



# THE POWDER BAG

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**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery**

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"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation"

*George Washington*

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Commander:	Ed McCarty
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## **COMMANDERS COMMENTS**

**Ed McCarty, Commander-CLAA**

It was great being "back at home" again in the Cherry Hill Armory. We had a great turnout and everyone had a nice time. I guess everyone got the word that it was available to us again, no one showed up at Woodbury, as may have happened without good communications.

We had an active September with the 112FA Sports Club having 2 sessions at Range14, Ft. Dix.

Illnesses have been kicking our butts lately and has understandably affected the 112FA Sports Club attendance.

Everyone enjoyed themselves at our Patriot's Day remembrance on September 10th at Prospectors Restaurant. The venue was nice on their outdoor porch, the weather was great and food/service was good. We've established an additional location for our breakfast outings I guess. Looking forward to our Christmas dinner at the Cherry Hill armory on Wednesday, 6 December; please invite former members of the units for a reunion of friends.

Consider volunteering for a committee this month let us know in what you are interested.

Happiness and good health to you all.  
See you all November 1st in Cherry Hill.

Yours in Brotherhood.

## **SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 2017 MEETING**

**Sydney Silverman, Adjutant**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

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

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

All present or accounted.

### **SICK CALL**

**Joe Scioli** had some issues with his meds, but is doing OK.

**Frank Martino** is home and recovering from lung surgery.

**Bill Groff** Is in the hospital with stage three lung cancer, he sounds positive. He is finished with chemo and is now receiving radiation. Things are encouraging because he is gaining weight.

**Al DeMasi** has had a series of lung issues and is doing well.

**Larry La Franz is not well. He has pancreatic cancer and is being treated. Our prayers are with him.**

**Bill Krause has had knee replacement surgery and is recovering.**

**Lou Bovino is recovering from pneumonia and shingles, he attended the meeting and is doing great.**

**Ronnie Powell is doing well after having a pacemaker installed.**

**Bob Constantine added that he is thankful that we are all here, at the Armory and home at last.**

### **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**

**Nominations are open for commander and finance officer.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Our holiday party will be held at our December 6th meeting at the Cherry Hill Armory, in the kitchen and lunchroom area.**

**Armory Report: we have our meeting room back for now and the Armory was used for the Stand Down. We will have the use of the room for November's meeting. The kitchen has been recertified and will be used for our Christmas dinner and meeting. Use of the old O-Club club room may no longer be available to us. The state reports that there are no funds for this room and The Camden Light Artillery Association has no standing at this location, due to there being no active unit for the Artillery here. The next major project is window replacement scheduled for some time in January. Construction is months behind and they ran out of money. The east wing of the building is on hold because there's no money to rectify the electrical problems.**

**The 3/112th in Morristown will be holding their centennial ball 2 December. Similar to our dining out, we are invited, to the Hyatt Regency, Morristown, NJ, 4:00pm Cocktails; 5:00pm Dinner.**

**Bob Constantine brought up the great job and help that the armoror has done. The finance officer said that he is always very helpful.**

**Jake Pravin thanked Bob Scouler for bringing him to the meeting.**

**Of Interest: The finance officer reports that his contacts with the veterans administration for his benefits have been without exception, on the money!**

**Paul Rini** presented a list of the needs for the vets at the home at the Philadelphia Veterans Hospital.

**Tom Monaghan** mentioned Wreathes Across America will take place 16 December. Google Fort Mott Event for details.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

None to report.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

none

The motion to adjourn was unanimous approval at 7:55pm.

A 50-50 drawing and do a prize were awarded and refreshments followed.

### **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE**

**Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian**



**"If you know how to spend less than you get, you have a philosopher's stone."**



## **AAFES Online TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL VETERANS**

On Veterans Day, 11 November 2017, all veterans are being 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**

**"No man is a leader until his appointment is ratified in the  
minds and hearts of his men"**

Anonymous, "The Infantry Journal"

## **112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS and HEALTHY LIVING**

**Brian Strecker, Chairman**

### **The Healthier Snack Bar**

Snack bars a quick fix on a busy day, that is why they are popular. Bars are placed in categories: those that are made with highly processed ingredients and those that are made with real foods. How to tell which is which? Look at the ingredients, the first ingredient of a healthy bar will have oats, nuts, etc.. on top, but if soy protein or chicory root is the first ingredient means that the manufacturer boosted the protein content with less wholesome ingredients. Avoid high-fructose corn syrup, evaporated cane juice, and brown rice syrup. Avoid bars with partially hydrogenated oil, it contains unhealthy trans fats.

### **This from the US ARMY**

The new Performance Readiness Bar, a nutritional bedtime snack loaded with calcium and vitamin D, is now in the hands of basic trainees at Fort Benning, Ga. Developed by the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, the bar is designed to boost bone strength and decrease the risk of stress fractures among new soldiers unaccustomed to doing regular exercise or wearing boots. James McClung, deputy chief of the Military Nutrition Division, says up to 18 percent of recruits suffer from stress fractures.

**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 is Wednesday, 29 November 2017.

**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**

**My doctor told me to watch my drinking. Now I drink in front of a mirror.**

**Last time I saw a mouth like that, it had a hook in it.**

**Look out for number one and try not to step in number two.**

**Oh, when I was a kid in show business I was poor. I used to go to orgies to eat the grapes.**

**When I was a kid, my parents moved a lot. But I always found them.**

**I was an ugly kid when I was born. After the doctor cut the cord ... he hung himself.**

**In my life I've been through plenty. When I was three years old, my parents got a dog. I was jealous of the dog, so they got rid of me.**

**What a childhood I had. Once on my birthday my old man gave me a bat. The first day played with it, it flew away.**

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



## **SMA DANIEL A DAILEY**

"Think about what you're going to say before you say it. I've never regretted taking the distinct opportunity to keep my mouth shut. You're the sergeant major. People are going to listen to you. By all means, if you have something important or something informative to add to the discussion, then say it. But don't just talk so people can hear you. For goodness sake, you're embarrassing the rest of us. Sit down and listen. Sometimes you might just learn something."

## **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**



**LTC Brian J. Stramaglia**

**formally requests the pleasure of your company at the**

**112th Field Artillery Regiment's Centennial Ball**

**on Saturday, the 2nd of December 2017**

**at the Hyatt Regency in Morristown, NJ.**

**Cocktail Hour @ 1600**

**Dinner @ 1700**

**Ticket Information**

Retirees, E6 and below	\$55.00 per person
All others	\$65.00 per person

**Reservations**

Please RSVP by **November 18, 2017** to 2LT Conrad Jorge at (973) 829-4002 or [conrad.d.jorge.mil@mail.mil](mailto:conrad.d.jorge.mil@mail.mil).

For event payment, please use the link below: <https://3-112thfaofficersassociation.ecwid.com/>

For Hotel Reservation, please use the link below: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/NationalGuard17>

or you may make checks payable to the **112th FA Officers Association**  
and mail to:

2LT Conrad D. Jorge  
c/o National Guard Armory  
430 Western Avenue  
Morristown, NJ 07960



**RRNCO**  
**NJARNG Recruiting and Retention Battalion**

**SSG Joseph A Cavanagh**  
**609-519-6449**

**[www.njarmyguard.com](http://www.njarmyguard.com)**



**"Explore your path to honor and become a Citizen-Soldier"**



**Soldiers from the 328th MP Company and Recruiting & Retention Battalion supported Cherry Hill township's National Night Out on August 1st, 2017. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.**



**The Regular Army finished fiscal 2017 with more than 68,000 new enlisted recruits, successfully adjusting to a midyear increase in troop levels as the force is on the way to 540,000 soldiers. “We exceeded the mission we were given, and we did it while also exceeding the Department of Defense’s quality benchmarks,” Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Snow, the Army Recruiting Command commander, said in a statement. The original mission for 2017 was to recruit 62,500, but it jumped after Congress belatedly passed the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act that not only stopped but also reversed the postwar drawdown in the Army’s size.**



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



**2017 Monthly Meeting Dates**

**Cherry Hill Armory  
7:00pm**

**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**

**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:

**Camden Light Artillery Association Inc.  
National Guard Armory  
2001 Park Boulevard  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2778**



The 1-112FA Camden Light Artillery Association is proud to be a Commemorative Partner. We held our first event earlier this year and are planning future events for the summer and fall seasons. Please watch for the announcements in your emails and on our website.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) conducted hundreds of events in VA facilities across the nation on March 29, 2016 to recognize, honor and thank U.S. Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices as part of the national Vietnam War Commemoration. VA, along with more than 9,000 organizations across the country, has joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner to help Americans honor our nation's Vietnam veterans. By presidential proclamation issued on May 25, 2012, the Commemoration extends from its inaugural event on Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025. To learn more about the Vietnam War Commemoration, visit the U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration website."

(<http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>) by military.com 4 April 2016





## **OUR MISSION**

- To promote close association, friendship, understanding and cooperation between all member of the association.
- To foster and preserve the spirit, traditions and solidarity of the Field Artillery
- To provide various communicative means for keeping all members aware and involved in association developments.
- To conduct such social activities as may provide for a continuing close relationship and camaraderie among the membership
- To develop and maintain historical records on the lineage of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery ancestors and it successors.
- To promote and support the provisions of the constitution of the United States of America.
- To provide community service to local civilian and military communities in time of need.

## **WEB SITE**

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## **E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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## **FACEBOOK PAGE**

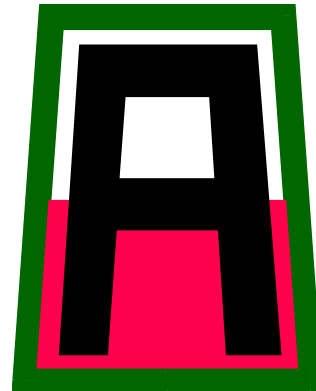
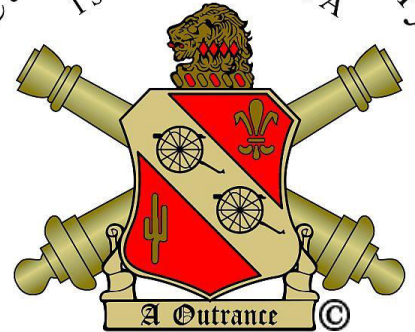
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## **2010 Afghanistan - M777**

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