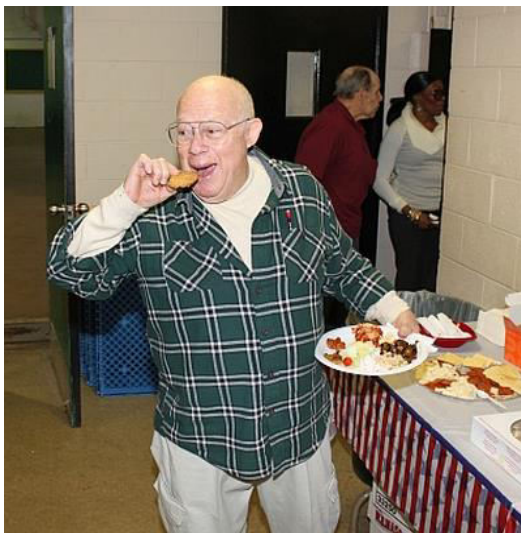
Our 50/50 drawing and door prize drawing was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours after which refreshments were served.

## 2017 ANNUAL DINING OUT AND ARTILLERY REUNION

Our 2017 Dining Out will take place at Tavistock Country Club on  
Saturday, 3 June 2017

## 2016 COVERED DISH-CHRISTMAS DINNER





## **112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS**

**Brian Strecker, Chairman**

### **BACK**



**This exercise is for your back muscles. If you've had hip or back surgery, talk with your doctor before trying this stretch.**

- 1. Sit securely toward the front of a sturdy, armless chair with your feet flat on the floor, shoulder-width apart.**
- 2. Slowly bend forward from your hips. Keep your back and neck straight.**
- 3. Slightly relax your neck and lower your chin. Slowly bend farther forward and slide your hands down your legs toward your shins. Stop when you feel a stretch or slight discomfort.**
- 4. Hold for 10-30 seconds.**
- 5. Straighten up slowly all the way to the starting position.**
- 6. Repeat at least 3-5 times.**

**Tip:** As you progress, bend as far forward as you can and eventually touch your heels.

## **112FA SPORTS CLUB**

**Ed McCarty, Chairman**

**The 112FA Sports Club meets at Range 14 (<http://shootnj.com/ftdixdirect.html>) at Ft Dix, NJ throughout the year. Outings and events will be posted on the web site and sent to the membership via email. The 112FA Sports Club held their meets at Range14 at Ft Dix, NJ on Saturday, 27 August 2016 and 24 September and Wednesday, 16 November. Watch your emails and the web site for additional Outings.**

## SOMETHING TO PONDER

**“I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within.”**

**General Douglas MacArthur  
General of the Army**



## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE

**Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian**



**"In wine there is wisdom.**

**In beer there is freedom.**

**In water there is bacteria."**



**\*\*\*\* NEW COLUMN \*\*\*\***

**PERSONAL STORIES AND MEMORIES**



**1SG(Ret) Joseph Scioli and Mrs. Scioli**

**I joined 'A' Battery of 228th Battalion, 50th Armored Division, in October of 1947 and during my 27 years of service had the opportunity to serve with and for many role models. During these years of my youth I was exposed to and began to understand the meaning of honor and dedication to duty. The learning curve to become a member of the Artillery was difficult but never negative and friendships and work habits were formed that lasted a lifetime. Only once was there a sad ending to my training. During our convoy to Camp Drum, the name had been changed from Pine Camp, there was a serious vehicle accident involving a young soldier. Our battalion Medical Officer, Dr. Philip LoPresti, was on the scene and did all that was humanly possible to save this person's life. This soldier's wife, who was pregnant was flown to the airfield on base to be at his side and the young man passed away. SGM Al Mazarella asked me to report to Battalion HQ and instructed me to take his car and immediately drive the wife home to Camden. As I came into Camden this young lady, who never said or asked for anything during the trip home, said "I need to get to hospital". Within minutes we were in the driveway of Our Lady Of Lourdes and she delivered the baby immediately. Of all my many experiences this accidental loss of life reinforced all of my demands of NCO's for excellence in performance and responsibility toward those in their command.**



## **WHY WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD**

**I get no respect. The way my luck is running, if I were a politician I'd be honest.**

**My Father was so dumb...Boy my old man... he picked a guy's pocket on an airplane and tried to make a run for it!**

**My Father was so dumb... My old man was arrested at the bank.. they caught him stealing pens!**

**I looked up my family tree and found three dogs using it.**

**My old man, I told him I'm tired of running around in circles, so he nailed my other foot to the floor.**

**I'm a pretty ugly man, but I'll tell you, I ended up with beautiful children. Thank god my wife cheats on me.**

**I told my wife our kids are spoiled, she said "that's OK, a lot of kids smell that way."**

**I went to tell my kids about the birds and the bees....They told me about my wife and the butcher.**

## **JUST SOME OF REASONS WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD** **MORE NEXT MONTH**



## **DoD Releases Plan to Allow Personnel to Carry Firearms on Base**

Military.com Nov 21, 2016 by Matthew Cox

The Pentagon recently released detailed guidance that allows U.S. military personnel to carry privately owned, concealed firearms on base, a move that the Army's service chief argued against publicly.

"Arming and the Use of Force," a Nov. 18 Defense Department directive approved by Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work, lays out the policy and standards that allow DoD personnel to carry firearms and employ deadly force while performing official duties.

But the lengthy document also provides detailed guidance to the services for permitting soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard personnel to carry privately owned firearms on DoD property, according to the document.

Commanders, O-5 and above, "may grant permission to DoD personnel requesting to carry a privately owned firearm (concealed or open carry) on DoD property for a personal protection purpose not related to performance of an official duty or status," the document states.

Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, the age many states require an individual to be to own a firearm, according to the document. Proof of compliance may include a concealed handgun license that is valid under federal, state, local or host-nation law where the DoD property is located.

"Written permission will be valid for 90 days or as long as the DoD Component deems appropriate and will include information necessary to facilitate the carrying of the firearm on DoD property consistent with safety and security, such as the individual's name, duration of the permission to carry, type of firearm, etc.," according to the document.

Until now, DoD personnel have not been authorized to carry personal firearms on military installations, a policy that has come under scrutiny in the wake of "active-shooter" attacks at U.S. military bases resulting in the deaths of service members.

Lawmakers have questioned military leaders about the policy, arguing that allowing service members to be armed might have prevented attacks such as the July 16, 2015, shootings at two military facilities in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in which four Marines and a sailor were shot and killed. The gunman, Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez, was killed by police in a gunfight.

But Army Chief of Staff General Mark Milley has argued against reversing the DoD policy that prohibits service members from carrying concealed weapons on post. Testifying at an April 14 congressional hearing, Gen Milley cited the Nov. 5, 2009, mass shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, in which 13 people were killed and 42 others were injured. The day of the shooting, Nidal Hasan, then an Army major and psychiatrist, entered the Fort Hood deployment center carrying two

pistols, jumped on a desk and shouted "Allahu Akbar!" -- Arabic for "God is great" -- then opened fire.

Gen Milley defended the short time it took for law enforcement to secure the scene and said he is not convinced that allowing soldiers to carry privately owned weapons would have stopped Hasan. The directive states that personnel authorized to carry privately owned firearms must "acknowledge they may be personally liable for the injuries, death, and property damage proximately caused by negligence in connection with the possession or use of privately owned firearms that are not within the scope of their federal employment."

The eligibility requirements also state that applicants should not be subject to past or pending disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or in any civilian criminal cases. Personnel carrying firearms "will not be under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance that would cause drowsiness or impair their judgment while carrying a firearm," the document states.

### **RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

<http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/new-jersey-state-veterans-benefits.html>

The online information contained at this site can be very important to the membership. Please visit the link above and review your options. You may wish to subscribe to the "military.com" web site. It always has interesting and current information on the country and all branches of the military.

### **TRICARE**

TRICARE is adding new services and screenings. Effective Jan.1, 2017, TRICARE will cover annual preventive office visits for all Prime beneficiaries 6 years of age and older. TRICARE Standard beneficiaries can receive preventive services with no cost-share or copayment through disease prevention examinations. Also, the annual well-woman exam will continue to be covered for all Prime and Standard beneficiaries under age 65 with no cost-share or copayment. If you have recently received any of these services, please be sure to save your receipts and file a claim. The regional contractors will be ready to process claims for the new preventive benefits on Nov. 14, 2016. (<http://www.tricare.mil/Resources/Claims>)

### **TRICARE FOR LIFE**

TRICARE For Life (TFL) is a Medicare wraparound coverage for TRICARE beneficiaries who have Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B, regardless of age or place of residence. With TFL, you have the freedom to seek care from any Medicare-participating or nonparticipating provider, or at a military hospital or clinic on a space-available basis. Enrollment is not required, but you must pay Medicare Part B premiums.

TFL is available worldwide, in the U.S. and its territories TFL pays after Medicare, in all other OCONUS areas TFL is the first payer. (<http://www.tricare.mil/tfl>)

## **TRICARE FOR LIFE PHARMACY**

A military pharmacy is the least expensive option for filling prescriptions. At a military pharmacy, you may receive up to a 90-day supply of most medications at no cost. Most military pharmacies accept prescriptions written by both civilian and military providers. Non-formulary medications generally are not available at military pharmacies. To check the availability of a particular drug, contact the nearest military pharmacy in person or by phone.



## **HOW TO REQUEST A COPY OF YOUR DD214 or NGB22**

The process starts at the National Archives website:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

Simply follow the directions found on the website for online application or click on the SF 180, complete the 'fillable' Adobe version, sign the document and mail to the appropriate location.  
(suggested by Frank Brown)

## **HOW TO REQUEST NJ RIBBONS AND AWARDS**

<http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/>

NJ Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs  
ATTN: DVS-VBB(Medals)  
PO Box 340  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

**For additional information contact:**

Telephone: (609) 530-6868/7035

Fax: (609) 530-6970 State of New Jersey

## **NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**

**1 Memorial Lane  
Holmdel, NJ 07733  
(<http://www.njvvmf.org/>)**



The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and the Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center are located within sight of each other near the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, NJ. The Memorial brings to New Jersey a fitting acknowledgment of the valor displayed by the New Jersey residents who never returned from Southeast Asia. It commemorates the courage shown by all who served in America's armed forces during the years of the Vietnam conflict. Its companion project, the Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center, provides a means to present factual and unbiased information about the era. Using exhibits, audio/visual presentations, structured programs and guest speakers, visitors are provided with a forum for ongoing discussion and an opportunity to gain a better understanding of America's most divisive period since the Civil War. Supplemental programs, such as veterans' biographies, are intended to recognize and document the contributions made by New Jersey's veterans so that their service to our nation will be preserved for future generations.

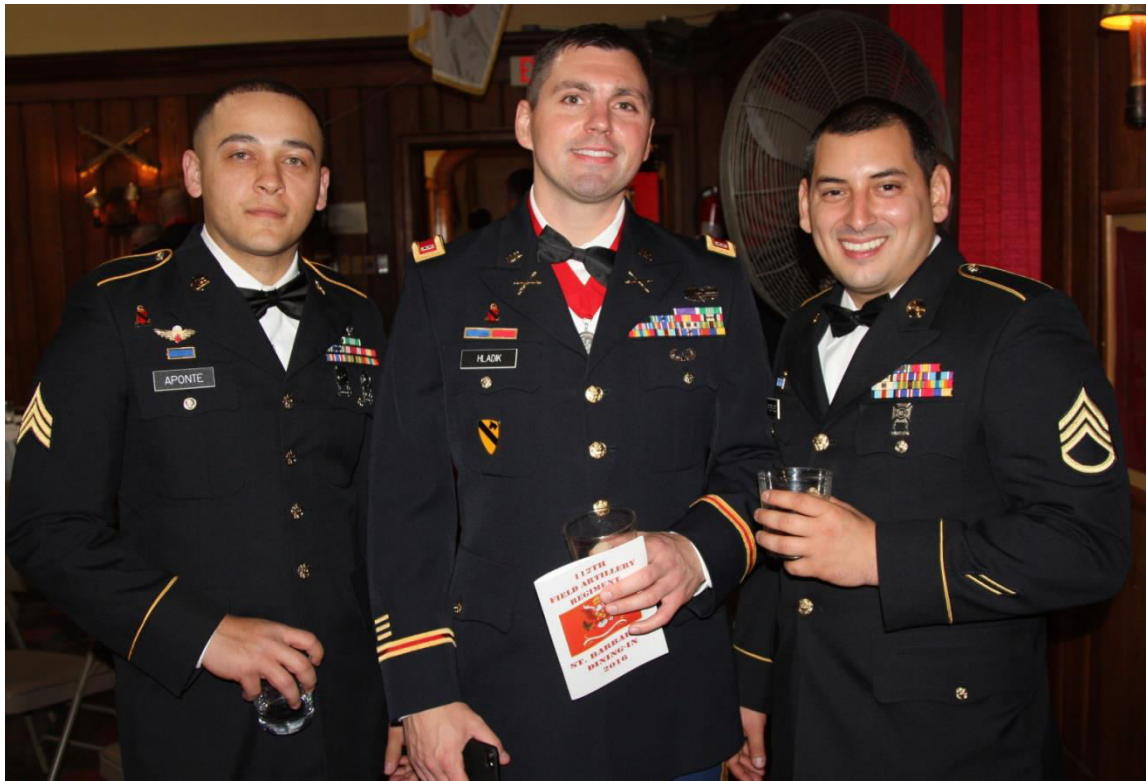




**3-112FA MORRISTOWN, NJ**  
**LTC Brian J Stramaglia**  
**Commanding Officer**











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**RRB holiday dinner and awards banquet 2016.**

**Nearly two dozen NCO's and Officers from NJ Army National Guard Recruiting & Retention Battalion receive their expert physical fitness training badge at the RRB yearly Awards and holiday dinner held at Harrah's Casino ballroom in Atlantic City.**



**328 MP COMPANY, CHERRY HILL, NJ**

**1LT Domenico Lazzaro**

**Commanding Officer**



**Members of the 328th Military Police Company prepare to conduct M1117 Armored Security Vehicle (ASV) weapons training at Fort Dix. The M1117, known as the Guardian, is a turreted, armored four-wheel drive vehicle that supports the entire range of military police missions; from battlefield circulation, convoy protection, law-and-order operations, rear-area security, and enemy prisoner of war transport. The vehicle can also be used in response to natural disasters.**

## **2017 Monthly Meeting Dates**

All Meetings are at the  
Cherry Hill Armory  
2001 Park Boulevard  
Cherry Hill, NJ  
7:00pm

**Wednesday, 4 January 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 1 February 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 1 March 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 5 April 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 3 May 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 7 June 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**No July Meeting**

**Wednesday, 2 August 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 6 September 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 4 October 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 1 November 2017 Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, 6 December 2017 Christmas Party/Dinner - 6:00pm**

See your emails and our web site  
for additional events and dates of the  
**1-112FA** and **1-112FA Sports Club**

## **2017 ANNUAL DINING OUT AND ARTILLERY REUNION**

Our 2017 Dining Out will be at Tavistock Country Club on  
**Saturday, 3 June 2017**

## REQUEST YOUR INPUT

We remind you that this is your newsletter. You are cordially invited to submit any information you think appropriate for the good of the command to the Commander (e-mail address on the first page of this newsletter) to be edited for inclusion in the following months' publication.

Dues are only \$30 per year and are payable 1 January of each year. Please send your dues to:

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The 1-112FA Camden Light Artillery Association is proud to be a Commemorative Partner. We held our first event earlier this year and are planning future events for the summer and fall seasons. Please watch for the announcements in your emails and on our website.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) conducted hundreds of events in VA facilities across the nation on March 29, 2016 to recognize, honor and thank U.S. Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices as part of the national Vietnam War Commemoration. VA, along with more than 9,000 organizations across the country, has joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner to help Americans honor our nation's Vietnam veterans. By presidential proclamation issued on May 25, 2012, the Commemoration extends from its inaugural event on Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025. To learn more about the Vietnam War Commemoration, visit the U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration website."

(<http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>) by military.com 4 April 2016



## **OUR MISSION**

- To promote close association, friendship, understanding and cooperation between all member of the association.
- To foster and preserve the spirit, traditions and solidarity of the Field Artillery
- To provide various communicative means for keeping all members aware and involved in association developments.
- To conduct such social activities as may provide for a continuing close relationship and camaraderie among the membership
- To develop and maintain historical records on the lineage of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery ancestors and it successors.
- To promote and support the provisions of the constitution of the United States of America.
- To provide community service to local civilian and military communities in time of need.

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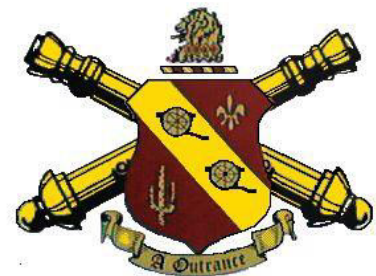
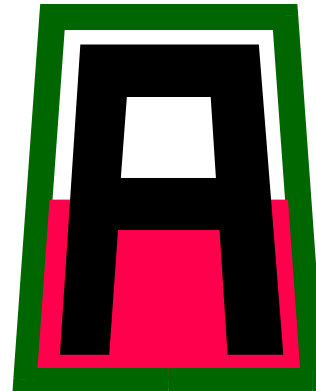
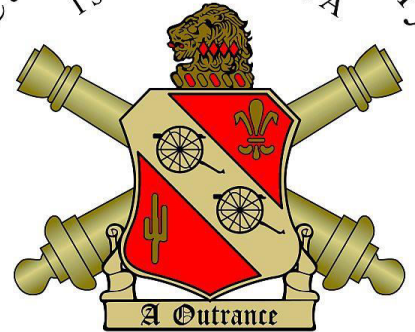
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**2010 Afghanistan - M777**  
((courtesy-SPC Gallegos via COL George Bannon(USA Retired))