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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

Ed McCarty, Commander-CLA

Improvements on the armory are ongoing and like many construction projects, it seems like things get worse before they get better. The building still leaks so we will meet again this month in the Woodbury Armory. Thanks to CSM Lum Harris and the 114th Infantry Reg and the State of NJ for their hospitality. We really are impressed with their museum collection. If you get a chance, come early to the 3 May meeting and spend some time with the military collection, you'll find something new each time you visit, it really is quite impressive, hats off to their hard work and creativeness. It's a warm and welcoming space with lots of memories. Please join us in late April for our first outing to Range 14 at Fort Dix, we always have a great day. Please send in your reservation for our dining out on 3 June at Tavistock CC. Tickets are selling fast, so reserve your seats for you and your family to enjoy our time together. Reserve Saturday, 20 May for our Armed Forces Day breakfast.

Yours in Brotherhood.

SUMMARY OF THE 1 MARCH 2017 MEETING

Sydney Silverman, Adjutant

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of The Camden Light Artillery was held on 8 March 2017 at 1900 hours at the Woodbury Armory and called to order by the Commanding Officer. The pledge of allegiance and the invocation was led by our Commanding Officer.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

All officers were present except the XO who had been locked out at the front door, by accident.

ATTENDEES

No guests or new members were present.

SICK CALL

Warren Strumpfer was not feeling well enough to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the January 2017 meeting were accepted as reported and they were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Available from the financial officer.

NEW BUSINESS

A member of the 1-112FA since 1984 and having served as BN EXO, **BG Steven Ferrari**, is now the Commanding General of the 42nd Infantry Division (Rainbow). Several members of the unit have been invited to attend the Change of Commands Ceremony in Albany, NY. **BG Ferrari** was in charge of all Veterans Medical Facilities in the State of New Jersey.

OLD BUSINESS

The work on the armory is going forward. Some of the east and west facing windows in the roof over the drill floor will be retained and all of the north, south are gone. New lighting fixtures have been installed over the drill floor and upgrades to the electrical and HVAC systems have started. Next week, representatives from the State, the 328MP and members of our staff will meet at the Armory to review progress on the renovations.

When our lease is up this spring we will have to see where CLAA will meet because we could lose our meeting room. If we get the club room it could become our meeting room and museum. We will send a letter of our wants and needs. We look after the building and we have a history of 60 years with the building and so we should request use of the club room. It was traditionally our 'Officers Club'. We would like to use it again. The state will meet with the Finance officer and the Commanding Officer to resolve these issues. The future of the Armory is not known, however, after the state has spent many million dollars to upgrade the building it is likely that it will remain an Armory.

The 328th has 42% female members, therefore, better facilities for the women are in the plans.

We may have to readjust our meeting schedule or return to the Woodbury National Guard Armory next month if environmental issues still exist due to construction.

Ed McCarty mentioned that now that the weather is improving the Sport's Club will be able to schedule Spring meets. Gun show locations and dates can be found in the American Rifleman Magazine(NRA) and additional notifications will be forwarded.

Nominating Committee named the following

XO: Edward Powell

Financial Officer: Marc Kantor

Logistics Officer: Richard Tomasso

A vote taken and the slate of officers was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

none

STAFF REPORTS

None to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

The Finance Officer and SGT Marti mentioned that the new T-shirts will be available next month.

Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours.

SUMMARY OF THE 5 APRIL 2017 MEETING

Sydney Silverman, Adjutant

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of The Camden Light Artillery was held on 5 April 2017 at the Woodbury Armory. The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1902 hours, who let the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. Afterwards, a moment of silence to observe the passing of Brigadier General George Blysak, may he rest in peace.

ATTENDEES

Roll call of officers all present.

SICK CALL

Bill Groff is recovering from pneumonia.

Jake Parvin is recovering from a fall and spent the night in the hospital.

Bill Hickson of C battery passed away and his service was held today. In April he was 75 years old.

Bob and Pat Constantine are on the mend.

Brian Streker is not in attendance because he is not feeling well after cancer therapy.

GUEST ATTENDEE

CPT(Ret) Ruben Rosenthal, served two tours in Vietnam, THANK YOU for your brave and selfless service Captain. He is a friend of CPT(Ret) Marc Kantor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Available from the financial officer.

NEW BUSINESS

Our Dining Out will be Saturday, 3 June 2017 at Tavistock Country Club. We are up in the air about party favors as yet. The consensus is that if nothing is done this will be OK. Reminder, a reminder that the ticket price doesn't cover the per plate cost of the meal, our ad book provides the subsidy. The CO has asked for volunteers to come early to help decorate.

Dependent and survivors information is now available on our website.

24 April is Retirees Appreciation Day at Ft Dix.

The Indian King Tavern Museum brochure of schedule of events to visitors is available.

The 112FA Sports Club will meet Saturday, 22 April 2017, weather permitting, at the range office of Range14 at Ft Dix 0900.

We are asking for stories, memories and photos for the Powder Bag.

Saturday, 20 May 2017 is the Armed Forces Day brunch location to be announced.

OLD BUSINESS

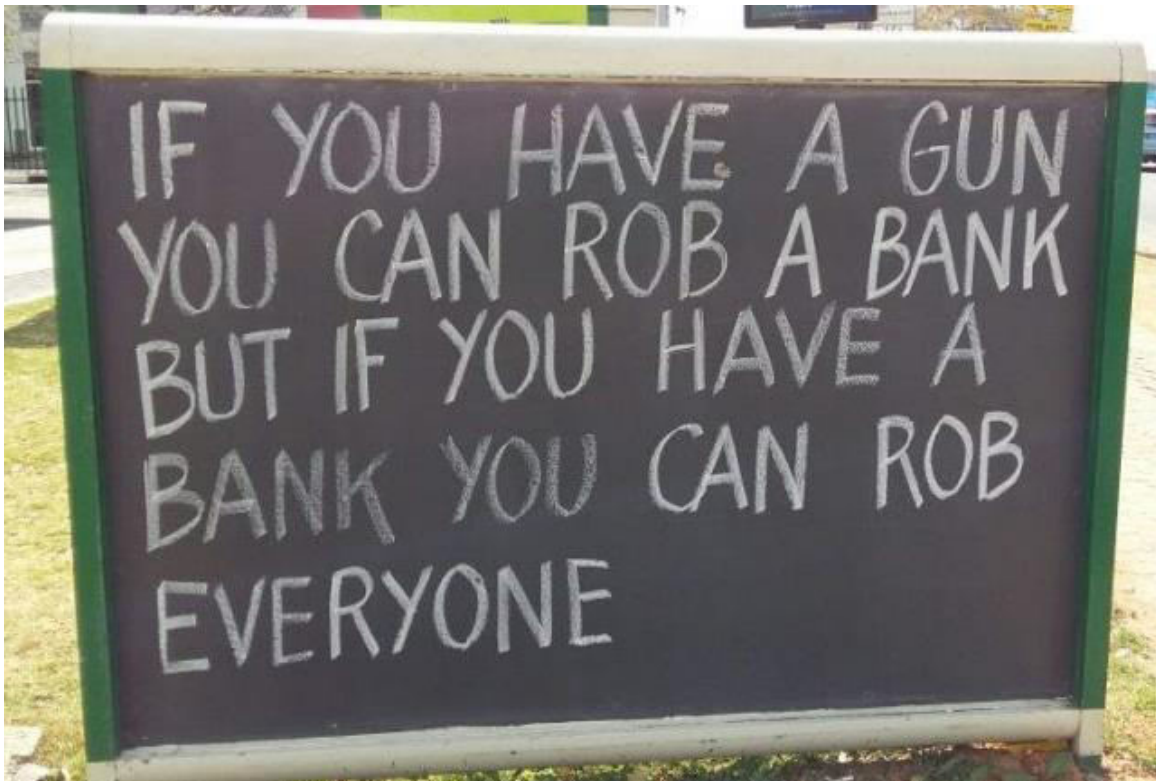
The work on the Cherry Hill Armory has been interrupted again due to removal of additional asbestos in the building. Work should continue within the week. There will be air-conditioning in all areas of the building except for the drill floor. The consensus is that we will not be able to get back into the building for a year.

The Cherry Hill Community Center may be able to accommodate us.

STAFF REPORTS

None to report.

Meeting adjourned at 2025 hours.



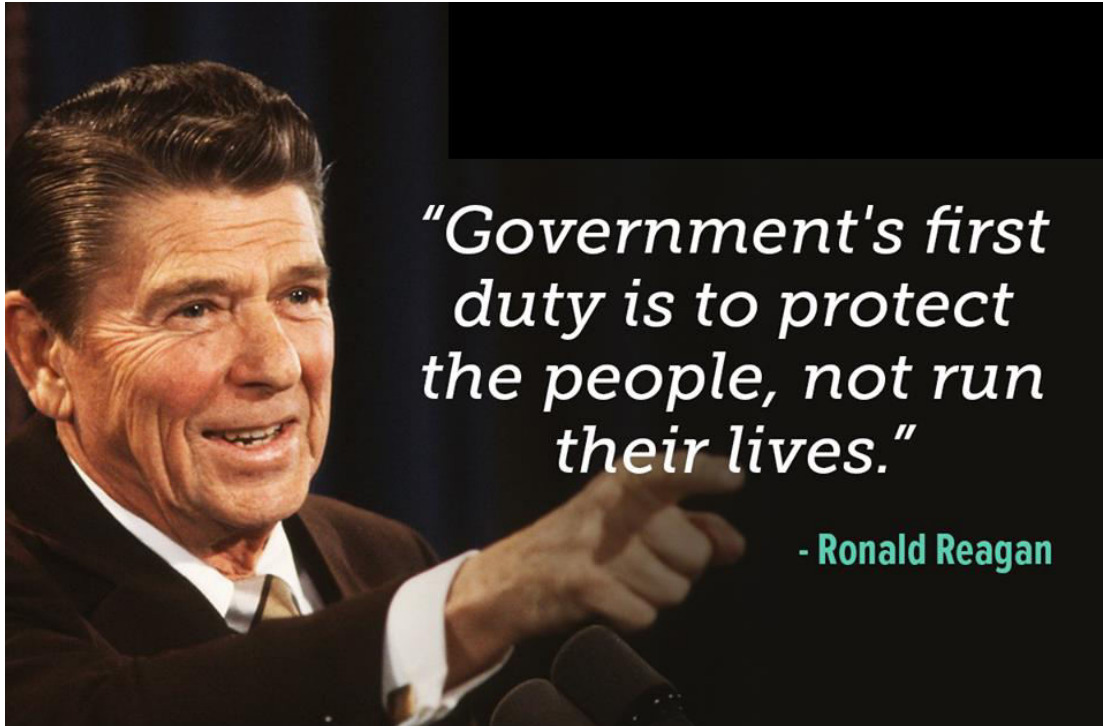
2017 ANNUAL DINING OUT AND ARTILLERY REUNION

Our 2017 Dining Out will take place at Tavistock Country Club

SATURDAY, 3 JUNE 2017

Please send in your reservation ASAP

SOMETHING TO PONDER



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE

Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian



"There's more old drunkards than old doctors."



Flag of the Field Artillery School, FT SILL, OK

BG GEORGE BLYSAK

After a long illness, BG Blysak passed on 17 March 2017. 1-112FA Camden Light Artillery Association expresses heartfelt sadness and our condolences to his loving wife, Fran.
May he rest in peace.





President Trump Stands With Military ‘100 Percent’

President Donald Trump vowed that his administration will stand with the U.S. military “100 percent” and will ensure it has the equipment, training and resources “to get the job done” in the battle against radical Islamic terrorism.

Trump made that vow in brief remarks Monday during a visit to U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., where he had lunch with soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines stationed there. It was his first major public visit with troops since his inauguration.

Trump, in office fewer than three weeks, told his multiservice audience that his administration will “stand with you 100 percent. We will protect those who protect us, and we will never let you down.” He said the men and women serving in CENTCOM and SOCOM “have poured out their hearts and souls for this country.

“You have shed your blood across the continents and oceans, engaged the enemy on distant battlefields, toiled in burning heat and bitter cold, sacrificed everything so we can remain safe and strong and free.”

Trump commended those troops for serving at “the very center of our fight against radical Islamic terrorism. America stands in awe of your courage,” he said.

“The men and women of our U.S. military are the greatest fighters for justice on the face of the Earth. We are up against an enemy that celebrates death and totally worships destruction. America and its allies will defeat them. Freedom, security and justice will prevail.”

AUSA Feb 2017



VP Pence Vows Support for Military

Vice President Mike Pence assured an audience of U.S. Military Academy cadets in West Point, N.Y., that he and President Donald Trump “will always have your backs.”

“You will have everything you need, and more, to defeat those who confront our nation and threaten our freedom, and to protect this country,” Pence said recently during the annual Lt. Henry O. Flipper Dinner, named to honor the memory of the academy’s first African-American graduate.

The nation needs its military “now more than ever” to confront numerous threats around the world, Pence said. “Old enemies have reared their ugly heads once more, and new ones have arisen, too. They will not stop until we stop them. And we will stop them.”

Pence told the cadets his father was a soldier who served in combat during the Korean War. His son is a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

He promised that the services will have “the resources and the training they need to accomplish their mission, protect our families, and come home safe to theirs.”

AUSA Feb 2017



\$30 Billion Defense Hike Is First Step

The \$30 billion increase sought by the Trump administration in the 2017 budget isn't enough to fix all the military's shortfalls but is the amount "we can implement responsibly" during this fiscal year, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told Congress.

Extra money is earmarked for readiness, such as improving deployability of Army brigades, Mattis said. The Army would get more than \$8 billion of the increase requested by the Trump administration in an amendment to the \$577.9 billion defense budget for fiscal 2017 submitted to Congress last year by the previous administration. The Defense Department and the rest of the federal government has been operating under temporary spending since the fiscal year began Oct. 1. That interim funding expires at the end of April.

Mattis, the retired Marine general who is running the Pentagon without any political appointees heading any of the services, said the \$30 billion is the first of three steps the Trump administration plans to take. The second step will be an increase in the 2018 defense budget. The White House has announced this will include a \$54 billion increase in the defense budget, but has not provided specifics. The third step will be to design a budget for 2019 and beyond, Mattis said.

President Donald Trump "is committed to strengthening our military," Mattis said, but the administration also wants to avoid needless overspending.

**Association of the United States Army
March 22, 2017**

112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS

Brian Strecker, Chairman

BALANCE

Tai Chi



Tip: Try to put aside distracting thoughts and focus on being aware of your movements.

Balance is important to help you perform many of your daily activities and prevent falls. Research has shown that tai chi can significantly reduce the risk of falls among older people. In tai chi, which is sometimes called "moving meditation," you work to improve your balance by moving your body slowly, gently, and precisely, while breathing deeply.

Other benefits from practicing tai chi include:

- improvements in bone and heart health**
- easing of pain and stiffness from osteoarthritis**
- better sleep**
- improvements in overall wellness**

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 next 112FA Sports Club meet at Ft Dix is Saturday, 22 April 2017. Watch your emails and the web site for additional Outings.

Fundamental Safety - first and always

Springfield Armory® 2017

While this may seem obvious, it's vital to learn and always practice firearm safety. Sometimes even experienced shooters get too comfortable in their routines and become lax with gun safety. This is never acceptable. You should always be a good student and ambassador of the universal firearm safety rules.

Treat all firearms as if loaded

Never point a gun at something you are not willing to destroy

Know your target and what's beyond

Keep your finger off the trigger until the sights are on target

Follow Range Rules

This goes without saying, but we'll say it anyway - follow the rules of the shooting range you're on. Shooting ranges operate on fairly similar rules, but each individual range will most likely have unique rules. If you have a specific question, call the range before heading over. This could save you some time and grief. If you're wanting to shoot your new SAINT™, some indoor ranges may not allow rifles. Most ranges have specific rules about ammunition, also, and don't allow steel-core (armor piercing) ammo.

Listen to the Range Safety Officer

Range safety officers (RSOs) are present for everyone's safety. Unfortunately, they sometimes get a bad rap for yelling (remember, we all have ear protection on) or being mean. Trust us - they have a hard, risk-filled job where they occasionally get guns pointed at them - a job most people would probably not want. So why not help make their jobs easier? If you follow the firearm safety rules, practice good range etiquette and are always listening for and following the RSO's commands, you should never get singled out or yelled at by the "mean" RSO.

Slow and Easy

If you are a beginning shooter, you are undoubtedly experiencing a lot of new rules, terminology, techniques and procedures. Flat out - it can be overwhelming.

Kippi Leatham instructs her new shooters to "slow down - take the extra time to think about what you are doing - at all times. Think about where the muzzle is pointed - think about where your trigger finger is."

Safety is always the No. 1 priority when handling firearms. Once you make the commitment to learn proper gun safety and get some experience under your belt, you'll realize that it's the best investment you can make.

Loading and Unloading

When you are on a shooting line, there are going to be other shooters next to you. For this reason, it is of the utmost importance that the muzzle never points to the right or left of you. Take extra care when loading and unloading your firearm, making certain to keep the muzzle pointed downrange. If you need more leverage to manipulate the slide, turn your body sideways (versus the gun). This enables you to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, as opposed to pointing it at the person next to you.

Cease Fires

During a "cease fire" RSOs require you to unload your gun and lock the slide/cylinder open and then ask you to step behind a visible line on the ground while shooters go downrange to tape and set targets. Firearms are *not* allowed to be handled during a cease fire. Once unloaded, leave the firearms alone and grab everything you need from the firing line before backing across the line (phone, water bottle, etc.). Cease fires are a good time to chat with the shooter next to you, hydrate, send a text or check some emails. Just do all of this behind the cease fire line.

Don't Backseat Shoot

How many people are fans of backseat drivers? Probably not many. The same goes for the gun range. Unless someone asks, it's courteous to keep the technique corrections and tips to your own lane, even if the person next to you isn't using the stance you would.

However, if someone is doing something dangerous, it needs to be addressed immediately. Report the incident to the RSO, or, if you are comfortable, deal with it directly.

One Last Thing

Make sure to clean up after yourself when you're done shooting. Any brass, ammo boxes or miscellaneous trash should be picked up. It might seem like a small ordeal, but leaving your mess for someone else to clean up is frustrating for the next person and leaves a less-than-stellar impression.

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.

PERSONAL STORIES AND MEMORIES

1SG(Ret) Joseph Scioli

Happy 308th birthday to the National Guard. You did not hear it but I just sang the birthday song.

The following piece of useless information is from someone, me, who has to carry a note when going to the store.

The National Guard was officially established on December 13th in 1636 and the oldest units that still exist are the following:

101st Engineer Battalion - 101st Field Artillery Regiment - 181st Infantry - 182nd Infantry

The most often quoted battle cry that is still used today came from the 101st Artillery unit when, in their first battle against a much larger British Division, realizing they would soon be over run.

A Private named Jeppeta Scioli yelled loud a clear

"Where the hell are the other 100 Regiments?"

Them darn enlisted men are always complaining!

NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

Announcer: Faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a locomotive! Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound!

Voices: Look, up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's SUPERMAN!

Announcer: Yes, it's SUPERMAN, strange visitor from another planet, who came to Earth with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men. Superman, who can change the course of mighty rivers, bend steel in his bare hands, and who, disguised as Clark Kent, mild-mannered reporter for a great metropolitan newspaper, fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice and the AMERICAN WAY.



BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN FERRARI

**Commanding General, 42d Infantry Division
New York Army National Guard.**



Previously he served as the the New Jersey Department of and the Assistant Adjutant Jersey Army National Guard. assignments include Deputy Maneuver, 42nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Deputy Adjutant General for Military and Veterans Affairs General - Army for the New His previous leadership Commanding General - Division and the 50th Infantry

BG Ferrari joined the New Jersey Army National Guard in January 1981 and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia in March 1982. BG Ferrari served as the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom (2008-2009) which served as a Security Force Brigade with duties in Camp Cropper, Camp Bucca, Balad, Ashraf and Baghdad.

He has held numerous field artillery staff assignments and leadership positions at the battery and battalion level before assignments to the New Jersey Army National Guard Joint Force Headquarters as Director of Military Support, Strategic Planner and Chief of Staff. BG Ferrari was **BN EXO of 1-112FA.**

He served as the Assistant Division Commander, 42nd Infantry Division, from 2011-2015. He is a 2000 graduate of the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems and a 2007 graduate of the United States Army War College.

His award and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal Army, Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass and M Device), Iraqi Campaign Medal (with Campaign Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, New Jersey Ribbon of Honor (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), New Jersey Merit Award, New Jersey Desert Storm Support Ribbon, New Jersey State Service Award, (with Oak Leaf Cluster), New York Meritorious Service Medal and the New Jersey Governor's Unit Award.

WHY WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD

I came from a real tough neighborhood.

In the local restaurant I sat down and had broken leg of lamb.

In the library the sign says "shut the f..k up"!

Once a guy pulled a knife on me. I knew he wasn't a professional, the knife had butter on it.

I bought a waterbed and found a guy at the bottom of it.

I put my hand in some cement and felt another hand.

On my street, the kids take hubcaps - from moving cars.

You think your football team is tough? My high school football team was tough. They'd sack the quarterback then go after his family.

My hometown was so small the village idiot doubled as the mayor.

I came from a real tough neighborhood. Why, every time I shut the window I hurt somebody's fingers.

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



Lt. Gen. Harold “Hal” Moore Jr.

Feb. 16, 2017AUSA

Infantry icon retired Army Lt. Gen. Harold “Hal” Moore Jr. was buried Feb. 17 at the Fort Benning, Ga., post cemetery following a memorial service at the National Infantry Museum. The 94-year-old died Feb. 10 at his home in Auburn, Ala. Outside the Army, Moore was best known as the co-author of “We Were Soldiers Once, and Young,” a book describing actions of the 1965 Battle of Ia Drang in Vietnam, when he was a lieutenant colonel and commander of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment. The book became a 2002 movie, with actor Mel Gibson playing Moore. Inside the Army, Moore is known as a legendary combat leader and strategist. Retired Army Gen. Carter F. Ham, Association of the U.S. Army president and CEO, said he met Moore at Fort Benning in 1990 “when he spoke to the Infantry School about his experiences at LZ X-Ray. I was privileged over many years to see him as he continued to mentor developing leaders. He exemplified the Infantry motto, Follow Me!”

Moore was a 1945 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy whose Army career spanned 32 years, including combat tours in Korea and Vietnam. His first military assignment was attending the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, and his first overseas tour was in Japan, where after completing jump school he volunteered to be part of experimental parachute testing. “He tested parachutes, surviving multiple malfunctions to include being hung up and towed behind a plane,” the Army said in a press release describing Moore’s career.

In the Korean War, Moore was assigned to the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, commanding a heavy mortar company and an infantry company, and also serving as a regimental operations officer. He later commanded a battalion of the newly formed air mobile 11th Air Assault Division as it was undergoing air assault and mobility training and testing at Fort Benning. He taught tactics at West Point, worked in development of airborne and air assault equipment, had a tour in Norway and attended the Naval War College between the Korean War and Vietnam War.

In the battle covered in his book and movie, Moore’s unit was vastly outnumbered by Peoples’ Army of Vietnam soldiers. “After a three-day bloodbath, the enemy quit the field leaving over 600 of their dead littering the battleground,” according to the Army biography.

Moore was the first member of his West Point class to be promoted to one-star, two-star and three-star rank. He became a brigadier general in 1968, and took an assignment leading planning for the Army’s withdrawal from Vietnam. He was promoted to major general in 1970 while serving as 7th Infantry Division commanding general in Korea. Moore was promoted to lieutenant general in 1974, and assigned as deputy chief of staff for personnel.

During the post-Vietnam years, much of Moore’s career focused on creating and improving education for officers and noncommissioned officers, and he also played a major role in shifting to an all-volunteer force.

“Hal was personally modest with a deep love for soldiers,” the Army biography says. “When his hometown announced it would celebrate his return from Vietnam in 1966 with an elaborate Hal Moore Day, he refused to participate unless the event was refocused to be a Vietnam Veteran’s Day. Likewise, while his funeral and memorial service will necessarily center on him, he would not want us to forget all Americans who served.”



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>)

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/>)**

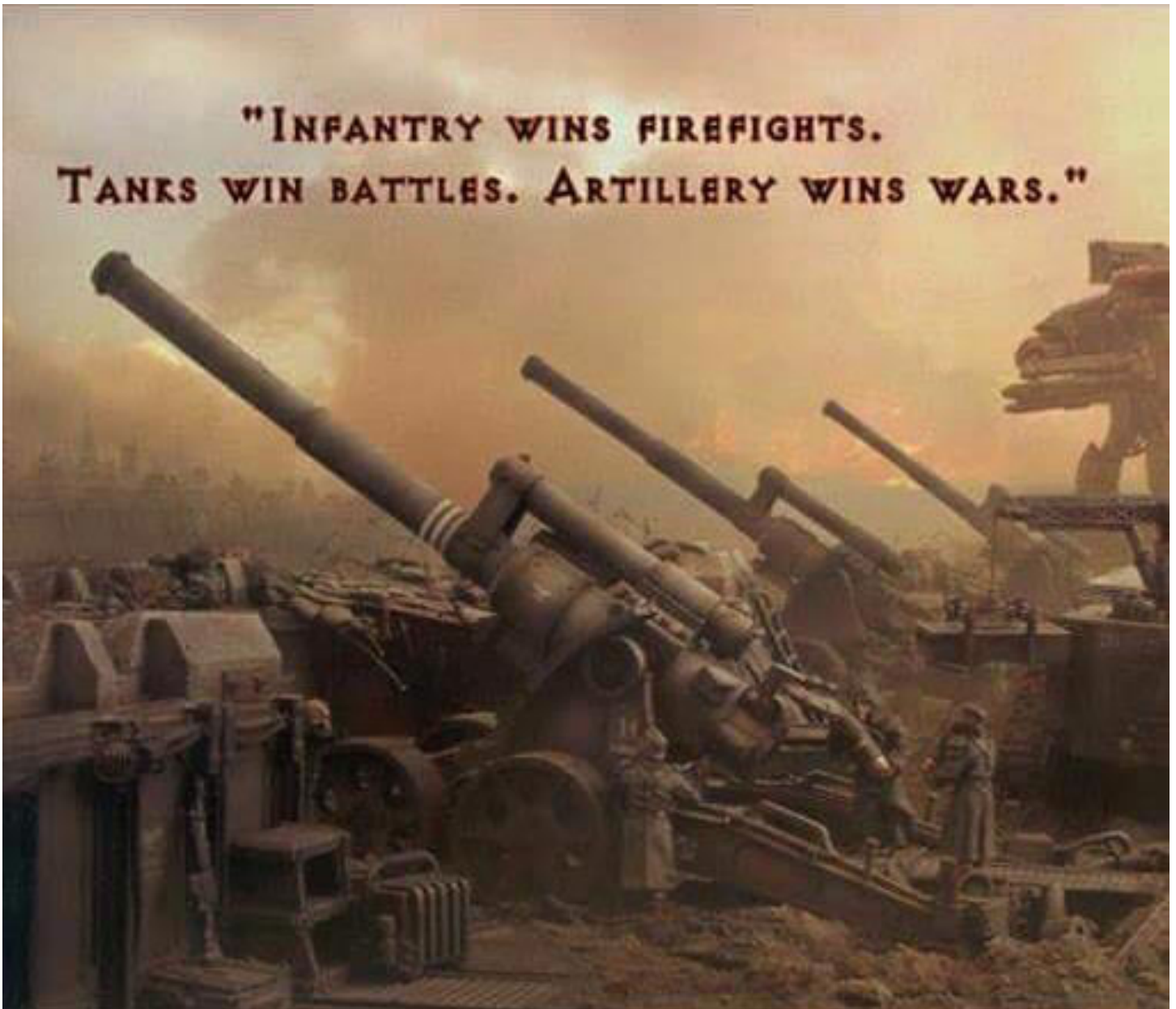


The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and the Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center are located within sight of each other near the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, NJ. The Memorial brings to New Jersey a fitting acknowledgment of the valor displayed by the New Jersey residents who never returned 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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SSG Joseph A Cavanagh

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SSG Cavanagh and SGT Lowrie at the student center at Rutgers Camden



328 MP COMPANY, CHERRY HILL, NJ
1LT Domenico Lazzaro
Commanding Officer



Members of the 328MP CO during emergency medical exercise.

2017 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

Wednesday, 3 May 2017 Monthly Meeting (Woodbury)

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

Invitation and Ad Book application forms attached.

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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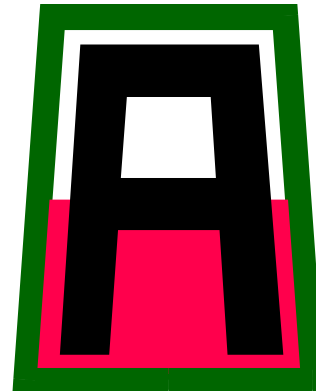
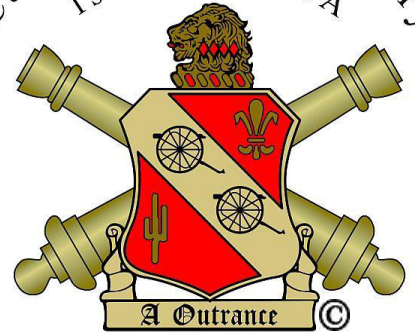
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