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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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Logistics Officer:	Ed McCarty

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Ed McCarty, Commander-CLA

Everybody is looking forward to the Halloween celebration with our kids and grand kids. For a decade or so not long ago, Halloween went out of style but came roaring back big time lately. Even Home Depot has pretty intricate displays for the holiday, it's really a fun time with our families and neighbors.

We will have an update on the Christmas party at our next meeting. We are still planning to have it at the armory, pending any news on the planned renovations of the building. We had a pretty nasty morning at our October Ft Dix visit of the 112FA Sports Club, so we canceled it. Big difference when you have to spend the day in the wind and rain while on active duty, and spending the day in the wind and rain when retired. We'll have another chance on Wednesday, 16 November 1:00pm to get in another day at the range; during the week this time.

Please remember to keep looking for a restaurant where we can share a meal together on our holiday occasions. We have a couple now in our inventory, but should have a couple alternatives to choose from as well. See you at the next monthly meeting.

SUMMARY OF THE 5 OCTOBER 2016 MEETING

Sydney Silverman, Adjutant

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of The Camden Light Artillery was held on 5 October 2016 at 1905 hours and called to order by the Adjutant. The pledge of allegiance was said by Commander Ed McCarty and invocation was given by Ronnie Powell.

ATTENDEES

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

SICK CALL

1. Bill Finck- had quadruple bypass and is doing well.
2. Jim Raffensperger- was not present this evening because he had Carotid Artery surgery. He is doing well.
3. Pat Constantine- she is doing good after returning from the hospital.
4. Tom Monaghan- He was in Cooper Hospital because of problems with his defibrillator. He is home now and doing good.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the October 2016 meeting were accepted as reported and a motion was made by **1SGT Ed Powell**. It was seconded and they were unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Available from the financial officer.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Our Christmas function may have to be held elsewhere this year dependent upon what is happening with the renovation work on the armory. The work is to begin in three weeks. Stage 1 is the roof and then the HVAC in Feb/March of 2017.
6. **Ed Powell, Santiago Marti, and Chet Malik** will form a work party to remove the window AC units. Our meeting room will be reduced in width to accommodate enlargement of the ladies showers and lavatory.
7. Stage 2 the building entry way will be reworked and the old heating system will be removed and replaced. Sometime after that the windows will be replaced.
8. On the 23rd of October there will be a Revolutionary War Reenactment in National Park, NJ.
9. The 25th of October Pentagon bus trip. Cost is \$65.00 per person.

OLD BUSINESS

The 112FA Sports Club met at Range 14 on the 24th of September.

The Patriot's Day Brunch at the Lamppost Diner was nicely attended.

A suggestion to go to Rexies Bar next year was made by Ed Powell. This venue has been renovated and the food is good as reported by Ed.

There was a gun show at Oaks, PA and at the Valley Forge Casino.

The Stand Down was a mob scene(well attended) last Friday 30th September 2016. It went very well. **Tom Monaghan** worked all day at the event which was sponsored by The Battleship NJ group.

Soldier's weekend at Fort Mott was an event worth seeing. It covered the Revolution up to Vietnam with reenactors. There was some participants dressed as Roman Legionnaires. A Confederate group brought Artillery pieces which they fired.

STAFF REPORTS

None to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Warren Strumpfer entertained nominations from the floor for Executive Officer, Finance Officer, and Logistics Officer. Warren read the Constitution and By-Laws related to this process. Those

wishing to participate on the nominating Committee can contact Warren. Phil Willows, Paul Rini, and Chet Malik volunteered for the Nominating Committee.

COL(Ret) Parvin asked for the floor to express concerns about our solvency and ways to increase our financial stability. He was assured that we were financially stable and that there will be meetings of the officers concerning this important issue. Warren indicated that an audit committee will be formed to address the issue. The Finance Officer indicated that the Dining Out is a break even event. The Ad Book is what brings in the funds to grow the treasury of our 501 (c) 7 nonprofit.

Mrs. Ronnie Powell asked that Wreaths Across America to be sponsored again this year by CLAA.

Chet Malik, who is a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, announced the sale of 50/50.

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

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE

Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian



"Silence is not always a Sign of Wisdom, but Babbling is always a Folly."

SOMETHING TO PONDER

"It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity."

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)



112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS

Brian Strecker, Chairman

BALANCE WALK



Good balance helps you walk safely and avoid tripping and falling over objects in your way.

- 1. Raise arms to sides, shoulder height.**
- 2. Choose a spot ahead of you and focus on it to keep you steady as you walk.**
- 3. Walk in a straight line with one foot in front of the other.**
- 4. As you walk, lift your back leg. Pause for 1 second before stepping forward.**
- 5. Repeat for 20 steps, alternating legs.**

Tip: As you progress, try looking from side to side as you walk, but skip this step if you have inner ear problems.

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 Summer Outing at Range14 at Ft Dix, NJ on Saturday, 27 August 2016 and 24 September. The next trip to Ft Dix will be Wednesday, 16 November 2016. Watch your emails and the web site for additional Outings.



M2 HB

Smith & Wesson Dropped from Consideration

**Matthew Cox
(military.com)**

The U.S. Army has dropped Smith & Wesson from its Modular Handgun System competition, according to a Sept. 23 report Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation made to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Smith & Wesson, which was partnered with General Dynamics, was one of five gun makers competing to replace the Army's M9 9mm pistol.

"We and our partner in the pursuit of the U.S. Army's Modular Handgun System, or MHS, solicitation to replace the M9 standard Army sidearm have been notified by the Department of the Army that our proposal was not selected to advance to the next phase of the competition," according to the SEC report.

TheFirearmBlog.com was the first to report the news about Smith & Wesson.

As far as we know, the Army is still evaluating striker-fired pistols from Glock, Sig Sauer, Beretta and FN Herstal, according to a source familiar with the competition. It will be interesting to find out why Smith & Wesson didn't make it to the next round of MHS.

"We are assessing our options in response to the notification and remain focused on achieving our long-term strategy of organically and inorganically expanding our product offerings in the consumer market for shooting, hunting, and rugged outdoor enthusiasts," Smith & Wesson officials said in the SEC report.



****** NEW COLUMN ******

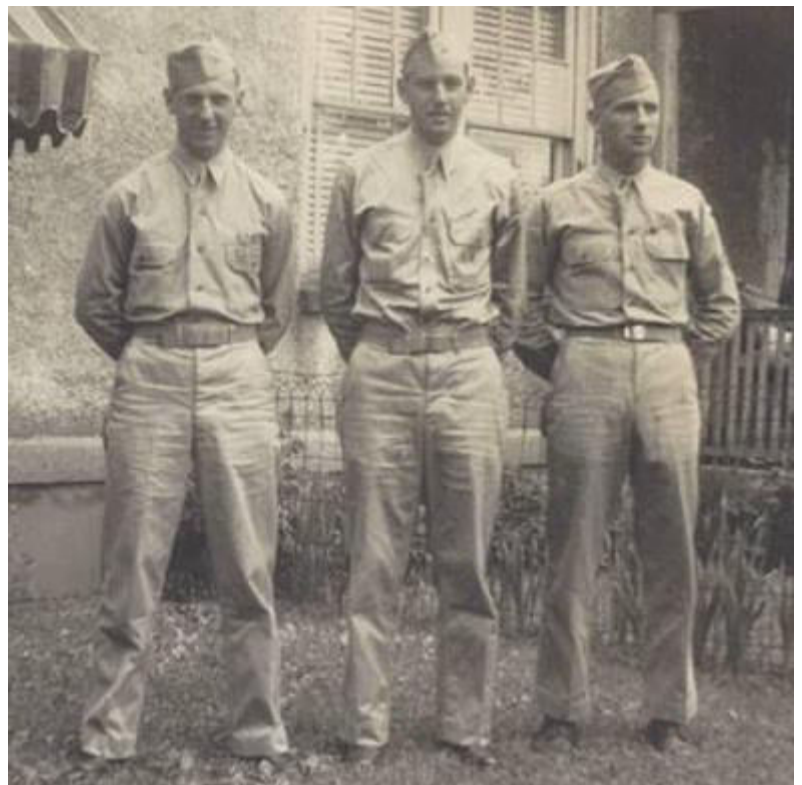
PERSONAL STORIES AND MEMORIES

Our Trip to Italy

COL(Ret) George Bannon

"We were in Rome a couple of weeks ago and made a pilgrimage by train to the Rome-Sicily American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy, near Anzio. We paid our respects to my mother's cousin (my first cousin, once removed), Tom Harmon from Metuchen. Tom was killed at the age of 18 years and 3 months, 10 days after making the Anzio amphibious landing during WWII. The Italian caretaker was kind enough to rub dark sand into the lettering on the cross so it would contrast with the white marble. That visit was a sobering experience.

The other photo was taken some time prior to 1944 during WWII, in the front yard of the house I grew up in, and shows Tom on the left, his brother George in the middle and my uncle Fred Vickery on the right. Back in those days, everybody served."



Couple uses 'political dummies' to mobilize voters MAJ(Ret) Phil and Betty McGarrigan

Amanda Ota Wednesday, July 27th 2016 (Sinclair Broadcast Group)

Riding as passengers in a yellow Volkswagen Beetle, dummy versions of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton present a unified message. "Register to Vote," a sign along the side of the car reads.

Wednesday afternoon, the car sat parked on a street by the National Constitution Center as Phil and Betty McGarrigan prepared for a day of greeting passersby who stopped to take photos with the faux political candidates.

"The political dummies," as the McGarrigan's call them, were an idea that began in 1999.

While they're from Pennsylvania, the McGarrigan's travel all over the United States, bringing the dummies along with them on vacations, and to conventions and political events across the country.

"We were out in Cleveland, too, we've been to Denver, we've been to Boston," Betty McGarrigan said. When they travel, the McGarrigan's transport the dummies in what they jokingly call "body bags," packing the inflatable limbs into duffle bags.

All the dummies are popular, Betty McGarrigan explained, especially with the tourists.

"We go to D.C. and it's crazy, because there are so many tourists," Betty McGarrigan said.

Asked if they ever face pushback, the couple noted that they make a point to have both a Democrat and Republican dummy riding along with them, though they have been criticized for the way they seat the characters.

"We got in trouble with Obama," Phil McGarrigan recalled. "Because we had him in the back seat. The thing is when people are taking picture you got the right wing and the left wing."

"That's how I position them all the time!" Betty McGarrigan chimed in, questioning whether she should make a sign explaining the seating arrangement.

Often times, the McGarrigan's said, they are asked by people whom they should vote for.

"We're not telling you who to vote for, just get out and make sure you're registered," Phil McGarrigan said.



WHY WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD

Last week I told my wife that a man is like wine, he gets better with age. She locked me in the cellar.

Last week I felt romantic and took my wife to a drive-in, I spent the whole night trying to find which car she was in.

I tell you, we never hit it off. My wife's an earth sign, I'm a water sign; together we make ***MUD.***

My wife's the worst cook in the world. She made vegetable soup, it spelled out HELP!.

My wife's the worst cook in the world. How can toast have bones?

My wife's a strict vegetarian. When I met her she was grazing on the front lawn.

My wife's so dumb, it takes her an hour and a half to watch '60 Minuets'.

On Halloween, my wife sends my kids out dressed like me.

I come from a stupid family. During the Civil War my great uncle fought for the west!

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



A SHORT HISTORY OF THE U.S. ARMY UNIFORM

(www.military.com)

Late-18th Century

The traditions of the United States Army, including its uniform and accoutrements, are rooted in the British Army of the 18th Century. Clothing of this period was characterized by tightly fitted smallclothes (waistcoat and breeches) and coats with tight fitted sleeves. Generally speaking, each soldier would receive a uniform consisting of a wool regimental coat with linen smallclothes in the spring, and a wool regimental coat with woolen smallclothes in the fall.

Regulations published in 1779 established the Army uniform as blue with colored facings based on region: white for New England; red for the Mid-Atlantic; and blue for the South. Musicians wore uniform coats in reverse colors. In 1782, blue coats faced with red became standard for everyone except generals and staff officers.

Early America (1786-1833)

The year 1812 was a very confusing one in regards to uniforms. Because of a shortage of blue cloth, coatees made of drab, black, brown, or gray cloth were issued to various Regular Army infantry regiments during the winter of 1812-1813. These were made in the same manner as the regulation coatee with red cuffs and collar, and in most cases with the white binding (the 25th through 28th Infantry Regiments received blue coatees with red cuffs and collar, but with white binding lace on the collar only). In February 1813, the white binding was dropped altogether. In May 1813 uniform regulations were again revised. The new uniform coatee was single-breasted with a 10-button closure in front. The red collar and cuffs were eliminated and lace binding was to be on the collar only in either white for infantry or yellow for artillery. The regulations also introduced a new cap or shako copied directly from the Belgic-type cap worn by the British Infantry. This uniform would remain in service with only minor alterations into the 1820s.

Mid-19th Century (1833-1850)

Changes to the Army structure prompted changes to the uniform regulations. The uniform coatee introduced by the regulations of 1833 was not much different than its predecessors. It was single-breasted for privates with nine buttons in front, and lace on the collar. The buttons were of a new pattern and worsted epaulettes replaced the shoulder wings used previously. The wool lace continued to be white for infantry and yellow for artillery. The new regiment of dragoons also received yellow lace. Branch insignia was also introduced although the metal color continued to be yellow for mounted soldiers and white for foot troops. The new branch insignia authorized in 1833 included an eagle with a hunting horn for infantry and an eagle with crossed gun tubes for artillery. The Regiment of light dragoons received a bi-metal insignia consisting of a yellow federal eagle on a white metal sunburst.

Mid-19th Century (1851-1872)

The uniforms introduced under the regulations of 1851 were relatively short-lived, but the changes that were made were significant for the Army. The frock coat was introduced as the service uniform for all soldiers, thus eliminating the coatee. A system of branch colors was also introduced: Prussian blue for Infantry, scarlet for Artillery, orange for Dragoons, green for Mounted Rifles, and black for Staff.

The regulations of 1858 and 1860 established the uniform that defined the Union soldier in the American Civil War: the Army Hat in black felt with appropriate branch insignia; the frock coat with branch piping for foot troops; uniform jackets with branch colored lace for mounted troops; and sky-blue trousers. In addition, a four-button, blue wool sack coat and a forage cap (sometimes referred to as a "kepi") were authorized for fatigue and field wear.

Late-19th Century (1872-1902)

During this period the Army decided to make significant changes based upon field experience and recommendations. For field service the Army chose to adopt the "Swiss Blouse" recommended by Assistant Surgeon Woodhull. The distinctive feature of this garment was four pleats running down each side in front from the shoulders to the bottom of the skirt. The purpose of the pleats was quite revolutionary, introducing the concept of layering. The coat was loose enough that it could be worn with up to three wool shirts and a waistcoat in cold weather and still allow for freedom of movement. This coat was almost universally despised by the average soldier, particularly those serving on the western frontier, and the concept of layering would not be revived by the Quartermaster Department until World War II.

Early 20th Century (1902-1926)

Between 1902 and 1904 the Army introduced a staggering variety of rank, branch and specialist insignia in either bright colors for full dress and drab or bronze colors for the field, far more than we can deal with in this study. World War I broke out in August 1914 and almost immediately had an impact on Army uniforms. Most notable was the color change to the wool service uniform because of the non-availability of German dyed wool (American manufacturers could not match the German formula for the olive drab color).

Mid-20th Century (1926-1956)

In 1938 service breeches, both summer and winter, were eliminated except for soldiers engaged in mounted duties. They were replaced with the Pattern 1937 service trousers, in olive drab light shade wool serge for winter and cotton khaki for summer. The specifications for the wool and khaki shirts were also modified. With millions of men and woman in uniform, the amount of insignia used by the Army grew dramatically, reflecting the large and complex structure of the force. Technician grades were added to the rank structure in 1942 and were reflected by a "T"

centered below the chevrons. A T/5 was equal to a corporal, a T/4 to a sergeant, and a T/3 to a staff sergeant; however, the ranks were not considered to be NCOs in a leadership sense. In May 1941 it was announced that the blue denim fatigue uniform would be phased out and replaced with an olive drab, herringbone cotton twill (HBT) uniform. The new uniform was single breasted with five black metal tack buttons in front, plus a waist band with two additional buttons. The jacket also had a notched lapel with a fall collar, and two patch-type breast pockets with a split pleat in the center and a flap secured by a single metal tack button. The uniform was intended for both fatigue and field use. In November 1942, an improved version was released. Based on field experience, the breast pockets were made larger with a bellows gusset on the outer edge, and the waist band was eliminated. Treated with an anti-vesicant compound, HBTs were also used as chemical protective garments, particularly during the Invasion of France in June 1944. In March 1943, a specification change was made, changing the color of HBTs to a darker Olive Drab Shade 7. In the early 1950s, the Army asked Hattie Carnegie, a popular fashion designer, to restyle the Woman's Army Corps service uniform. The wool serge, taupe jacket she designed "had a high, round collar, slightly padded shoulders, and a nipped-in waist." The tailoring of the matching skirt became more feminine with rounded hips and a calf-length hem. The uniform was worn with a tan shirtwaist, cafe brown oxfords or pumps, and a matching service hat. Manufacture and issue of the new uniform began in 1952, and its reception by the members of the WAC was generally less than favorable.

Late 20th, Early 21st Century (1954-2006)

In 1954 the Army began to make changes to the uniform that it had been contemplating since just after the end of World War II. One of the most significant factors affecting decisions made about the new uniforms was the philosophy embraced by the Army leadership that officers and enlisted uniforms should be the same, distinguished only by insignia. Although the changes began in 1954, it would take until the end of the decade before they were fully implemented. On September 2, 1954 the adoption of the Army Green Uniform in shade 44 was announced, but it was not until September 1956 that it became available at Quartermaster Clothing Sales Stores, and late 1957 before it began being issued to inductees. After a transition period to allow wear-out of existing uniforms, the green uniform became mandatory service dress in September 1961. In 1963, tropical combat clothing was type classified for production and issued to soldiers serving in Vietnam. There were three basic patterns of Tropical Combat Coats. The first was made of olive green shade 107, wind resistant cotton poplin with two slanted bellows-type breast pockets and two bellows type lower pockets on the coat. The pockets had flaps secured by two exposed plastic buttons, an interior button over gas flap, shoulder loops, and a double button adjustment tab on each side at the waist. The second pattern coat was the basically the same as the first pattern except that all of the buttons were covered to prevent snagging in jungle terrain. On October 1, 1981 the Army introduced the Battle Dress Uniform or BDUs. This uniform was descended from the tropical combat uniform of the Vietnam War and consisted of a coat made of a nylon and cotton blend in woodland pattern camouflage with matching trousers, and a field cap. Because

combat experience in Grenada showed that the BDU uniform was too hot for tropical climates, the Army authorized the wearing of the old tropical combat uniform for several years while adjustments were made.

Present Day

Currently, almost every branch includes digital camouflage in their uniforms. This trend began with the Marines who were unwilling to share the design – so much so that USMC was interwoven into the pattern to prevent other branches adopting it outright. The Army responded by investing millions of dollars in a custom version of the digital camouflage which raised some contention with the Marines. The Army is currently developing its third iteration of this design.

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

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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**



LTC Stramaglia is a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point. He comes to the 3-112FA with extensive active duty and National Guard Artillery experience. He has had multiple domestic and overseas deployments.

We all wish LTC Stramaglia the best as BN CO at 3-112FA.



LTC Brian Stramaglia BN CO 3-112FA



LTC Robert Hughes & Family

Pictures Courtesy CSM(Ret) Thomas Slowinski



**Change of Command
LTC Stramaglia, LTC Hughes, CSM Horan
COL Schriecks, CO 50 IBCT**



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1LT Domenico Lazzaro

Commanding Officer



The unit is back from their deployment and in residence.



2016 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

Wednesday, 2 November 2016 Monthly Meeting - 7:00pm

Wednesday, 16 November 2016 Range 14 at Ft. Dix, NJ - 1:00pm

Wednesday, 7 December 2016 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

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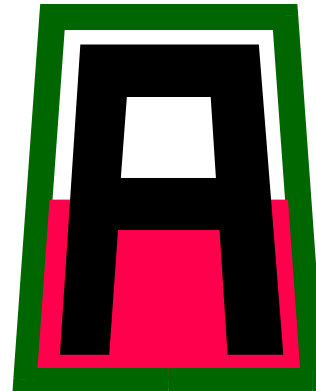
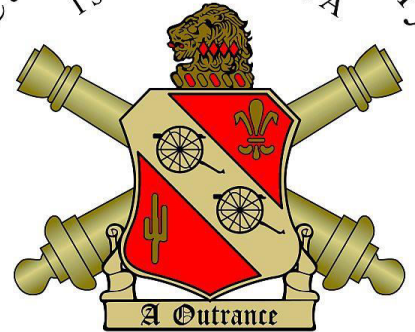
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2010 Afghanistan - M777
((courtesy-SPC Gallegos via COL George Bannon(USA Retired))