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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:	1SG(Ret) Ed McCarty
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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Ed McCarty, Commander-CLAA

We had a real nice turnout at the January meeting in spite of the poor weather and it was great sharing each other's company. We celebrated our holiday blessings and made some plans for 2018. Please remember to pay your 2018 dues, due in January of each year. Our Annual Dining Out dinner is coming up quickly. It will be held at Tavistock country Club on Saturday, 14 April 2018. Please send your RSVP as soon as you are able and support our Ad Book. The book is a major yearly fundraiser and helps support our other activities.

See you at the March meeting; Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at the Cherry Hill Armory at 7:00pm.

Yours in Brotherhood.

SUMMARY OF THE 3 JANUARY 2018 MEETING

Sydney Silverman, Adjutant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

All present or accounted. A quorum of members were present so the meeting could proceed.

SICK CALL

Ronnie Powell had to have her pacemaker adjusted because it was moving. The Surgery took place December 11th 2017. She is recovering nicely.

Carol Zacamy was ill and is now feeling better.

Pat Minchin is well but opted out of the meetings until the weather improves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Previous meeting minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Available from the finance officer.

Dues are starting to come in and are payable in January 2018. A complete report is available from the finance officer, Marc Kantor. The finance officer and the commanding officer asked that the response to the ad book takes place as soon as possible. April is around the corner. The finance officer took this opportunity to indicate that all were thinking of Frank Martino and his family at the loss of his son.

ATTENDEES

There were no new or guest attendees present.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of acquiring benefits from the VA. CSM(Ret) Michael Boone indicated that if you made too much money you weren't eligible for benefits. There are ways that you can achieve eligibility. Medical benefits are tough to get, disability benefits or not as difficult. Each county has a VSO (veterans service officer) who can help you navigate the system. Their names are available on line.

The Finance Officer send emails to everyone who had an ad in the ad book last year. These must be submitted as soon as possible because April will be here soon. Invitations for the Dining Out will be sent at the end of January.

1LT Dominick Lazzaro, commanding officer of the 328 MP Co had a serious training accident. He is now walking on his own.

Our Finance Officer was one of the founding members of the Ranger ROTC program at Temple University along with LTC Mort O'Connor. LTC O'Connor was killed in Vietnam in 1968. His son, SGM(Ret) Brendon O'Connor, is working with Marc Kantor and Temple University to honor LTC O'Connor with the naming of an ROTC classroom.

Ed McCarty has asked for recommendations for the Molly Pitcher and Saint Barbara's Award post haste as paperwork has to go through Fort Sill.

Our CO opened the floor for nominees for the offices of CO and Adjutant. The two current nominees are; for CO Ed McCarty and for Adjutant Sid Silverman. There were no nominees from the floor. Elections will be held at the February meeting. Ed McCarty thanked Warren Strumpfer and the election committee for their work.

OLD BUSINESS

None

STAFF REPORTS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Frank Martino thanked everyone for their thoughts.

It was noted that Bill Groff attended the Christmas party. He was looking good and it was good to see him in attendance.

Warren Strumpfer offered some suggestions on how to attract young people to our ageing organization.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at 20:10 hrs.

SUMMARY OF THE 7 FEBRUARY 2018 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, Ed McCarty.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

All present or accounted. A quorum of members were present so the meeting could proceed.

SICK CALL

Frank Martino is in Florida recovering from a few medical problems and from the sorrowful loss of his son.

Ronnie Powell and Ginny Scioli are not feeling well. Ed Powell has an upper respiratory infection. Carlos Wood mentioned that CSM John Humphreys was in the Atlantic Care in Pomona and was not doing well. We signed and sent a get well card to John, who subsequently passed from his illness. We wish John's family our most sincere sympathy for their loss and will remember the devoted service John made to our country, we will miss him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Previous meeting minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Available from the finance officer.

Dues continue to come in and were payable in January 2018. A complete report is available from the finance officer, Marc Kantor. The finance officer and the commanding officer asked that the response to the Dining Out Ad book take place as soon as possible. April is around the corner.

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NEW BUSINESS

The 112FA Sports Club will tentatively hold its first outing at Range14 on Saturday, 21 April 2018. We had five outings last year. We will be cutting back to four in 2018. Memorial Day weekend is the 28th so we will avoid that date for the sports club. We continue to look for activities in May and June and are planning for a project in August (no July meeting). Suggestions were the Revolutionary War Museum in Philadelphia and possibly considering a school bus to get there. It will be much less expensive than a tour bus. The downside is no restrooms on the school bus.

The commanding officer got documentation from Warren Strumpfer regarding membership recruiting efforts which will be discussed further in committee. We will use the phone squads to call; email and Facebook as additional tools to recruit. Warren Strumpfer mentioned that there are no new faces at our meetings and the unit will suffer without efforts to recruit. Think about getting letters out to Delta battery and invite them to some sort of planned event. We need input

from the membership. The recruiters(RRNCO) in the armory may have some ideas for us. We could email to the 3/112FA. Some of them reside in this area it would be about a membership source. Our website is up and running and it is impressive because of its large content. The 114th Infantry Regiment meets the same day that we do but in the morning, so we may not see too many of them at our meeting because that would be a long day for them. The 112th Association in Lawrenceville meets on Tuesday mornings so that they don't have to drive at night. We maintain our contact with them.

Nominating committee report: There were no further nominations from the floor to take the Commander and Adjutants posts and no further nominations were submitted. The current Commanding officer and Adjutant have agreed to an additional two year term each and this was unanimously approved.

Dining out:

Matt Carroll's group is aware of our dining out. West Jersey Artillery re-enactors are connected to us but attempts to contact them have bounced back. Cherry Hill West Junior ROTC promote our dining out.

We need suggestions for a guest to honor for 2018. The 3-112FA has field exercises that weekend so they will not be attending. The **Temple University ROTC** was invited but will be participating 18 April at West Point Ranger challenge.

Thomas Jefferson University is considering an ROTC program.

Amory report: the hot water side of the heating system is leaking like a sieve and the leaks have to be tracked down and corrected. Money is exhausted for renovations. We are now meeting in the room next to the kitchen since it lends itself better to refreshments and is larger than the old NCO Club room. The old NCO Club where, we used to meet, will also eventually be downsized, so this seems to be a better arrangement.

The meeting was ended at 2027 hours followed by the 50-50 drawing and door prize drawing. Refreshments were then served.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE

Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian



"Do not do that which you would not have known"

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>

HEARING AIDS FOR VETERANS

Kathryn Trolenberg, AuD

Doctor of Audiology

The Veteran's Administration has contracts in place with six major hearing aid manufacturers - GN ReSound, Oticon, Phonak, Siemens (Signia), Starkey, and Widex. The VA uses the manufacturer's premium levels of technology-the same hearing aids that sell for the highest prices in the private sector. There are several styles of hearing aids available, from the smallest - Invisible in the Canal (IIC) to the largest and strongest - Power Behind the Ear (BTE), and the very popular Receiver in the Canal (RIC) - made to fit most hearing losses while remaining nearly unseen. VA contracts are updated twice per year, and new technology is constantly emerging and available for use as a result.

When it comes to making recommendations for amplification, the audiologist and Veteran will consider the Veteran's hearing loss, lifestyle, listening situations, and preferences before making a selection. For some Veterans, additional accessories such as remote controls, TV streamers, Bluetooth cell phone connections, or remote microphones, may be recommended based on the Veteran's specific concerns or problems. It is important to remember that what works for one person won't always work for another, and that your audiologist wouldn't recommend a product for you that would be inappropriate. Hearing aids provided by the VA include a three-year manufacturer's warranty for loss/damage/repair. The VA also supplies batteries, wax guards, domes, and other supplies required for maintaining the hearing aids, and these can be re-ordered as needed by the Veteran.

For more information on scheduling a hearing test and/or hearing aid services, contact your local VA Medical Center's Audiology Department.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

- 1 - I talk to myself, because there are times I need expert advice.
- 2 - I consider "In Style" to be the clothes that still fit.
- 3 - I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
- 4 - My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- 5 - The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
- 6 - I have days when my life is just a tent away from a circus.
- 7 - These days, "on time" is when I get there.
- 8 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
- 9 - Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- 10 - Lately, I've noticed people my age are so much older than me.
- 11 - "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.
- 12 - When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it feels like a mini vacation.
- 13 - Some days I have no idea what I'm doing out of bed.
- 14 - I thought growing old would take longer
- 15 - Aging sure has slowed me down, but it hasn't shut me up.
- 16 - I still haven't learned to act my age.



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 Saturday, 21 April 2018.

112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS and HEALTHY LIVING

Brian Strecker, Chairman

Flexibility

Shoulder and Upper Arm

This exercise to increase flexibility in your shoulders and upper arms will help make it easier to reach for your seatbelt. If you have shoulder problems, talk with your doctor before trying this stretch.

Stand with feet shoulder-width apart.

Hold one end of a towel in your right hand.

Raise and bend your right arm to drape the towel down your back. Keep your right arm in this position and continue holding on to the towel.

Reach behind your lower back and grasp the towel with your left hand.

To stretch your right shoulder, pull the towel down with your left hand. Stop when you feel a stretch or slight discomfort in your right shoulder.

Repeat at least 3-5 times.

Reverse positions, and repeat at least 3-5 times.

RESOURCES

New Jersey Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/>

(see Veterans Benefits Guide)

New Jersey Veteran Service Offices by County

<http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/state-service-offices/>

New Jersey Division of Taxation - Veteran Exemption

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/military/vetexemption.shtml>

2018 Disability Compensation rates

<https://www.military.com/benefits/veterans-health-care/va-disability-compensation-rates.html>

New Jersey State Veterans Benefits

<https://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/new-jersey-state-veterans-benefits.html>

Pennsylvania State Veterans Benefits

<https://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/pennsylvania-state-veterans-benefits.html>

Concealed Carry Information in America by State

<http://www.springfield-armory.com/resources/concealed-carry-infographic/>

A SOLDIER'S SONG

[The Army Song] got its beginnings during a difficult march across the Zambales Mountains in the Philippines. As a lieutenant leading a small detachment to select a route, Brig. Gen. Edmund L. "Snitz" Gruber overheard a section chief call to his drivers, "Come on! Keep them rolling!" Gruber, an artillery officer whose relative, Franz, composed "Silent Night," was stationed with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, in the Philippines. In March 1908, about a year after Gruber overheard that section chief in the mountains, six young lieutenants - including William Bryden and Robert Danford - gathered in his thatch hut and decided they needed a song for the field artillery.

"A guitar was produced and tuned and - in what seemed to us a few moments - as if suddenly inspired, Snitz fingered the melody of the now-famous song," recalled Danford, who retired as a major general. Danford and Bryden helped complete the lyrics.

Gruber taught the song to officers of the 1st Battalion as they arrived at Fort Stotsenburg. Wrote Danford: "A few evenings later at the post reception for the new unit and adieu to the old, 'The Caisson Song' was given its first public rendition. Its popularity was instantaneous, and almost in no time all six of the regiments then composing the U.S. Field Artillery adopted it."

During the last days of World War I, senior artillery leaders wanted an official marching song. An artillery officer who did not know Gruber and thought "The Caisson Song" dated back to the Civil War, gave the piece to noted composer and bandmaster John Philip Sousa and asked him to fix it up.

Sousa incorporated Gruber's piece into his composition, which he titled, "The U.S. Field Artillery March" - a few beginning measures being his own and the balance from Gruber.

The resulting song became a blockbuster record during World War I, selling about 750,000 copies. Gruber heard of it and asked Sousa, "How about some money, since I wrote the song?" Embarrassed, the innocent Sousa made certain Gruber got his royalties.

In 1948, the Army conducted a nationwide contest to come up with its own official song. None of the five winners achieved any notable popularity. In 1952, the secretary of the Army appealed to the music industry for a composition. Composers submitted an avalanche of more than 800 songs.

But no submission sparkled enough to be accepted. So a soldier music adviser in the Adjutant General's office was asked to try his hand at it. As a result, H.W. Arberg adapted "The Caisson Song" to become the official U.S. Army song, "The Army Goes Rolling Along."

Excerpt from Soldiers Online - July 1994

By F. Peter Wigginton

(American Forces Information Service)

(<http://www.music.army.mil/music/armysong/soldierssong.asp>)

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

(128-135)

I told my doctor I broke my arm in two places. He told me to keep out of those places.

My wife wants sex in the back of the car, and she wants ME to drive.

Yeah, I know I'm ugly... I said to a bartender, 'Make me a zombie.' He said 'God beat me to it.'

I met the surgeon general - he offered me a cigarette.

We sleep in separate rooms, we have dinner apart, we take separate vacations - we're doing everything we can to keep our marriage together.

I'm taking Viagra and drinking prune juice - I don't know if I'm coming or going.

My wife can't cook at all. She made chocolate mousse. An antler got stuck in my throat.

My wife's jealousy is getting ridiculous. The other day she looked at my calendar and wanted to know who May was!

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



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:

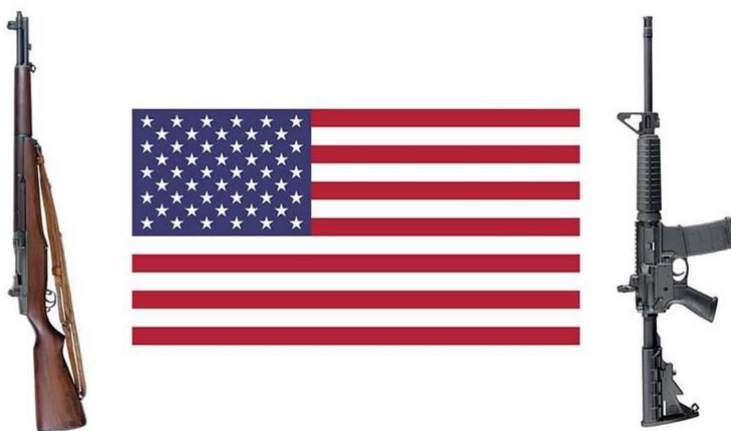
1. Proof of disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient status (DD-214, DD-215, award of disability letter, citation awarding Purple Heart, etc.)
2. An application (MVC form BA-49) This can only be obtained at an MVC agency.

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



M1 Garand vs. AR-15: Which is America's Rifle?

Tom McHale



America is the country of iconic rifles. The American Long Rifle has the name right in it. Then there was the Spencer Repeating Rifle, the Winchester lever-action, and the M1903 Springfield to name a few. However, two stand out as candidates for the real “America’s Rifle.” Those would be the M1 Garand and the AR-15.

As a quick background, the M1 Garand (pronounced “geh-rund” more or less) is technically named the “U.S. Rifle, Caliber .30, M1.” But saying “Garand” or “M1 Garand” saves a lot of valuable breath, so that’s how most people refer to it. The basic design dates back to Garand’s T3 rifle tested back in 1926. After more testing, tinkering and a caliber switch from .30 to .276 and back to .30 again, the then current T1E2 rifle became the M1 Garand. By 1936, the Army officially adopted it for broad-scale service.

As for the AR-15, most know that the “AR” part doesn’t stand for “Assault Rifle” or even “Apoplectic Ruin.” It’s the model designation of the company that originally built it - Armalite. As you can likely guess, it was the company's 15th model. Yep, it’s that simple. After a series of other unrelated rifles, Eugene Stoner came up with the AR-10, which was more or less a bigger version of the AR-15 we know and love today. The Zoomies decided it was pretty cool and by 1964 the AR-15 (or rather the AR-15's select-fire cousin, the M16) had entered official military service. By 1969, it was the standard-issue rifle of the U.S. Military, taking the place (for the most part) of the M14.

To solve the question of which is “America’s Rifle,” we decided to set up a panel discussion staffed by three gun writers of questionable repute. Please welcome me, myself and I. Hey, the budget isn’t infinite around here so sometimes we have to work with what we have. Deal with it, OK?

M1 Garand vs. AR-15: Which is America's Rifle?

Me: So if we're brutally American about this comparison, right off the bat, the Garand has a big strike against it. Its inventor was, umm, Canadian. No one doubts his patriotism, but are we really going to award the title of "America's Rifle" to one whose creator was born in Quebec? Worse yet, his first name was Jean. Come on, that's bordering dangerously close to French! Sure, later he anglicized it to "John," but still.

Myself: Well not to pile on, but Eugene Stoner, the creator of the AR, was born in the great state of Indiana. Considering its the birth state of James Dean, Ernie Pyle and Wilbur Wright, that's about as American as you can get. Just sayin'.

I: Here's the thing on the M1 Garand being America's Rifle. If Garand had never invented it and we'd never fielded it during World War II, then we might not be America at all. Maybe we'd all be living under the rule of Japan, Germany or perhaps Lichtenstein. I'm pretty sure some famous guy in the war said it was the greatest human accomplishment since Shake Weights - or something like that.

Me: Oh, please. You're not going to drag out that General George Patton quote, are you? As I recall, he said, "In my opinion, the M1 rifle is the greatest battle implement ever devised." Granted, that's a much stronger endorsement than Samuel L. Jackson's recent pitches for credit cards, but wars depend on a lot more than just rifles. Sure, the M1 Garand was great against all those bolt-action rifles with hard consonants in their names, but all those tanks, ships and planes made a difference, too.

Myself: So you're going to defend the AR-15 as America's Rifle? If it were that great, we would have been in and out of Vietnam in a week and a half, and everyone who carried one would have been able to fire more than three rounds between jams.

I: The original M16 got a bad rap for reliability, but that was mainly because some government bean counter changed the powder spec for the ammo without telling anyone. And consider this. The AR-15 is so awesome that the entire U.S. Military is standardized on one its many variants and has purchased 10 million or so over the past 50 years. In addition to that, another 5-10 million (or more) commercial AR-15 rifles are privately owned. All those Americans can't be wrong about which is America's Rifle.

Me: Considering that the M1 Garand was originally built just for the military, its production numbers aren't too shabby either. Just during World War II, Springfield Armory and Winchester made a combined 4,040,802 M1s. Yes, I counted. During January 1944, Springfield Armory was cranking out 164 M1 Garands per hour. And after the war, we made another 1.4 million. And that was back in the day when there was no electricity or running water and factory workers had to walk to the plant uphill both ways. That's American production, baby! Beat that!

Myself: Oh yeah? For the past 10 years, every hour of every day, another 164 billion new companies started making custom AR-15 rifles. I'm pretty sure that figure is accurate based on the number of ads I saw.

I: Production numbers are one thing, but if a gun is going to be named America's Rifle, then it has to be big. Everything in America is big. The ammunition used by the M1 Garand is more than twice as powerful as those puny cartridges used by the AR-15. How about 2,600 foot-pounds of muzzle energy versus just 1,200 or so for the .223 Rem. cartridge? What do you have to say about that?

Me: Oh, you want to play math games? Fine, we'll play math games. That "puny" AR-15 carries 30 rounds per magazine instead of just eight in the Garand. Heck, even the original models, 50 years ago, used 20-round magazines. So let's add up all the muzzle energy per magazine. The AR-15, with its 30 rounds, packs 38,704 foot-pounds compared to a measly 20,893 for the Garand. Jealous?

Myself: Hey, if everything were about raw energy instead of practicality, then people would buy Tesla cars without all those massive subsidies from the government. There's another factor to consider, and that's the number of shots you get per pound. M2 ammo for the M1 Garand might be twice as powerful, but it's also twice as heavy. For every ten pounds of ammo you lug around, you get just 173 rounds of M2 compared to 393 rounds of .223 / 5.56. It's something to think about. When the Zombies come to America, I'm choosing capacity.

Me: I have it on good authority that using an M1 Garand in combat carries a 312-percent chance of serious injury or death. Why? That's because when the magazine runs dry, it's ejected with an audible "ping" sound which alerts all enemies within a seven-mile radius that you're out of ammo and vulnerable to attack. I read on the internet that it makes a special kind of noise that can be heard above the din of full-on battle because the sound is louder than artillery, tanks, grenades and all of the surrounding gunfire.

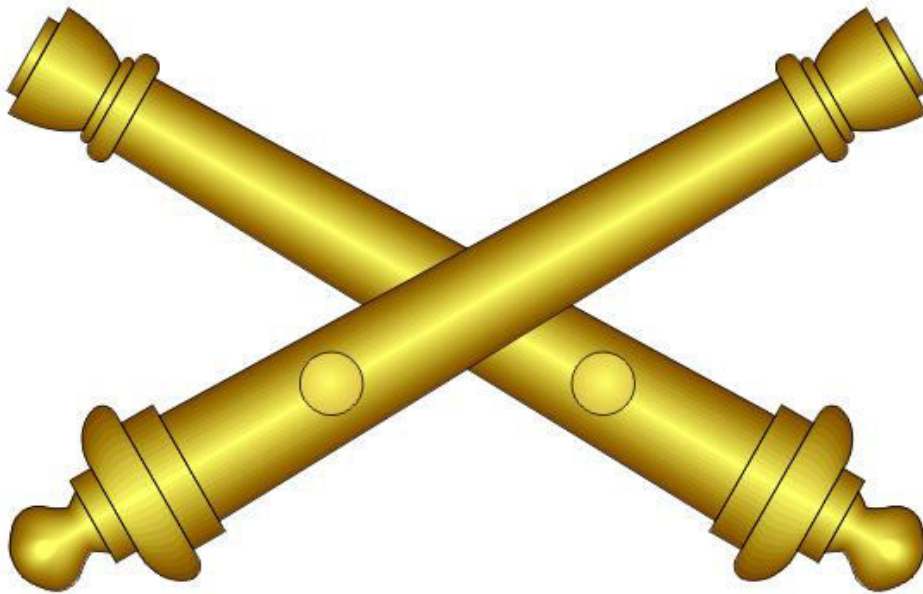
I: OK, so there are World War II stories of the enemy waiting to hear that "ping" noise before attacking. For every one of those, there's another story about GIs deliberately tossing empty en-bloc clips on the ground to fake it. I guess if it was a one-on-one duel in a quiet soundstage, with no other shooting nearby, it could be plausible, but that's not a strike against the M1 Garand.

Myself: Speaking of clips, we have the M1 Garand to thank for the never-ending clip versus magazine terminology debate. Calling the M1's magazine an "en-bloc clip" really fouled us up. Do you guys have any idea of how many perfectly good electrons have been wasted on that discussion? Think about how many people still call pistol and AR magazines "clips." It's a

travesty of ballistic etymology.

Me: OK, so I get your frustration on people using the wrong terminology, but you have to admit there's an upside. It gives people like us reasons to demonstrate our superiority by pretending that we don't understand when someone is talking about a "clip" for their Glock. Better yet, it provides a great opportunity to correct them in a publicly humiliating way. That's worth something, isn't it?

So there you have it. The answer couldn't be more clear on which earns the coveted title of "America's Rifle."



2018 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

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

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)

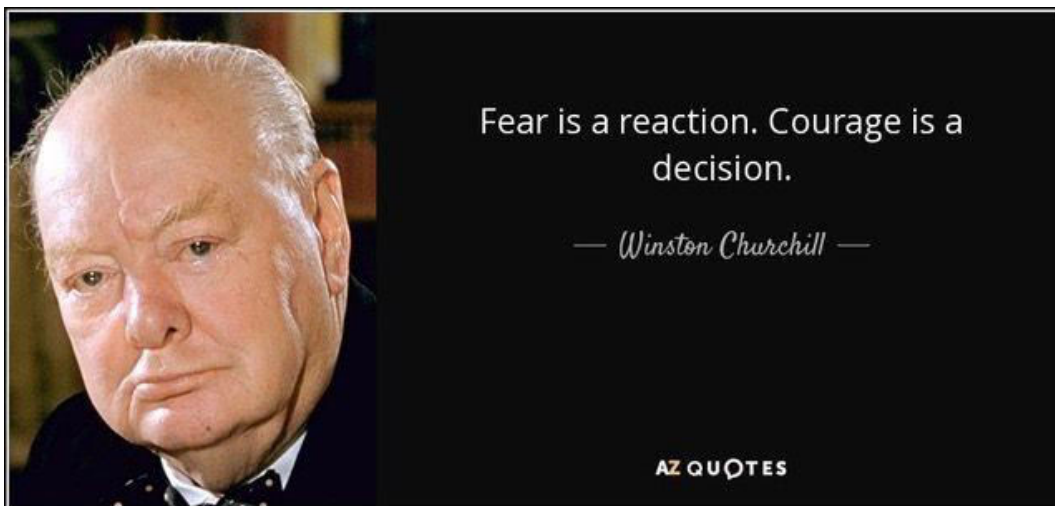
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REQUEST YOUR INPUT

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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National Guard Armory
2001 Park Boulevard
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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.



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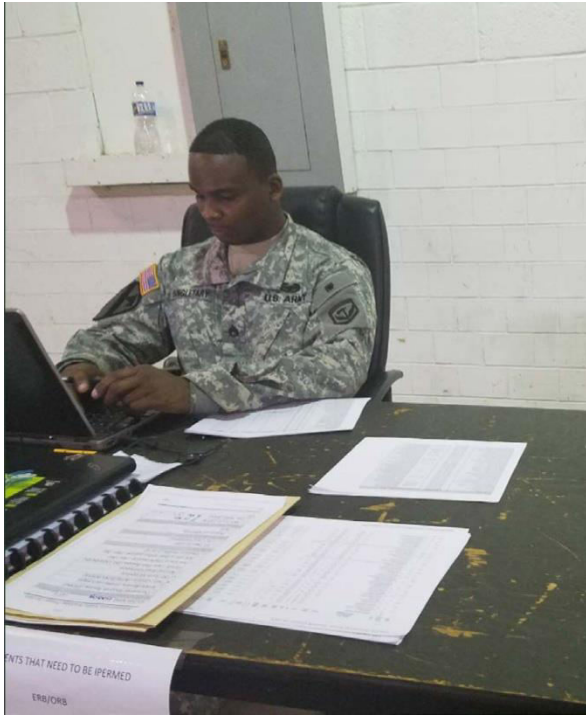
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The 1-112FA Camden Light Artillery Association is proud to be a Commemorative Partner. We held our first event earlier this year and are planning future events for the summer and fall seasons. Please watch for the announcements in your emails and on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

WEB SITE

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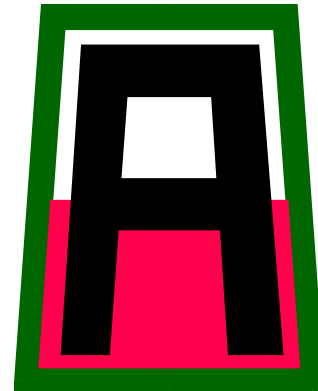
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