

# 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**

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### **COMMANDERS COMMENTS**

As we approach Memorial Day 2016, let's pay special attention to those who have paid the ultimate price in their selflessness, for our effort, to maintain our freedom in America. If their efforts are not praised and cherished, our efforts may not be respected by future generations.

It was not so long ago, that returning veterans may not have been given that dignity and respect they certainly deserved, many did not return. We all know someone who paid that debt for us, so we could enjoy these precious days of continued freedom and cherished moments with our families.

Our generation is moving on at a quick pace. Our efforts today may help assure a free and independent people sustain in our nation.

But it's not automatic.

We have recovered much of that respect through constant vigilance and devotion to those who could not return to us. Let's continue this year, to celebrate and dignify our pathfinders commitment to each of us, by spending a small part of our time devoted to them.

Please join us at "Freedoms Breakfast". We will be meeting on May 22nd, not only to break bread and enjoy our precious time together, but to honor and dignify those who could not be sitting beside us and with their families.

We will be showing our red, not for our own pride-fullness, not for ourselves, but for those who could not be with us. If we don't celebrate their gift to us, who will?

Please bring a picture and a brief story of one of your fallen hero's, who will be remembered and represented by us, with pride, in remembrance and appreciation of their gift to us. Let's carry that prideful message forward to the Memorial Day weekend remembrance and continue to honor our brothers and sisters this month.

Yours in respect and brotherhood.

See you at our next meeting on Wednesday, 1 June 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Cherry Hill Armory.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE 6 APRIL 2016 MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of The Camden Light Artillery was held on 6 April 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 Ronnie Powell.

#### **ATTENDEES**

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

#### **SICK CALL**

- Mrs. Pat Constantine- back surgery
- Ken Robinson- hip replacement
- Phil McGarrigan-hip replacement

All recovering nicely.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the MARCH 2016 meeting were moved by Frank Martino and seconded by Richard Zacamy.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- NJ Motor Vehicle will place a veterans sticker on the licenses of vets with the presentation
  of DD214 to MV. A discussion of various IDs that can be used to obtain these stickers was
  held. There is an email linkage at the Powder Bag that will guide you with this
  information.
- Retirement Appreciation Day at Joint Base will be held Saturday the 30th of April.

**Breakfast at 8AM** 

Program from 9AM-11:30AM.

For additional information see the Alumni Report from Fort Dix.

- The 114th infantry golf outing; Lum Harris reports that the outing raises money for 4 or 5 worthy military causes.
- Discussion of the Pentagon tour logistics and arrangements. The majority of those present expressed interest in this tour.
- Our August 2016 meeting will include info regarding the national program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.
- Dining out for 2017 the earliest possible date is 15th April because of construction at Tavistock. This conflicts with Easter travel plans according to those present and so, the event will be held in May. Kudos to Marc Kantor for the fine job that he did to making the Dining Out a success and profitable one this year.
- Armed Forces Day brunch, Sunday, 22 May 2016 at 10AM at Kaminski's Bar and Grill. The location is 1424 Brace Road Cherry Hill, NJ. Armed Forces Day is actually on May 21 and we generally meet for Sunday morning brunch, in recognition.
- SSG Santiago Marti reported that the clothing store is moving to the main PX at the Joint Base McGuire Ft Dix Lakehurst (JB MDL).
- SSG Brian Strecker mentioned that 14-15 May an air show will take place at the Joint Base McGuire Ft Dix Lakehurst (JB MDL).
- Marc Kantor recounted his trip to Fort Meade, MD for the retirement ceremony of CSM Brendon O'Connor after 36 years of service on 1 April 2016, 48 years to the day that his father, LTC Mortimer L. O'Connor, was killed in Vietnam. Brendon's father was a friend of Marc's and was his instructor at Temple University. The family has produced several generations of soldiers. Brendon was a highly trained and decorated Special Forces Medic and the recipient of the DSC. Only two have been awarded since Vietnam. A very

emotional and satisfying weekend for Marc because of his connection to the family and his status as a US Army Ranger.



#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Marc Kantor reports that the status of the armory is still indeterminate.

#### **ADJOURN**

Commander McCarty made motion to adjourn at 2000 hrs followed by refreshments. Seconded by Rich Zacamy.

# **SUMMARY OF THE 4 MAY 2016 MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of The Camden Light Artillery was held on 4 May 2016 at 1900 hours and called to order by the Adjutant. The pledge of allegiance and invocation were said by Commander McCarty in Ronnie Powell's vacationing absence.

#### **ATTENDEES**

Roll call of officers called; all present except for Logistics, this position remains vacant at this time. Anyone interested in the Logistics Officer, Sports Club Leader, or Facebook Coordinator positions, please contact the commander.

#### **ON HIS PASSING**

1SG (Ret) Joe Logeren

Our Friend and long time member, 1SG(Ret) Joe Logeren passed last week after a short illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with his daughter Sandy, Son-in-law Mike and the Logeren Family. There will be a viewing Saturday, 14 May 2016, at Inglesby/Givnish on Main Street in Maple Shade, NJ from 9:00am to 11:00am followed by a service and internment at Bethel Cemetery on

Cove Road, Pennsauken, NJ. Please share a meal with the Logeren family at The Pub at the Airport Circle at 1:45pm.

#### **SICK CALL**

Jake Parvin spent a day in the hospital recently and is home and doing great.

Mrs. Pat Constantine- back surgery

Ken Robinson- hip replacement

Phil McGarrigan-hip replacement

Tony Flemming is home recovering from a 7 week hospital stay due to diabetic complications, we send Tony on warmest wishes.

All recovering nicely.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the April 2016 meeting were moved by Ray Raletz and seconded by Richard Zacamy.

#### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- Discussed the Dining Out date for 2017 is scheduled for June 3rd, due to renovations at Tavistock Country Club.
- The Sports Club Outing at Ft. Dix was rescheduled for Saturday, May 21, due to the Air Show at McGuire AFB that day.
- Come to the June Club meeting one hour earlier if you are interested in further discussions about NGB-22 and DD-214 records, required for Military activities, we will be further reviewing our discussions of this past meeting. Feel free to bring your records with you for comparison.
- Jake Parvin gave a presentation on his recent visit to Disney World in Florida and expressed his pride and universal support and treatment by the Disney Staff and visitors. He wore his Field Artillery cap and was amazed how his fellow Americans expressed their support and thankfulness at Jake's service to our country.
- We further discussed the planned trip to the Pentagon in October and documented all interested in the trip, as we will need to collect Identifications beforehand, for security clearances that day. Commander McCarty will be calling you by Mid July to finalize plans for the trip, as this is a mandatory pre-screening process.
- We further discussed the NJ Department of Veterans Affairs and how they can assist us. We have a list of frequently called military support telephone numbers available.

#### **ADJOURN**

Commander McCarty made motion to adjourn at 2000 hrs followed by refreshments. Seconded by Frank Martino. Pizza and refreshments followed, we had a great time with our retired military brothers and sisters.

# **ACTIVITIES**

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

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

# **2016 ANNUAL DINING OUT AND ARTILLERY REUNION**



2016 Tavistock Country Club

















## **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE**



Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian

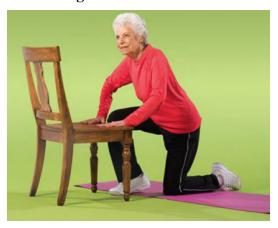
"Wise men learn by others mistakes: Fools by their own."

## 112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS

Brian Strecker, Chairman

### **Flexibility**

Getting down on the Floor



# Talk to Your Doctor before starting any exercise program

If you've had hip or back surgery, talk with your doctor before using the following method Tip: You don't have to use your left side. You can use your right side, if you prefer.

#### To Get Down on the Floor:

- 1. Stand facing the seat of a sturdy chair.
- 2. Put your hands on the seat, and lower yourself down on one knee.
- 3. Bring the other knee down.
- 4. Put your left hand on the floor. Leaning on your hand, slowly bring your left hip to the floor. Put your right hand on the floor next to your left hand to steady yourself, if needed.
- 5. You should now be sitting with your weight on your left hip.
- 6. Straighten your legs.
- 7. Bend your left elbow until your weight is resting on it. Using your right hand as needed for support, straighten your left arm. You should now be lying on your left side.
- 8. Roll onto your back.

#### 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 will hold their Spring Outing at Range14 at Ft Dix, NJ on Saturday, 21 May 2016



#### **Current NEWS:**

"Attorney General Robert Lougy announced a series of executive actions to offer a degree of much needed relief for New Jersey's beleaguered gun owners. In accordance with recommendations from the Governor's Task Force pursuant to Executive Order 180, the Attorney General outlined points of clarification on several issues that most directly impact New Jersey gun owners. It's important to note that executive action cannot rewrite state law or existing legal precedent, which ultimately confines the scope of today's announcement. However, given that limitation, these incremental improvements are significant.

The announcement focuses on three main items,

- (1)"reasonable deviation" when transporting guns,
- (2) the rampant permitting abuses in New Jersey, and
- (3) "justifiable need" for concealed carry issuance.

New Jersey's gun laws have become notorious for ensnaring otherwise law-abiding individuals who are simply driving with a firearm. Both state residents and unsuspecting non-residents have been shockingly entangled by the state's hyper technical gun laws, forcing the Governor to intervene and issue clemency. In New Jersey, unlike the vast majority of states, gun owners are required to obtain a Firearm's Identification Card (FID) in order to meet the state's exception for allowing possession of firearms. Although state law requires those permits to be issued to qualified applicants within 30 days, many jurisdictions have openly flouted the law, taking months to issue the permits and adding their own requirements in addition to those prescribed by state law. The same is true of handgun purchase permits. Today's action would address this situation by requiring issuing authorities to compile data on the issuance of these permits. The reporting will include how many permits were issued and how long it took to issue them.

Finally, NRA has long been critical of the state's "justifiable need" requirement for concealed carry. Today's action at least represents an incremental step in the right direction by expanding what "justifiable need" means. Rather than current law's focus on a specific dangerous threat, the new directive allows for consideration of more generalized threats.

To be perfectly clear, New Jersey still has some of the most Draconian gun laws in the country, and NRA will continue to fight for reform. Today's action represents, at a minimum, a step in the right direction to incrementally offer relief to New Jersey's embattled lawful gun owners."

NRA-ILA, 8 April 2016

#### **2016 BEST RANGER COMPETITION**

Brendan.McGarry@military.com



A National Guard team has won the Army's Best Ranger competition for the first time in its 33-year history, the service announced. The officer-enlisted duo -- Capt. Robert Killian of the Colorado Army National Guard and Staff Sgt. Erich Friedlein of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard -- earned their place in Ranger history on Sunday after completing the grueling 60-hour event at Fort Benning, Georgia, with a come-from-behind victory, according to a press release from the National Guard Bureau. They were recognized by Acting Army Secretary Patrick Murphy during a ceremony the next day at the installation, the release states.

"It's a big thing for the Guard and I'm humbled and honored to be the first," said Killian, a detachment commander with B Company, 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), a five-time competitor of the event who finished in second placed the past two years. "I'm ecstatic and honored and I hope I'm an inspiration for others."

Friedlein said the contest was close, according to the Guard. "It still really hasn't totally sunk in yet," he said in the release. "I'm just really amazed. I can't believe we did it after the three days of struggling and just constantly trying to chip away at first place, then taking the lead after night orienteering and losing it on the obstacle course, just fighting all the way to the end."

The competition, held each spring at Fort Benning, is open to soldiers who have already completed Ranger School, a challenging three-month infantry training course that includes everything from physical fitness and swim tests, land navigation exercises, foot marches, obstacle courses, parachute jumps, mountaineering tests and mock patrols. This year's Best Ranger contest included an unknown distance run, unknown distance swim, urban obstacle course, weighted litter carry, a stress shoot, nighttime ruck march under load, a written exam while fatigued, night land navigation, combat water survival obstacle course, the Darby Queen obstacle course, helocast and a final buddy run, according to the service.

Killian said he plans to return to the competition again next year with a former teammate now taking the Special Force qualification course, the release 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 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." (see military.com for more complete information)

#### TRICARE FOR LIFE PHARMACY

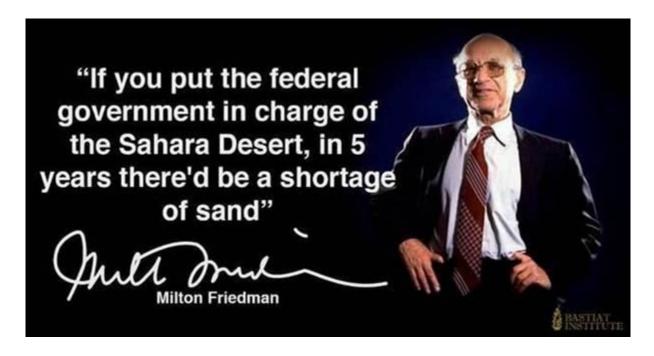
Several changes to the TRICARE pharmacy benefit took effect on Feb. 1. Co-pays for drugs filled at retail pharmacies and TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery increased slightly. Also, TRICARE Over-the-Counter (OTC) drug coverage became a full and permanent part of the TRICARE benefit, requiring that beneficiaries 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

 $(www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/IsItCovered/OvertheCounterDrugs.aspx?sc\_database=web)$ 

# **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**





## **Big Army Advances Are a Decade Away**

(21 January 2016 AUSA Bulletin)

Rebuilding Army readiness will take years, with sweeping technological advances that could change how wars are fought not appearing until 2025 and beyond, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley said Jan. 21.

While readiness is Milley's top priority as the Army's 39th chief of staff, he said the Army will just be trying to catch up from now through 2020 and will make modest improvements in 2020 to 2025. So-called leap-forward technologies that could change battlefields and tactics will reshape the Army from 2025 to 2050, Milley said at a breakfast meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army's Institute of Land Warfare. These emerging technologies have the ability to "fundamentally change the character of war," he said.

Potential game-changing technologies include robotics, nanoscience, munitions and advances in information technology, Milley said. Much of the cutting-edge research has commercial origins but will have clear implications for land warfare, he said. In putting readiness first, Milley said he is trying to break the cycles of history where the U.S. has often been "unready" at the beginning of many conflicts. "We cannot allow ourselves to fall into this pattern," he said. In terms of what the Army needs to be ready to do, Milley had a laundry list of national security risks but the key concerns involve Russia, China, North Korea, Iran and a multitude of terrorist and militant organizations.

The two biggest military powers on his list, Russia and China, present different types of threats, he said. As he has said before, Milley said Russia is the greatest existential threat to the U.S. because of its military power and the aggressive nature it has shown since 2008. China also is a strong and quickly modernizing military power, but it has not shown similar aggression. "China is not an adversary at this time."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman, shares Milley's concerns about Army readiness and capabilities. "Readiness must be the first priority of the Army," McCain said in a written statement after Milley's remarks at the AUSA breakfast. "As global instability increases, the Army must be able to maintain an uncommitted force in readiness to respond to unforeseen contingencies. Yet as our Army shrinks, readiness suffers," The Army is "woefully behind on modernization," McCain said, describing the service as "essentially organized and equipped as it was in the 1980s. The main difference is that it is smaller. The Army must modernize for the harsh realities of 21st century warfare, Our soldiers must be trained and equipped for an increasingly diverse and complex range of threats. They must be able to win against peers in highly lethal, combined arms maneuver; near-peers in hybrid warfare conditions; and determined, unconventional insurgents."

#### **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 <u>SF 180</u>, 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

My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.

I tell you, my wife and I never have sex anymore. Every time we get undressed and look at each other, we can't stop laughing

I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her.

I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet.

I told my wife the truth. I told her I was seeing a psychiatrist. Then she told me the truth: that she was seeing a psychiatrist, two plumbers, and a bartender.

My wife likes to have sex in the car - She makes me drive!

My wife's a great driver, she once hit a deer. It was in a zoo.

My wife's a great driver, There are a pair of shoes on the dashboard. they belong to the last guy she hit.

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



#### **SOMETHING TO PONDER**

# FOR THE MOTHERS Children

The child asked God , "When I go to earth how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" God said , "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you. "The child then said, "But here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and be happy." God said, "Your angel will sing for you and also smile for you and you will feel your angels love and be very happy." Again the child asked, "How will I be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?" God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear and with much patience and care will teach you how to speak. "The child the asked, "How will be able to reach you when I need to talk to you?" God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray." The child asked, "Who will protect me?" God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life." The child said, "I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore." God said. "Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way to come back to me even though I will always be near you." At that moment there was much peace in heaven but voices could be heard from earth and the child asked, "God if I am to leave now please tell me my angels name."

God said, "You shall simply call her MOM."

**Author: Unknown** 

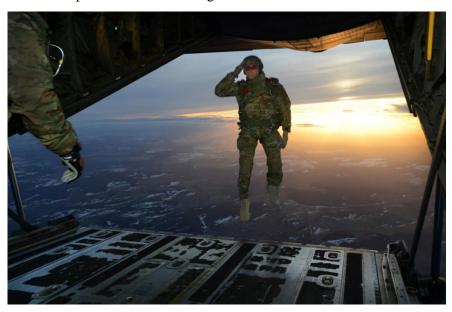


#### NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

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.





# 328 MP COMPANY, CHERRY HILL, NJ

# CPT Matt Neamand Commanding Officer



The 328MP Company is back from deployment at the Guantanamo Bay Facility.

# WELCOME HOME





# 3-112FA MORRISTOWN, NJ

# LTC Robert Hughes Commanding Officer



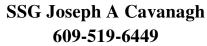






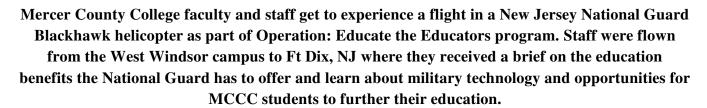
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# **NJARNG Recruiting and Retention Battalion**



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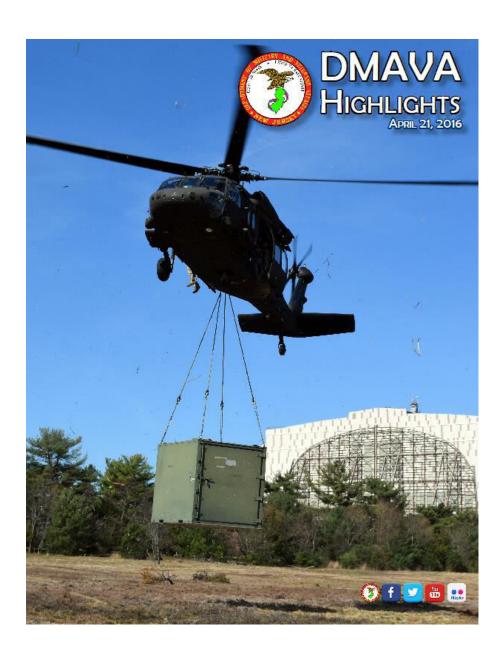


# **NJDMAVA Highlights**

# courtesy of

# BG Steven Ferrari, USARMY NG NJARNG (US) MSGT Mark C. Olsen, NJDMAVA/PAO

This is the cover of the April 21, 2016 issue. See the complete text and the newest issue at: <a href="https://www.dvidshub.net/publication/683/njdmava-highlights#.VyOPwXqwEu9">https://www.dvidshub.net/publication/683/njdmava-highlights#.VyOPwXqwEu9</a>



# **2016 Monthly Meeting Dates**

All Meetings are at the Cherry Hill Armory, 7:00pm

Saturday, 21 May 2016 112FA Sports Club Range14 at Ft Dix, 9:00am

Sunday, 22 May 2016 Armed Forces Day Brunch Kaminski's, 10:00am

Wednesday, 1 June 2016

**NO July meeting** 

Wednesday, 3 August 2016

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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Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2778







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.

## **WEB SITE**

www.112FA.org

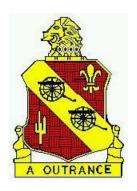
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# **FACEBOOK PAGE**

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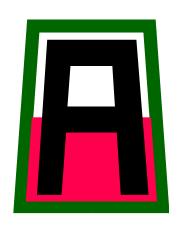






















2010 Afghanistan - M777

((courtesy-SPC Gallegos via COL George Bannon(USA Retired))