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**DATES FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF
2016 WILL BE DETERMINED AT DECEMBER MEETING**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT `1930HRS
TIVE BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT `1930HRS**

Please give your attention to the following meeting schedule:

Day	Date	Time	Attending
Sun	5/15/16	11:00AM	Veteran Corps Memorial Day
Tues	5/31/16	This meeting canceled, vote by membership	
Tues	6/14/16	7:30PM	Board of Officers
Tues	7/12/16	7:30PM	Board of Officers

Veteran Corps 69th Regiment Mission Statement

The mission of the Veteran Corps, 69th Regiment is to preserve and expound the History and traditions of the Regiment, to provide a venue to inform and foster Camaraderie among veterans of the 69th and to assist the Commander of the active unit with the morale and welfare of the soldiers and their families.

DUES AND 50/50 CHANCE BOOKS:

ANNUAL DUES FOR 2016 - \$10.00

COMMANDERS REPORT:

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: In last months Bulletin I mentioned people who were instrumental in making our day so successful. In doing so I neglected to mention others who without their help it would have been very difficult for the day to be a success. They are John Gundy, Philip Rivera, Ron Casey Jr., Joe Caiafa, John Koch, Jose Flores and Bill Finan.

REMINDER:

VETERAN CORPS,69TH REGIMENT MEMORIAL DAY:

Our next and extremely important event will be our Veteran Corps Memorial Day Ceremonies that day at both First, Calvary Cemetery and then at the Armory.

This is our most solemn ceremony planned every year. It is where we remember those who ever served in the 69th and have passed since last year are flagged. I strongly invite and encourage all to attend.

Day Date:	Sunday, May 15th 2016
Assembly:	1030 hours
Ceremony:	1100 hours
Place:	First Calvary Cemetery, 34-02 Greenpoint Ave. Woodside, NY
Dress:	Civilian, Military Casual

Names of those being remembered at the cemetery:

**James Dineen, Robert Evans, John Smith, Harry Huff,
John Fitzsimons, Brian Danis, Thomas Gordon, Richard
Crotty, Robert Rose and Edward Skelly**

**At the conclusion of the ceremonies at the cemetery we will return
to the armory.**

Additional: 1:00PM Memorial Wreath Ceremony at Armory

Monthly Meeting: 2:00PM

**Liaison Officer (LNO) The battalion commander has a desire for the Veteran Corps to
have more active relationship with the active battalion. So he has accepted Col(R) Geoff Slack,
who has agreed to fill the position. I believe this will be a big plus for us as Geoff Slack will
attend specific meetings with the battalion. His duties are not to make decisions but to keep
both side informed on the activities of each other.**

**Although at this time, not being in an elected position he has no voting
power on the Board we will certainly depend on him to offer his
guidance on some subjects. The Board only can vote on whether to
bring an item to the full membership who in turn have the power of
accepting or rejecting the findings of the Board.**

**I wish to thank Col Slack for accepting this position and I am sure his
activity with the Veteran Corps will draw the interest of others.**

ROUGE BOUQUET:

Go to Sleep! Go to Sleep!

Slumber well where the shells screamed and fell,

Let your rifles rest on the muddy floor,

You will not need them anymore.

Danger's past; Now at last,

Go to Sleep!

SGT Joyce Kilmer 165thinf(old 69th) KIA 30 Jul 1918

Correction: Last month we listed LTC Richard Crotty's first name incorrectly

50/50 DRAWINGS:

APRIL

1ST PLACE
Gaspar Perez

2ND PLACE
Richard Adams

LETTERS AND CONVERSATIONS :

John Cope: Thank you for the St Patrick's Day card. Now if anyone is wondering why we changed our mailing address, John mailed the card from Fredericksburg, VA in the early part of March. We received it from our old address a few days ago.

Barbara Mullins: Welcome back from Florida. I hope the warm weather helped in clearing that cold you had and could not shake. Your dues money will be deposited in the Auxiliary account and although short notice would love to see you at the Auxiliary Meeting this coming Sunday.

Ann Brennan: We are deeply appreciative of your continued contributions to the Veteran Corps. Be assured that at the beginning of every meeting we remember in

prayer of all who had served in the 69th and have gone before us. I am a lucky person because I knew your husband, LTC Edward A. Brennan, the younger members today did not know him but through our traditions they know about him and all the others who served with him. William Howell is mentioned here and will be included in our prayers. Ann, again Thank You and God Bless You.

John Walsh: John I wish to apologize for not responding to your interesting emails.

I promise I will call you this week. Our conversations are so interesting and you amaze me with your recollection of years gone by. I will call I promise.

Kevin Maxwell: Kevin who only met Brian Danis I believe once but that was enough for Kevin to take a liking toward Brian. If there is a burial ceremony for Brian at Arlington, Kevin will represent the Veteran Corps as he had done on previous occasions. Thank you Kevin.

SERVICE OFFICERS SICK REPORT:

Maurice Savage	3 Mc Cartney Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2318
John Marino	1078 N Broadway, N. Massapequa, NY 11758
Harry Snyder	1119 Harper Ave., Woodlyn, PA 19094-1209
Jack Munday(Makin Vet)	85 Misha Lane, Sanford, NC 27330

*May we join in Prayer that our sick have a
Speedy and Complete Recovery*

HISTORICAL EVENTS:

In order to add some interesting facts about the history of the Regiment Jack Hallanan suggested we add this section to the Monthly Bulletin

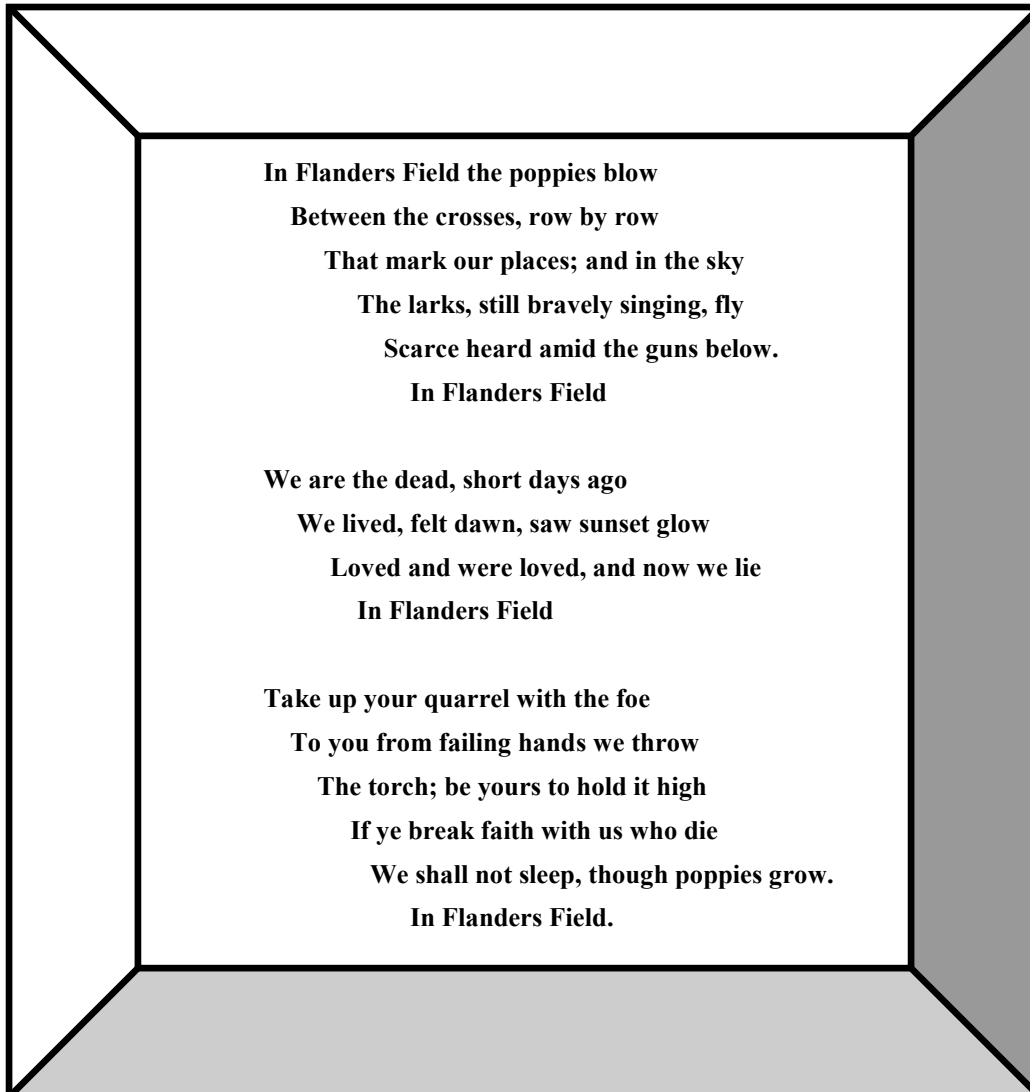
During the month of May you will see members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars offering poppies for a donation to assist their Veteran Programs. This tradition relates to the poppies that grew wild in Europe during WWI. The incident and poem are related to the Canadian Army and prior to the United State being involved in that war. I thought that with the Veteran Corps

remembering our past members this is an appropriate inclusion in the Bulletin.

To commemorate our Memorial Day let us keep in mind the solemnity of the day as we pay homage to all who have ever made the Ultimate Sacrifice for freedom.

During the second battle of Ypres during WWI a Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alex Helmer, was killed on 2 May 1915 by an exploding shell. He was a friend of the Canadian military doctor, Major John McCrae.

Major McDrae was asked to conduct the burial service owing to the Chaplain being called away on duty elsewhere. It is believed that later that evening McCrae began the draft for his famous poem 'In Flanders Field'



I'm not sure if it is still required but I do know that a few short years ago the High School Graduates would not receive their diplomas if they could not recite the poem "In Flanders Field" by memory.

On Sunday, May 15th when we visit 1st Calvary cemetery we could also view the grave of BG Michael Corcoran who with his wife is buried very close to the Veteran Corps Memorial.

Our Jan/Feb Bulletin's Historical section was dedicated to this.



OBSEQUES OF MRS. GENERAL CORCORAN.—On Wednesday last the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Corcoran, wife of Brigadier General Michael Corcoran, took place from her late residence, No. 384 Broome street. There was a large attendance of the relatives and friends of the family, and among those present we noticed the Hon. Judge Hilton, Col. Robert Nugent, Col. McEvily, Lieutenant Colonels Reed and Flood, Capt. James B. Kirker, Lieutenant William J. Kane, Dr. E. D. Connery, John O'Mahoney, Esq., Quartermaster Tully and a number of officers of the Sixty ninth regiment, besides General Corcoran himself, who had come on from Washington the day previous to attend the funeral. The religious ceremonies took place at ten o'clock A. M. at St. Patrick's Cathedral, which was most densely crowded. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. William Starrs, V. G., assisted by the Rev. Fathers Mooney, Donnelly and McSweeney. The coffin, containing the remains, was placed in the centre aisle, in full view of the whole assemblage. On the lid was a plate containing the following inscription:—

ELIZABETH CORCORAN,
AGED 35 YEARS.
DIED AUGUST 4, 1863.
Born in Ireland, county Westmeath.

At the conclusion of the religious ceremonies the remains were conveyed to Calvary Cemetery, followed by a long procession of over one hundred carriages and a large number of people on foot.

In case of illness or death of a member, please call our Service Officer, Frank Sherry at (516) 536-6756 or leave a message on our answering machine at (212) 585-6556 on a timely manner. If known please list the Company and dates of service in the Regiment.

Please direct all correspondence to:
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I wish to thank all who assisted in the preparation and distribution of the Bulletin
Tom Fitzsimmons
Commander