

THE 69TH INFANTRY - A RICH HERITAGE:
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VETERAN CORPS BULLETIN JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2024

Veteran Corps Meetings Schedule:

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, to assist in the welfare of veterans of the 69th, and to assist the Commander of the active unit with the morale and welfare of the soldiers and their families.

Executive Board:

Executive Board meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1900 Hours

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Membership Meetings – 2024 Schedule TBD

SCHEDULE – 2024 Executive Board Meetings / Calendar of Events:				
[Subject to Change]				
Exec Board of Officers	3/12/2024	Tuesday	1900	
St Patrick's Day (Membership Meeting)	3/16/2024	Saturday	1400	
Exec Board of Officers	4/9/2024	Tuesday	1900	
Exec Board of Officers	5/14/2024	Tuesday	1900	
Unit Memorial Day - May	5/19/2024	Sunday	TBD	
Exec Board of Officers	6/11/2024	Tuesday	1900	
Exec Board of Officers	7/9/2024	Tuesday	1900	
Exec Board of Officers	8/13/2024	Tuesday	1900	

Members are invited to attend – please reach out to a board member if interested and you will be included in our ZOOM list!!

REGIMENT WEB SITE: WWW.THE69THVETERANSCORPS.COM



Message from the Commander Col John M. Gundy (Ret)

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Greetings,

ST PATRICKS!

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We rendezvous on 16/March/2024 at 68 Lexington Ave for the 2024 St Patrick's Day celebrations!!

As we have said previously, this will be the last St. Patrick's ceremony held in our beloved armory at 68 Lexington Ave for some time. Consequently, we urge all 69th Veterans to pull all stops to attend this one as we are not exactly sure when we will be in the armory for St Patrick's celebrations again. *Also, please read the Parade dress code located in this bulletin. Individuals in military uniforms or parts thereof will not march in this year's parade.*

Once St Patrick's festivities are over, we will start the process of packing all 69Veterans belongings for storage. We were promised space in NYARNG storage facilities in Saratoga. We will provide more details shortly as some of you will probably want to come by and ensure that your favorite memorabilia are packed properly.

Because of federal regulations, we do not have officially designated space in the renovated armory. However, we have been assured (unofficially) by NYARNG Facility Authorities that we will be assigned adequate office, meeting, and storage space in the renovated armory. In order to bring everyone current on recent events and to answer questions, we will have a short General Membership meeting downstairs immediately after returning from the parade.

While complete details are unavailable, we believe the active BN will meet in the <u>Harlem</u> and Jamaica armories during the renovations of the 69th armory.

Thanks to Mike Drew, we are restarting the 50/50 Raffle! Albeit, in a slightly different format. Please check it out in the <u>Wheel of Names 50/50</u> section of this bulletin.







<u>March 16th, 2024 (Saturday) – Mass & Parade Information:</u>

> 07:30 - St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass:

 Veteran Corps members wishing to attend mass must report to the corner of <u>East 50th Street and 5th Avenue</u> <u>no later than 07:30.</u> After mass, the regiment will regroup and proceed to the parade gathering location.



➤ 10:30 Parade – Report to Location:



❖ Veteran Corps members planning on marching in the parade must report to <u>East 44th Street and 5th Avenue</u> no later than 10:30; we generally join the parade at 11:00. Please be prepared for small changes!

GENERAL COMPORTMENT / DRESS CODE:

IMPORTANT - Requirements for Participation - Strictly Enforced:

 Only members of the Veteran Corps are permitted to march with the Veteran Corps.

Dress Code:

Veteran Corp members are required to follow appropriate dress code to march in the parade. **Business casual is required (shirt, slacks, shoes)**

- NO t-shirts
- ☑ NO jeans
- ☑ NO sneakers
- ☑ NO baseball caps





No military uniforms and/or parts thereof.

Veteran Corps members are encouraged to wear their VC cap.

We represent all members of the Veteran Corps and should be dressed accordingly. Any member not dressed appropriately will be excused from marching.

2ND VICE COMMANDER UPDATE:

Michael Drew, Captain (Ret) 2nd Vice Commander – Veteran Corps Mike3205959@gmail.com

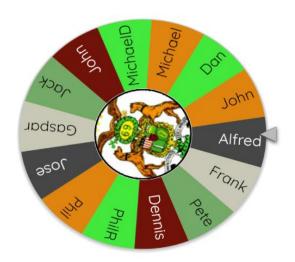


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The Veteran Corps 69th Regiment, Inc Introducing the NEW! "WHEEL OF NAMES (50/50)"

Quarterly Drawing:

- Two wheel spins per quarter
- 50% of the pot goes to the winners: split 60% to first spin name; 40% to second spin name



The above is an illustration/example of The Wheel. The arrow < indicates the winning name.

Your name will appear on the Wheel once per \$5 chance. Additional \$5 submissions enhance your chances of winning.

Payment options (for all options, please note Wheel of Names in memo section):

Check: please mail check to: The Veteran Corps, PO Box 48, Massapequa, NY 11762

Zelle: the69veterans@gmail.com

PayPal: www.the69thveteranscorps.com

There will be two spins of the wheel per quarter. The first prize will win 60% of the winnings; the second prize will win 40% of the winnings.

We will hold drawings at the end of each quarter, commencing on 31 March 24.







Membership Dues – 2024 Fee Structure

Annual Membership Dues = \$20.00 - NEW DUES SCHEDULE

Effective <u>January 1, 2024</u> annual dues of twenty (\$20) will be for all new and current members of the Corps. Lifetime Membership is also available <u>(Effective June 1, 2023)</u> according to the following Lifetime Dues chart:

*	35 years of age or younger	\$500.00
	36 to 50 years of age	
*	51 to 64 years of age	\$300.00
*	Over 65 years of age	\$200.00

Members will become eligible for Lifetime Membership after two (2) consecutive years of membership in the Corps.

Fitz's Memorial Corner:

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submitted by the bulletin staff



TOM FITZSIMMONS

> LUIS COTTE

While visiting Puerto Rico a few weeks ago, the Commander had a chance to sip a few beers with PSG (R) Luis Cotte...the **G.O.A.T.** of 69th Infantry Antitank Platoon Leaders. Luis is doing fine in St Germain PR, cherishing his Vietnam and Fighting 69th memories while tooling around the local streets in a (fresh from storage in Texas) sparkling new 1964 (M38A1) ¼ ton truck, utility!



> JOSE MATIAS

Also spent some time with Jose in Rincon, PR where he maintains a "snowbird' residency. Check him out if you are in Rincon (avoiding the snow) and want to visit the best area restaurants.

> BILLY HALL

Spoke to Billy Hall on Superbowl Sunday. Bill was preparing to spend a few days in the hospital where doctors are scheduled to give him a brand new "bionic lower backbone" (vertebrae fusions). Let's give "Wild Bill" a hardy "get the hell well soon"!! Actually, I always thought he had a relatively strong "backbone". Guess he had me fooled!!

> ROB BANAS "Wolfhound Mike"

Mike Drew recently spoke to "Wolfhound Mike" and friends (Engineers from Buffalo), who were attached to **Task Force Wolfhound** during its 2004 Victorious Iraq Campaign. They are joining us for St Patrick's 2024.

If my interpretation of our constitution is correct.... We are going to sign them up!!



SERVICE OFFICER'S SICK REPORT:

- Eddie Dunn
- Mike Guiry

- Billy Hall
- Lenny Scorcia

May we join in prayer that our sick have a complete and speedy recovery!

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 recording machine at (212) 686-6556 in a timely manner. If known, please list the Company and dates of service in the Regiment. Please direct all correspondence to:

Veteran Corps, 69th Regiment, Inc., P.O. Box 48, Massapequa Park, NY 11762 Other contact information: Email address: THE69VETERANS@GMAIL.COM





IN MEMORIAM:

NOTE: The Veteran Corps will list the name of any active or former member of the 69th Infantry in the Memorial Segment. It is not necessary that they were a member of the Veteran Corps. They will also be remembered during the ceremony on our Memorial Day each year.

♥ William "Bill" Henry C Co. 12 January 2024 CSC Co. (1970's) **20 February 2024 ②** John O'Connor Terry Toal HHC Co. (1967-1973) **02 February 2024** Willie Browne A Co. August 2023 2nd Battalion **○** SFC Edward Campbell* 13 July 2023 Allan Campbell* 2nd Battalion **07 December 2017** 2nd Battalion 2015

*Campbell brothers that all served in the 69th

ROUGE BOUQUET:

Go to Sleep; Go to Sleep
Slumber well where the shells screamed and fell,
Lay your rifles on the muddy floor
You will not need them anymore
Now at Last, Peace at Last,
Go to Sleep!

Sgt Joyce Kilmer KIA 30 Jul 1918 165th Old 69th

Remember – Take a moment to check in on a veteran buddy!

Looking forward to meeting up on – Saturday - 16 March 2024!
