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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-CLAA

It was great seeing all the members of the organization for our Annual Christmas Meeting and Dinner.

Thanks to everyone who came in early to set up the meeting room and kitchen for our annual holiday celebration, everything went very well. Especially to the Ladies of CLAA for their telephone contacts prior to the meeting and event coordination; their advance efforts assured we were prepared with a complete menu of dinner and deserts, the food was great.

We had a brief meeting to greet everyone and to settle our legal requirements to announce this year's election nominations, thank you, Warren.

We overcame some of our recent health challenges and it was awesome seeing all the family's smiles and laughs that we shared with each other. Thanks for sharing your favorite recipe choices and sharing it with us.

If you missed the meeting, hope all is well with you and you are always welcome to any meeting, especially the December Holiday Dinner Meeting, feel free to come and share your holiday spirit with us next year. It definitely puts everyone in the spirit for the upcoming season of cheer. Please let us know what we can do to improve on our activities. It's always great seeing old friends and new faces, have a great holiday with your family and we will see you in January at the meeting on the 3rd. Looking forward to a very happy, successful and rewarding 2018.

Happy Holidays and the very happiest of this new year.

Yours in Brotherhood.

SUMMARY OF THE 6 DECEMBER 2017 MEETING

Sydney Silverman, Adjutant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were offered by our Commanding Officer, Ed McCarty.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

All present or accounted.

SICK CALL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Previous meeting minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Available from the finance officer.

ATTENDEES

There were no new or guest attendees present.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Warren Strumpfer announced that the Commanding Officer and Adjutant have offered two more years of service to the unit. Nominations are still open for these offices.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Postscript:

Kudos to those who set up the mess hall and to the cooks who so generously provided their time and skill to delivering a culinary delight. The camaraderie and affection that the members have for each other was very heartening. May this season of miracles bring hope and joy and health to everyone.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE

Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian



"Diligence is the mother of good luck."



IN MEMORIAM

The dear son of our Frank and Kumiko Martino, Daniel Martino, 46, of Hammonton, passed away on December 7, 2017.

He will be sadly missed by the many friends whose lives he touched. Daniel was a graduate of St. Joseph High School, and he worked for Martino Roofing. Daniel is survived by his parents, Frank and Kumiko Martino; daughters, Serefina and Daniela Martino; brothers and sisters, Frank Martino III (Elizabeth), Michael Martino (Heather), Margaret Martino; his beloved companion, Regina Wollack; his nephew and niece, Michael Jr. and Priscilla; uncles, Anthony (Kathy), Dominic, Joseph (Cheryl); aunts, Tamiko, Sumiko; his very special great aunt, Catherine; and many cousins.

Interment took place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Berlin, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Martino Brothers Charitable Organization, PO Box 872, Hammonton, NJ 08037.



CHRISTMAS DINNER 2017













AAFES Online TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL VETERANS

On Veterans Day, 11 November 2017, all veterans were encouraged to confirm veteran eligibility status at <https://www.vetverify.org>. This might be a multi-step process if the Defense Manpower Data Center lacks information to verify that a veteran served and received an honorable discharge. All veteran records are not currently in this system, but will be by the announced start date. Go to the website and enter the required information to see if you are eligible to use this new system.

For additional information, visit the following website:

<http://www.militarytimes.com/articles/your-questions-answered-about-the-new-veterans-online-shopping-benefit>

SOMETHING TO PONDER

"The most important six inches on the battlefield is between your ears."

Secretary of Defense
GEN(Ret) James N Mattis

112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS and HEALTHY LIVING

Brian Strecker, Chairman

Exercise for continued good health.

Don't let bad weather stop you from exercising. There are lots of options for exercising indoors. Give one of these activities a try:

- 1. Going to a gym or fitness center and using the treadmill, elliptical machine, stationary bike, or rowing machine**
- 2. Swimming laps**
- 3. Joining a water aerobics class**
- 4. Dancing**
- 5. Performing martial arts**
- 6. Bowling**

112FA SPORTS CLUB

Ed McCarty, Chairman

The 112FA Sports Club meets at Range 14 (<http://www.range-14.com/>) at Ft Dix, NJ throughout the year. Outings and events will be posted on our web site and sent to the membership via email. Watch your emails and the web site for additional Outings. Next trip to Range 14 at Ft Dix will be in the spring, stand by for details.

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.



WHY WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD

I was an ugly kid when I was born, After the Doctor cut the cord...he hung himself.

When I was a kid, I never went to Disneyland. My old man told me Mickey Mouse died in a cancer experiment.

When I was a kid I got no respect. When my parents got divorced there was a custody fight over me ... and no one showed up.

I was so ugly my mother used to feed me with a sling shot.

My old man never liked me. He gave me my allowance in traveler's checks.

I remember the time I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger to my father. He said he wanted more proof.

I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and a radio.

My uncle's dying wish - he wanted me on his lap. He was in the electric chair.

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

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



MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO SPECIAL FORCES MEDIC



Monday, October 23, 2017

Photo by: White House

A 5th Special Forces Group medic the Army says was “cool under fire” in Laos in 1970 has received the Medal of Honor for his part in saving lives during a four-day jungle battle as part of Operational Tailwind.

In a White House ceremony, President Donald Trump said the story of heroism had been untold for many years because this was a secret mission. The medal changes that, Trump said, adding, “We gather to tell the world of his valor and present him with the highest military honor our country has to offer.”

Retired Army Capt. Gary Rose, known to his friends and colleagues as Mike, was a Vietnam War volunteer who was part of a team of 136 U.S., Montagnard and Vietnamese soldiers inserted deep into Laos. “From the get-go, once we crossed a certain line, we started taking fire,” the 70-year-old Rose recalled in an interview. He treated the wounded, fired on the enemy and directed the fire of inexperienced Vietnamese troops as his unit was under attack, according to the Army’s account.

Wounded himself, and moving around the battlefield with a stick used as a crutch by the second day, he continued under sometimes withering fire to treat the wounded and move them to safer positions when he could. “When you’re worried about your ass, a hole in your foot doesn’t even make the list,” he said. He described working to keep soldiers alive. “Your job as a medic is to maintain the person’s life,” he said.

On the fourth day, a point when Rose said they were “running out of ammunition and running out of food,” extractions began with helicopters being shot as they picked up wounded. The engine stopped on the helicopter extracting Rose. He treated wounded in the helicopter as it was making a controlled crash, and he was thrown from it when it hit a riverbank. He climbed back aboard to help pull wounded from the burning wreckage and treated them while waiting for another medevac.

“This was serious stuff. This was not a good four days,” Trump said, turning to Rose to say, “You showed the world the unbreakable resolve of the American armed forces.”

Rose is credited with treating up to 70 wounded, which included all 16 U.S. soldiers who were part of the raid. Only three men, all Montagnard soldiers, died.

Rose’s mission commander on the Laos mission was then-Capt. Gene McCarley, who told the Army News Service that he found Rose to be a “competent individual” and a “good soldier.” “The best thing I could say about Mike is that he is probably the kind of individual that a mother would want their daughter to marry. He was just, in addition to being a top-notch medic and a good soldier, he was an all-around good person,” said McCarley, who retired as a lieutenant colonel.

All of this happened on Rose’s second mission in Laos. Rose earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Valor on his first. “The second time, it's a little scarier, because you've seen the results of what mortars and rockets and men getting hit with a bullet can do,” Rose told an Army interviewer.

Rose stayed in the Army. He was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer in December 1973 and retired in 1987, and he now lives in Huntsville, Ala



DISABLED VETERAN, PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT PLACARDS

<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Vehicle/disvet.htm>

To receive such a placard, applicants must submit **BOTH** of the following:

1. Proof of disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient status (DD-214, DD-215, award of disability letter, citation awarding Purple Heart, etc.)
2. An application (MVC form BA-49) This can only be obtained at an MVC agency.

Application is available at any MVC agency, by mail, or by calling (609) 292-6500.



AMERICANS SET NEW LONG RANGE WORLD RECORD!
5,000 YARDS (2.84 MILES)

Thomas Gomez



The American team led by former Navy SEAL sniper Charlie Melton and Brad Stair of Performance Guns. (Photos: Brad Stair of Performance Guns)

A Russian shooter from Lobaev Arms set a new long-range world record by hitting a 1-meter target at 4,604 yards, which is approximately 2.6 miles. The rifle manufacturer announced this record on 3 October 2017.

Unbeknownst to the Lobaev team, on 30 September 2017, Charlie Melton, a retired United States Navy SEAL sniper, shot a 40-inch target at 5,000 yards, smashing all previous records. For the record-breaking shot Charlie Melton, who runs Charlie Mike Precision, teamed up with Brad Stair of Performance Guns. Over several conversations with Charlie and Brad, I was able to get the details of their record-breaking shot.

Performance Guns, which is based out of Salt Lake City took an Armalite AR-30 and modified it to shoot .408 Tejas, which is a modified .408 Chey Tac. The .408 Tejas round when compared to a .408 Chey Tac has a 50-degree shoulder for increased powder capacity. The actual .408 Tejas bullets used for the shot were monolithic, weighed 420 grains, and were turned on a screw machine. The Modified Armalite AR-30 had a 31-inch Pac-Nor barrel with an Armalite muzzle brake. The rifle was equipped with a Jewell trigger that was tuned to 6 ounces. The shot was taken with a Shots Gunsmithing bipod that was designed for the Armalite AR-X series of rifles. The .408 Tejas round had an average velocity of 3,065 fps.

The Modified Armalite AR-30 chambered in .408 Tejas. In regard to glass, the team used a Nightforce NXS 12-45 x 56 that was set on 21 power. To get the necessary 419.6 minutes of angle

to make the shot, the team used Ivey Adjustable scope rings in conjunction with a Charlie TARAC prism. Charlie, and his team loaded several 10 round batches that had different amounts of powder. They connected on the 40-inch target when shooting the 7th shot of the 3rd batch of ammo. The .408 Tejas round had an average velocity of 3,065 fps and took almost 13 seconds to reach the target that was about 2.84 miles away. You could say that it took 37 rounds to hit the target, but I think it is more appropriate to say that they found a calibrated load that was optimized for stabilizing the .408 Tejas round into subsonic range, and once the optimal load was found, it took seven rounds to hit the target.

The team had a Density Altitude of 5,200 feet, and they had to contend with a 3 to 4 mph 1/2 wind value. The wind was measured with a Kestrel 4500. Plugging the provided values into my Applied Ballistics firing solution, the .408 Tejas round had a flight time of 12.816 seconds.

Overall, very impressive. What is incredible is the accuracy of the Performance Guns rifle. An accurate rifle at a minimum should be able to hold a 1-inch group at 100 yards. Good glass, consistent ammunition, and a good shooter should be able to hold a 10-inch group at 1,000 yards, 20-inch group at 2,000 yards, 30-inch group etc. Charlie shot a 40-inch target at 5,000 yards, which means that at a minimum his rifle is capable of shooting a .80 inch group at 100 yards.



MORAL MISCONCEPTIONS:
FIVE FLAWED ASSUMPTIONS CONFUSE MORAL JUDGMENTS ON WAR

Lt. Col. Pete Kilner

Conversations about the morality of war can be terribly frustrating. People tend to have strong moral feelings about war but muddled understandings about how to make moral judgments on war. Consequently, discussions about the morality of war often deteriorate into disputes about historical facts and attacks on the other person's moral character.

As a military ethicist who strives to keep such conversations constructive, I've come to recognize five popular misconceptions that sabotage efforts to think critically about morality and war. The mistaken assumptions undermine any realistic possibility of a war being morally justified. Therefore, the misconceptions must be addressed and debunked.

Misconception 1

“Choosing peace” is always an option: This is simply not true when peace has already been shattered by an aggressor. For a country debating whether to engage in a defensive war, its options are not “go to war or enjoy peace”; instead, they are “go to war or acquiesce to major human-rights violations.” Sometimes, the road to peace must pass through war.

Consider the biblical story of the good Samaritan, who is rightly praised for rendering medical care to the victim of a brutal assault. Faced with the options to either help the injured victim or walk by, he made the morally right choice. But what if the good Samaritan had arrived minutes earlier when the brutal assault was still taking place? His options would have been either to fight to defend the victim or to permit the continued assault. An option to “choose peace” wasn't available in that situation.

As combat veterans know all too well, war is the realm of bad options. A country that has been attacked must choose from a menu of bad options. Sometimes the only available option that leads to re-establishing a just peace is fighting back.

Misconception 2

Both sides in war are always wrong: This is a problem of language. We typically speak of both sides “going to war” as if they are doing the same thing, even when one side is morally guilty of starting the war and the other side is morally justified in countering the aggression. This imprecision in language blurs the moral situation. Consider how much clearer our moral terminology is when analyzing acts of violence that we understand better. When describing domestic crimes, for example, we use words that express the moral inequality among the parties, using terms such as assailant and victim. We don't say that the assailant and victim “engaged in an assault,” even in cases where the victim defended himself or herself. Rather, our word choices make clear that only one party is guilty of a crime, even if both used violence.

We should employ the same precision in moral language when talking about war. In almost every war, one side is guilty of initiating the violence or creating an imminent threat. That side is the aggressor. Although both sides in war engage in the same types of violent acts, those acts have

different moral meanings when performed by the war's aggressors and defenders. Germany was wrong to invade Poland in 1939; the Polish were justified in fighting back. Iraq was wrong to invade Kuwait in 1990; Kuwait, the U.S., and their coalition partners were justified in fighting back.

Aggressors usually propagate false narratives that portray themselves as the aggrieved victims in the war. Their lies are obvious to impartial, informed observers. Yet because both sides claim to be victims and one side clearly is not, some observers cynically conclude that both sides must be lying and thus both sides are wrong. An alternative, better conclusion is that aggressors' reality-twisting narratives are evidence of humanity's recognition that wars do involve unjust aggressors and just defenders.



Soldiers with the 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment fire a 155 mm howitzer in Iraq. (Credit: U.S. Army/Cpl. Rachel Diehm)

Misconception 3

War fighting is analogous to a sports competition: War fighting and team sports have much in common. Both are collective activities that demand teamwork, sacrifice and physical exertion to defeat an opponent. Both involve strategy and offensive and defensive operations.

But any sports analogy misrepresents the moral framework of war because it omits the central role that civilians have in war. In sports, defeating the other side is the goal, and both sides compete voluntarily as moral equals. Sports fans are extraneous to the purpose of the competition (with the exception of professional sports, which are really entertainment).

In war, however, defending a civilian community is the goal, and one side's aggression has forced the other side to fight. Civilians watching and hoping in a war's outcome are the very reason for the competition. The aggressors threaten them, and the defenders risk their lives to protect them.

War should be understood as a struggle over the most fundamental rights of a civilian political community, not merely as a battle between armies. Aggressors and defenders are defined by their relationship to that community, not to each other. War and sports have little in common morally.

Misconception 4

Motives must be pure: The 1990–91 First Gulf War was a paradigm case of a just war. Iraq invaded and occupied Kuwait, and the U.S. and other countries assisted Kuwaiti forces in liberating their country and re-establishing their government. Critics of the war claim that the United States’ involvement was motivated by a desire to keep oil prices low. Even if they are right, would it matter?

I once swam too far out into the ocean, couldn’t make it back to shore, and had to be rescued by a lifeguard. I don’t know what the lifeguard’s motivations were—perhaps any or all of duty, compassion, praise or a raise—but those were irrelevant to me, as long as she saved my life. Her lifesaving actions were morally good because of their outcome, regardless of her motivations. Just like people, countries act on multiple motivations. In fact, the motives of our national security strategy are threefold—to protect American rights and to promote American interests and values. When the U.S. is attacked, our rights, interests and values align to fight back. In cases where another country is attacked, however, our rights are not directly at stake. Still, if promoting our interests and values motivates us to uphold the rights of others, that behavior should be praised, not condemned.

Misconception 5

Any immoral acts are evidence of an immoral war: Like onions and ogres, wars have many layers and are complex. A single war may involve millions of people organized into thousands of units engaged in continuous life-or-death operations. Inevitably, some soldiers’ moral compasses become distorted by war’s fierce emotions and unfortunate situations. Bad things happen in war, even in just wars.

We must keep in mind that worse things happen when aggression is permitted to prevail.

All parties in war should train and lead their soldiers to act morally, but no person and no organization is morally perfect. As long as moral violations in war are not systemic, they do not make an otherwise just war unjust.

The five common misconceptions addressed above are dangerous because they undermine a community’s willingness to defend its rights. They spread a fallacious argument: “No side is perfect, so both sides are wrong, so we should never get involved in war.” This line of reasoning likely results from our population’s unfamiliarity with war. After all, few would argue, “Some police officers commit unjust acts, so all police are as wrong as criminals, so we should disband all police departments.”

The misconceptions may also help explain the disconcerting combination of gratitude, pity and fear that characterizes many Americans’ attitudes toward combat veterans. They are grateful that veterans have sacrificed so much to defend their rights, even as they simultaneously suspect that what veterans did was immoral and worry that veterans might still be dangerous.

Our country would benefit greatly if every soldier and every citizen engaged in conversations about the morality of our wars. Those conversations would be more productive if their participants agreed on five elements of common moral ground: that sometimes peace isn't an option; that fighting to resist an evil is good; that just wars are fought to protect human rights; that mixed motives are morally permissible; and that immoral incidents are distinct from immoral wars.

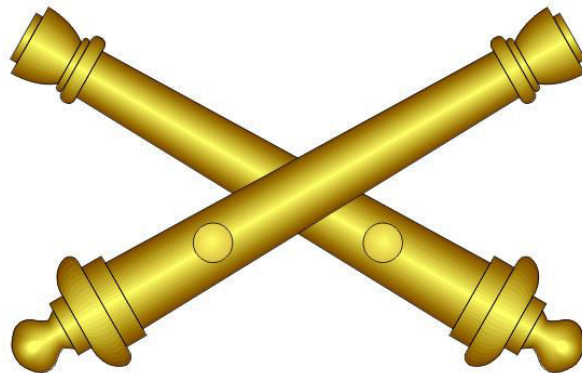
Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Lt. Col. Pete Kilner, USA Ret., served more than 28 years in the Army as an enlisted infantryman, infantry officer and professor at the U.S. Military Academy. He deployed multiple times to Iraq and Afghanistan to conduct research on company-level combat leadership. He holds a doctorate from Penn State.

VETERANS' NEWS

**Herb Rubel
from the Scuttlebutt
November 2017**

The Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 was signed into law. Under the old system, appeals could take up to 5 years or longer to adjudicate and the veteran had no way out. The new law provides 3 options for veterans to appeal disability rating decisions made by the Veterans Benefits Administration. It will allow some veterans already in the appeals process to opt to the new system. The three options available with their initial claims rating decisions are to seek a higher level review by a Regional Office on the same evidence presented to the original claims processors; to file a supplemental claim with the Regional Office that would include the opportunity to submit additional evidence; or to opt for an expedited consideration of their appeal directly to the Board of Veterans Appeals.



2018 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

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

Wednesday, 3 January 2018 Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 7 February 2018 Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 7 March 2018 Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 4 April 2018 Monthly Meeting
Saturday, 14 April 2018 Annual Dining Out
Wednesday, 2 May 2018 Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 6 June 2018 Monthly Meeting
No July Meeting
Wednesday, 1 August 2018 Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 5 September 2018 Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 3 October 2018 Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 7 November 2018 Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 5 December 2018 Christmas Party/Dinner - 6:00pm

2018 ANNUAL DINING OUT AND ARTILLERY REUNION

Our 2018 Dining Out will be at Tavistock Country Club on
Saturday, 14 April 2018

Watch your emails for additional information and reservation forms.
We welcome your support by placing an ad in the adbook.

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 added 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 OBTAIN 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



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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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**



2017 Centennial Ball



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MG Steven Ferrari

CPT(Ret) Marc Kantor

SSG(Ret) Brian Strecker

LTC Brian Stramaglia



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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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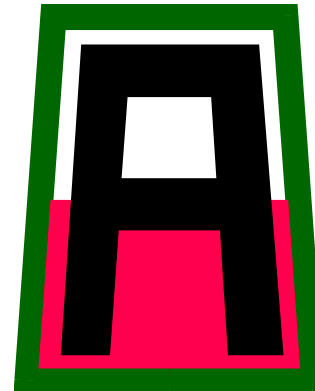
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