



THE POWDER BAG

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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

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Thanks for all the great ideas for our research on the Armory issues. We all contributed some very constructive discussions on the future of the organization. We have some progress on that front and we will be discussing at our August 3rd meeting.

Special thanks to Bob Scouler for his hard work on our behalf and to Marc Kantor for his ongoing hard work and knowledge on the armory issues. See you on August 3rd, enjoy the rest of your summer.

SUMMARY OF THE 1 JUNE 2016 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of The Camden Light Artillery was held on 1 June 2016 at 1900 hours and called to order by the Adjutant. The pledge of allegiance was said by Commander McCarty and invocation was given by the CO.

ATTENDEES

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

SICK CALL

Jake Parvin- was hospitalized for one day last month. He is up and around now.

Tony Fleming- back in the hospital for his diabetes and is doing well. Will be going to rehab soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the May 2016 meeting were accepted as reported.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No outstanding bills.

DISCUSSIONS

22 May Armed Forces Day brunch at Kaminski's Ale House was well attended and the meal was very good. The consensus was to do a repeat next year. Joe Logeren's funeral was well attended and nicely done by the Inglesby/Givnish Funeral Home. We need to find a Cherry Hill politician that has "some juice" to get funding for the armory. The building is not secured and after last week's rain there was more water invasion. The building is owned by the state, and therefore, the federal government will not do anything. A total survey of the building was done and all the deficiencies are known. Chet Malik lives in Cherry Hill and will write a letter to the mayor in regards to the Armory. There is a lack of political commitment to the building because there is nothing in it for the politicians. Joe Scioli suggested that we form a committee to see what options

are available. Ed Powell suggested a work team be formed and peruse the list of politicians that Warren Strumpfer pulled up online. Warren will provide background information about the building. Ed Powell mentioned that are meetings may have to move to Woodbury as an option. Lum Harris indicated that armory is available to us. The CO asked the rhetorical "what do we want to do- attack this problem or move?" His opinion was that we should fight to get funding for the building. The building is important for many reasons. Form DD214 information is in the Powder Bag as well as form DD180 which is the request pertaining to Military Records. VA form 10-10 along with your DD214 taken to a VA center will help get a VA medical card.

NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report.

ADJOURN

Commander McCarty made motion to adjourn at 1955 hrs which was seconded and followed by refreshments and the rendering of a "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to Colonel Parvin (98 years).

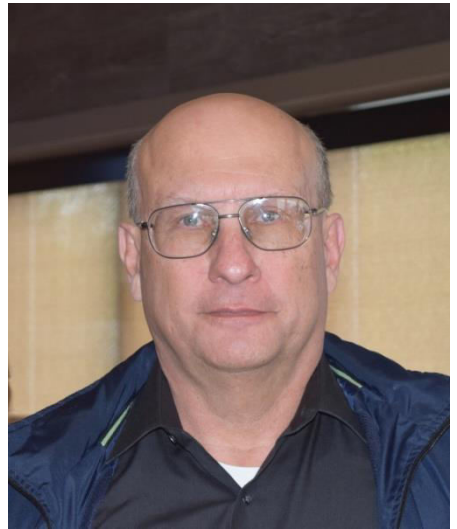
ACTIVITIES



LTC(Ret) 'Jake' Parvin's 98th Birthday Cake

2016 ARMED FORCES DAY BRUNCH







2017 ANNUAL DINING OUT AND ARTILLERY REUNION

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

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE

Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian



"Spare and have is better than spend and crave"

112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS

Brian Strecker, Chairman

Flexibility



To Get Up from the Floor

1. Roll onto your left side.
2. Place your right hand on the floor at about the level of your ribs and use it to push your shoulders off the floor. Use your left hand to help lift you up, as needed.
3. You should now be sitting with your weight on your left hip.
4. Roll forward, onto your knees, leaning on your hands for support.
5. Reach up and lean your hands on the seat of a sturdy chair.
6. Lift one of your knees so that one leg is bent, foot flat on the floor.
7. Leaning your hands on the seat of the chair for support, rise from this position.

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 Spring Outing at Range14 at Ft Dix, NJ on Saturday, 21 May 2016. Watch your emails and the web site for future Outings.

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 FOR LIFE

To learn more about TRICARE FOR Life, please visit their webpage at <http://www.tricare.mil/tfl> (Military.com by Amu Bushatz)

"The new Defense Department budget proposal for 2017 sent today to Congress drastically increases the cost of healthcare for military retirees under 65 and reorganizes the current Tricare system, but otherwise includes few other major military family program reforms.

Under the new proposal the primary three Tricare options -- Tricare Prime, Tricare Standard and the services used by retirees -- would be combined into two basic plans. Like the current Tricare Prime and Standard options, the newly minted Tricare Select and Tricare Choice would continue to offer free services at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and require co-pays for services from in-network civilian providers. Like Tricare Prime, Tricare Select would require users to receive referrals for specialty care, while Tricare Choice would operate like Tricare Standard, allowing users to self-refer.

Active duty families and retirees could choose between the two plans and pay graduated fees between \$20 and \$250 for non-MTF care, depending on the service provided. As in the current Tricare Prime system, active-duty families stationed in remote areas far away from an MTF would be permitted to see in-network civilian providers without paying additional fees.

The major price changes are reserved for retirees. Under the new plan those users would be forced to pay a yearly enrollment fee through an open-enrollment type process regardless of which Tricare option they choose. Currently, retirees using Tricare Prime pay \$282.60 per year for a single person or \$565.20 for a family, while Standard requires no enrollment fee. The new system, however, would require retirees pay a \$350 enrollment fee for individuals or \$700 for families for Tricare Select, and \$450 for individuals or \$900 for families for Tricare Choice."

TRICARE FOR LIFE PHARMACY

Several changes to the TRICARE pharmacy benefit took effect on Feb. 1. Co-pays for drugs filled at retail pharmacies and TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery increased slightly.

Also, TRICARE Over-the-Counter (OTC) drug coverage became a full and permanent part of the TRICARE benefit, requiring that beneficiaries pay the usual generic co-pays. If you get your drugs from a military pharmacy, or use Home Delivery to get a generic drug, you will still pay \$0. To view all the new co-pays, visit the TRICARE Prescription Costs webpage (www.tricare.mil/pharmacycosts). Different OTC drugs will be available as well.

For more information about the OTC benefit, visit the TRICARE Over-the-Counter Drugs webpage

(www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/IsItCovered/OvertheCounterDrugs.aspx?sc_database=web)

PICTURE OF THE MONTH

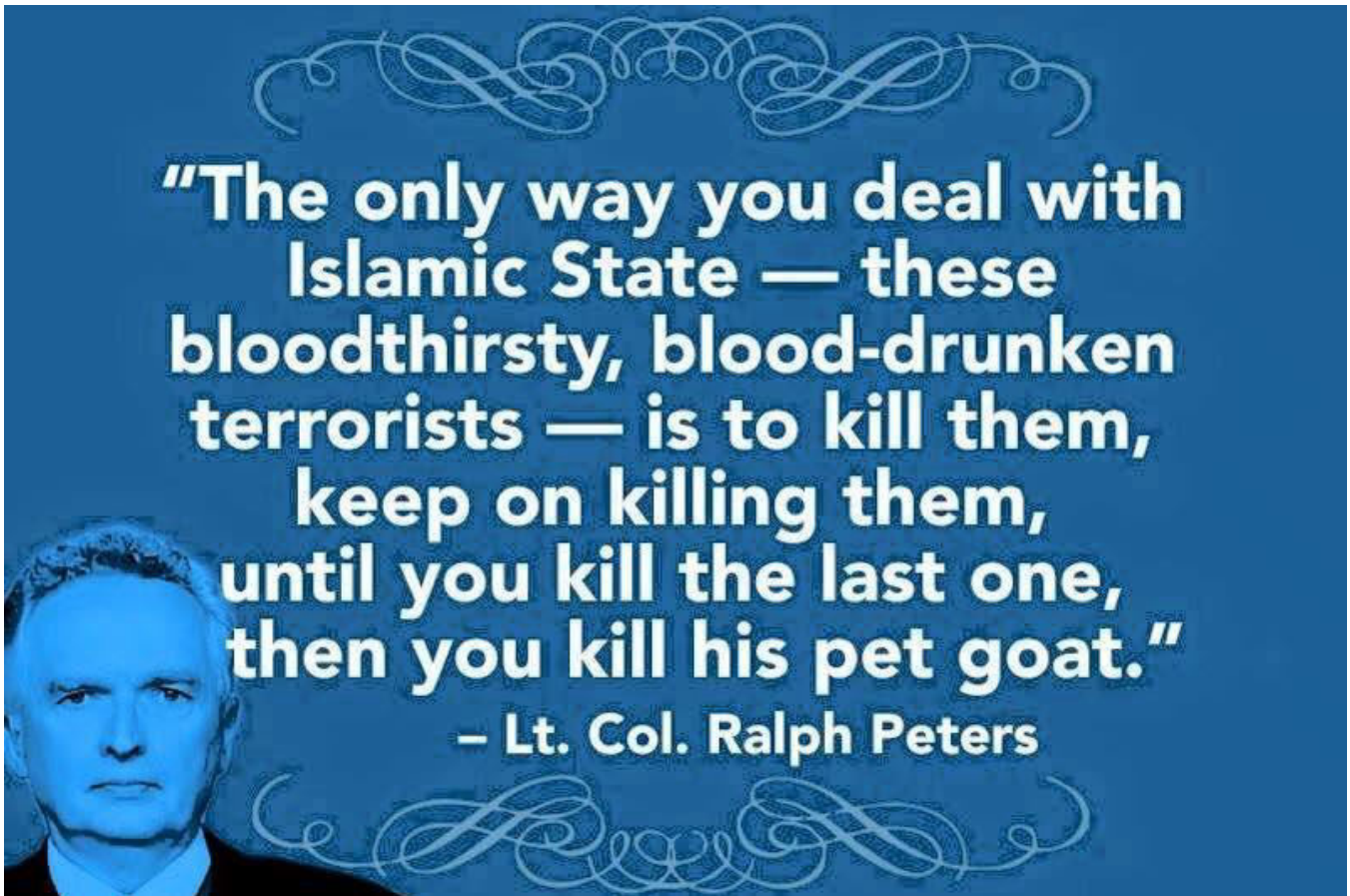


Blackhawk helicopter landing in secure area

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy.
Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery"

Sir Winston Churchill



LOOKING OUT FOR THE SOLDIER

Army Looks to Lighten the Load



The Army is exploring new ways to reduce the stress on soldiers' backs and knees by redistributing the weight of supplies, ammo and gear that they carry in the field, four service leaders recently told Congress in a prepared joint statement.

The statement detailed some of the squad-level initiatives underway, including developing more comfortable rucksacks as well as a new load-bearing system.

Additionally, a new Soldier Protection System will integrate head, torso and limb protection at roughly 4 or 5 pounds lighter than current soldier protection gear and can be scaled to specific mission requirements. Sensors will “record forces that affect the soldier as well as monitor the soldier's health status,” according to the statement.

“Closing gaps in capabilities will ensure the Army's foundational tactical unit can close with and destroy the enemy under all battle conditions and accomplish missions in complex environments,” the statement said. The Army is “constantly working to reduce the weight and improve the performance of the soldier's individual equipment.”

The statement, submitted for the record at a recent Senate Armed Services Airland Subcommittee, was from Lt. Gen. Michael E. Williamson, principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7; Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center and deputy commanding general, futures, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; and Lt. Gen. John M. Murray, deputy chief of staff, G-8.

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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



WHY WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD

I looked up my family tree and found out I was the sap.

When I was a kid my parents moved around a lot, but I always found them.

The kids in my neighborhood were tough, I tell ya. They were so tough, when they played hopscotch, they used real Scotch.

My wife drives me crazy, she was afraid of the dark, she saw me naked and now she's afraid of the light.

I got kidnapped when I was little, and the kidnapers sent my Dad a piece of my thumb. He said he wanted more proof!

My wife is such a bad cook, the flies in the backyard took up a collection to have the screen door fixed.

My wife's not too smart. I told her our kids were spoiled; she said, "all kids smell that way".

My wife is a water sign and I'm an earth sign. Together we make mud.

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



SOMETHING TO PONDER

"It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health.

He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's Disease.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late.

He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

I was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?'

He smiled as he patted my hand and said,

'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.'

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, 'That is the kind of love I want in my life.'

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

Life isn't about how to survive the storm, But how to dance in the rain."

Author, unknown

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 Robert Hughes
Commanding Officer**



Live fire exercise Ft Dix, 2016

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Haddonfield Service Day, June 2016

(Special THANKS to 328MP CO for use of your vehicle)





328 MP COMPANY, CHERRY HILL, NJ

1LT Domenico Lazzaro

Commanding Officer



The unit is back from their deployment and in residence.

NJDMAVA Highlights

courtesy of

BG Steven Ferrari, USARMY NG NJARNG (US)

MSGT Mark C. Olsen, NJDMAVA/PAO

This is the cover of the July 22, 2016 issue. See the complete text and the newest issue at:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/publication/683/njdmava-highlights#>



2016 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

Wednesday, 3 August 2016 (Vietnam War Commemoration)



Wednesday, 7 September 2016

Sunday, 11 September 2016 Patriot's Day Brunch

Wednesday, 5 October 2016

Wednesday, 2 November 2016

Wednesday, 7 December 2016 Christmas Party and Dinner

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

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 1st Battalion 112th 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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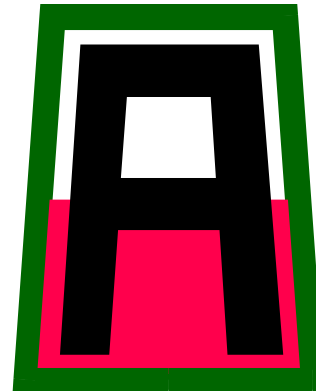
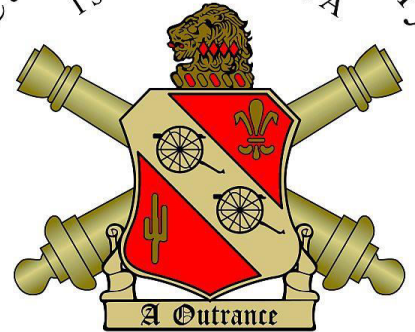
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