



*THE 69TH INFANTRY - A RICH HERITAGE:
PROUD TO SERVE - FROM CIVIL WAR, WWI, WWII TO IRAQ AND CURRENT DAY READINESS*

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VETERAN CORPS BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2023

Veteran Corps Meetings Schedule:

Executive Board:

Until Further Notice:

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Sunday Membership Meetings

2023 Member meeting schedule will be published under separate cover

SCHEDULE – 2023 Executive Board Meetings / Calendar of Events: Subject to Change

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| Exec Board of Officers | 10/10/2023 | Tuesday | 1900 |
| Active Battalion Dining Out Ceremony | 10/21/2023 | Saturday | Refer to Invite |
| Makin Day Dinner | On Hold - TBD | | |
| Exec Board of Officers | 11/14/2023 | Tuesday | 1900 |
| Exec Board of Officers | 12/12/2023 | Tuesday | 1900 |

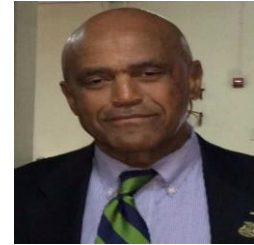
Members are invited to attend –
please reach out to a board member if interested
and you will be included in our ZOOM list!!

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.



Message from the Commander
Col John M. Gundy (Ret)
The69veterans@gmail.com



Greetings....

The Fighting Sixty-Ninth is back from the Horn of Africa. Thankfully, with all parts intact!

To commemorate mission accomplishment and safe return to home station, a Dining-Out Ceremony will be held on 21October23 in the Armory (note attached flyer).

Armory News

The saga of armory renovations continues. While we still do not have a definite date as to when we must vacate, we do know that it will not occur during calendar year 2023. We are planning to start the packing process sometime in the Spring of 2024. Meanwhile, the lead abatement program is in its final stages, and as mentioned previously, the Dining-Out will be held in the armory. Now that's Great News!!.

Dining-Out Ceremony – 21 Oct 2023 (Saturday)

As the Dining-Out Ceremony will probably be the last in-armory gathering for the next 3-5 years (estimated renovation time frame), we urge ALL 69th Veterans to please turn out and enjoy the camaraderie of your old 69th buddies while helping the Active Bn celebrate its successful Horn Of Africa Mission completion.

The attire for 69th Veterans and other veterans is formal (Dark suits with tie/dark sport sports coat with dark slacks and black or brown shoes ..The 69th Veteran Uniform consisting of blue blazer/ grey slacks/ white or blue shirt with regimental tie/black or brown shoes....is always appropriate)

The cost is \$100 per individual. Payments can be made as outlined in the attached flyer...or to the Veteran Corps 69th Regt by ZELLE or PayPal (the69veterans@gmail.com) (The69thveteranscorps.com).

Please insert "Dining-Out" in the notes section of your payment.

MAKIN

The Active BN has not made a firm commitment on Makin for 2023. As the Dining-Out date is only two weeks from the 1st Friday in November (Traditional Makin date), Makin 2023 is possibly a no-go.

Consequently, it is imperative that all 69th Veteran do their utmost to make the Dining-Out. While not our traditional **Makin**, we will still have a chance to "bend elbows" with old friends as we enjoy our Regimental "Grog", amongst other forms of liquid refreshments.



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The Active Battalion – Dining Out Ceremony



1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment
"The Fighting 69th"

LTC Shawn L. Tabankin & CSM Jason M. Zeller
request the honor of your and your guest's presence
at the Task Force Wolfhound Dining Out

*To be held at the Lexington Avenue Armory,
68 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY,
on the evening of
Saturday, October 21st, 2023*

*Cocktail Hour 1730
Formal Ceremony begins 1830*



RSVP by September 21st to eventplannerfighting69th@gmail.com

& send payment via Paypal to

[Sixty-Ninth Historical Trust](#)

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=GAQWWT+ZUXQMW&source=url

Tickets Prices per attendee (dates are the same prices as the military member):
E1-E4 \$50, E5 \$60, E6 \$70, E8-E9/O1-O3/CW1-CW3/69th and other Veterans \$100,
O4/CW4 and up \$120

POC ~ SFC Guercy Dominique
Guercy.Dominique.mil@army.mil or
646-424-5586

Military ~ Army Service Uniform with Bowtie or Mess Dress
Veterans ~ Formal (Dark Suits/Dark Sports Coat/Tie)

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**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues

**Membership Dues –
2024 Fee Structure**

Annual Membership Dues = \$20.00

NEW DUES SCHEDULE

Effective **January 1, 2024** annual dues of twenty (\$20) will be for all new and current members of the Corps.

Lifetime Membership is also available (**Effective June 1, 2023**) according to the following Lifetime Dues chart:

- ❖ 35 years of age or younger.....\$500.00
- ❖ 36 to 50 years of age.....\$400.00
- ❖ 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:
The69veterans@gmail.com



TOM FITZSIMMONS

Bulletin Staff

- **Andy Donahue /Anthony Hilinski**
Sadly, Andy and Tony left us on 25/August and 27/August, respectively. While some of us are getting a bit “long in the tooth” to engage in the *Celebrations of Life 69th Veterans Versions*, of past years, I think Andy would be proud of the performances of Doyle and Gundy during his *send off*.
- **Ann Donahue/Sue Hilinski**
We can’t say enough about these two Angels!
Understandably, it’s our duty to attend to our spouses and other family members during times of need, but Ann and Sue were something special in the loving care extended to their respective spouses (our dear friends), Andy and Tony. We offer our prayers for Andy/Ann, and Tony/Sue.

➤ **Billy Hall**

It was great to see Billy, after all these years, at Tony's celebration. We suggested that he could make amends by attending all future 69th events, to include Celebrations of Life.



SERVICE OFFICER'S SICK REPORT:

- LTC Nicholas Chernjawski
- Mike Guiry

- Lenny Scorgia
- John J. Smith

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.

- ⊗ Captain Anthony Hilinski
- ⊗ LTC Andrew Donahue

27 August 2023
25 August 2023

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

