



**VETERAN CORPS. 69TH REGIMENT, INC.
THE FIGHTING SIXTY NINTH**

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BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2016

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
and to assist the
Commander of the
active unit with the
morale and welfare
of the soldiers and
their families*

Executive Board:

**Executive Board will meet on the
2nd Tuesday of each month at 1930 Hours**

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NOTE:

**All members are invited to attend Exec Board meetings.
Veteran Corps members may participate with sharing
ideas and suggestions, but will not be able to vote at
these meetings; updates are presented at the general
membership Regular Scheduled Meetings.**

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**Regular Scheduled Meetings –
SCHEDULE CHANGE 2016 - See next page**



**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – 2016 –
NOTE CHANGES!**

As explained in the last month’s issue of the Bulletin, we are considering making some changes to our meeting schedules. Although we have a steady number of members at our Sunday meetings (average about 15) we will try a different schedule involving canceling some Sundays and adding some additional Tuesdays. We will try this for 6 months and if it does not increase our attendance we will revert back to the Sunday only meetings. Listed below are the both the Executive Board and Regular Membership meetings for the next 4 months:

Meeting	Date	Day	Time
Regular Membership Schedule Meeting	2/21/16	Sunday	2:00pm
Exec – Board of Officers	3/8/16	Tuesday	7:30pm
St. Patrick’s Day	3/17/16	Thursday	10:00am
Regular Membership Schedule Meeting	3/29/16	Tuesday	7:30pm
Exec – Board of Officers	4/12/16	Tuesday	7:30pm
Regular Membership Schedule Meeting	4/17/16	Sunday	2:00pm



Annual Membership Dues 2016 = \$10.00

Please make every effort to make sure your membership dues are current for 2016!



IMPORTANT!!

**VETERAN CORPS – MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE –
MEMBERSHIP DUES AND 50/50 PAYMENTS –
SEND TO:**

**VETERAN CORPS, 69TH REGIMENT, INC.
P.O. BOX 48
MASSAPEQUA PARK, N.Y. 11762**

As stated in previous Bulletins, we were having some problems with our mail delivery. This new address will in fact assist us in being able to pick up mail in a timelier manner. Please make note of it for future use.



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COMMANDER'S REPORT:

I have been doing the Bulletin for a few years now but last month's (January) was one for the books. In order to get this one in the mail the following took place:

First the information gathered was from our own activities, letters, phone calls and greeting cards. With these assembled I then wrote Bulletin and formatted it. It was then emailed from Bethpage, NY to Puerto Rico (John Gundy) so he could proof read it and make additional formatting changes where needed. Then emailed back to Bethpage, NY (my home) and with emails back and forth and after additional changes made, it was finalized. It was then emailed to Massapequa Park (Dennis Hearn) where it was then sent to NYC for printing where it was later picked up by Dennis & myself on Tuesday and delivered to the Armory where it was stuffed and mailed to you.

Then I say to myself, I wonder how many really read this.
Anyone interested in this job?

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**Upcoming Activities – St. Patrick's Day – 2016!
Thursday – 3/17/16:**

Once again we will be participating in the St Patrick's Day Parade. And again as a reminder, I will mention our participation in the parade. We must remember that we are part of our Regiment's history and traditions and our conduct should reflect the honor and pride in this exhibition before the citizens of New York.

RULES – Marching with the Veteran Corps – MEMBERS ONLY!

Although our ranks are getting smaller we will not invite people who have not served in the 69th to join us in the parade. On the other hand, I ask that if you are a member of the Veteran Corps, that you march with us and not with other elements associated with the Regiment. We ask that you dress in an appropriate manner, jeans & white sneakers are not appropriate nor are partial military uniforms. Signs, posters or photographs will not be displayed. Remember that you served with this Regiment.
Make this present day Regiment proud of you.



EVENTS OF THE DAY – Please make every effort to join! –

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St Patrick's Day – Schedule:

➤ **MASS:** Those who wish to attend the Memorial Mass :

Place: St Patrick's Cathedral 51st Street and 5th Avenue
Time: 0730 hrs
Assemble: Northeast Corner of 51st St and 5th Avenue

➤ **PARADE:** Those members who wish to proudly march with the Veteran Corps:

Place: 44th Street West of 5th Avenue
Time: 1030 hrs
Assemble; Under the direction of CSM(ret) Jose Flores

➤ **ARMORY:** Those who will attending our activities:

Place: 69th Infantry Armory
68 Lexington Avenue

Armory Drill Shed: Brief Ceremony, Change of Command, Promotions, Decorations and Awards, Regimental Cocktail

Veteran Corps Dinner – cost \$15.00/person:
Mural Room (downstairs)

- Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner w/ potatoes and carrots
- Two bottles of beer / soda, or one liquor drink

Come and join your fellow Veterans on this day!

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Letters, Christmas Cards and Conversations:

We apologize for the tardy responses to some of our letters and cards received. There was a delay in picking up some of our December mail until mid-January.

- **RUTH NEIDINGER:** Received a beautiful Christmas card from Ruth and as always she has made a contribution to the Family Support Fund in memory of

her late husband 1SG Al Neidinger, We start off all of our meeting with a prayer in memory of our past members. Again, Thank You.

- **SCOOTER BARCLAY**: Received a personal Christmas card from Scooter and I wish to thank him for it. I did mention in last month's Bulletin about him going to Pearl Harbor for the 74th anniversary of the attack. I would like to share with you a little more information. Scooter was one of the 13 WW II veterans as guests of the Greatest Generation Association. 6 of the 13 were at Pearl the day of the attack. 1 later was involved in bombing Midway. Scooter was so honored to be there. As far as Makin Day, there are some questions but he if we can get it going, would love to attend a gathering of the Task Force Wolfhound soldiers. He did make friends with COL Slack and others of the battalion at Ft. Hood prior to them being deployed to Iraq. Scooter, A Happy Healthy 2016 to you.
- **BARBARA MULLIN**: Barbara is the daughter of John Mullin who served with the Regiment in WW II. She has sent a beautiful New Year's card wishing all the best and apologizing for not attending the December meeting due to a serious cold.
- **BETTY RODRICK**: In Memoriam, Betty a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, passed away this past December. Betty was a long time active member until the passing of her husband LTC Patrick Rodrick. She had a great sense of humor and I had many great conversations with her. I wish to thank her family for directing contributions in memory of her to the Family Support Fund.
- **ARCHIE MATTHEWS**: It is great hearing from you. Archie who qualifies as one of the "Greatest Generation" served with the 165th (69th) during WWII. He lives in Knoxville, TN and is still a member of the Veteran Corps. We are so grateful and proud to have you as a member. Along with his dues, Archie sent a generous contribution to the Veteran Corps, Thank You.
- **JAMES BRADLEY**: Jim, thank you for your contribution to the Family Support Fund. It is appreciated.
- **JOHN MANSFIELD**: John, great hearing from you. I sincerely hope to see you next month on St. Patrick's Day. I also wish to thank you for your very generous contribution to the Family Support Fund. Much appreciated.
- **JOHN CASSERLY**: John, the soldiers of the battalion appreciate your contribution to the Family Support Fund, Thank You.
- **MICHAEL SULLIVAN**: Thank you for your very thoughtful card and your contribution to the Family Support Fund.

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IN MEMORIAM:

Harry S. Huff	1203 Oakmount Rd Charleston, WV 25314;	165 th WW II (wife) Sandra	15 August 2015
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John J. Fitzsimons	Non-member (no address)	Co C 2-69Inf	22 January 2016
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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 it anymore
 Now at last, peace at last
 Go to Sleep....*

Sgt. Joyce Kilmer, 165th Inf (old 69th) KIA 30 July 1918

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SERVICE OFFICER’S SICK REPORT:

Maurice Savage Tom Gordon	3 McCartney Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2315 Gino Merli Veterans Center, 401 Penn Ave, Scranton, PA 18503
John Marino Harry Snyder Jack Munday (Makin Vet)	1078 N. Broadway, N. Massapequa, NY 11758 13931 Encantardo Cir., Ft. Pierce, FL 34951 85 Misha Lane, Sanford, NC 27330

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 98, Madison Square Station,
 New York, NY, 10010.

Other contact information: Email address for the commander is: tomandlilfitz2@verizon.net



REGIMENTAL 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. A different aspect of the Regiment's History will be provided.

BRIG. GEN. CORCORAN



Michael Corcoran:

Birth: September 21, 1827, Ballymote, County Sligo, Ireland

Death: December 22, 1863 United State of America

Michael Corcoran was an Irish general in the Union Army during the American Civil War and a close confidant of President Abraham Lincoln. As its colonel, he led the 69th New York Regiment to Washington, D.C. and was one of the first to serve in the defense of Washington by building Fort Corcoran. He then led the 69th into action at the First Battle of Bull Run. After promotion to brigadier general, he left the 69th and formed the Corcoran Legion, consisting of at least five other New York regiments. (accessed – Wikipedia).

His Funeral: Corcoran, which had been lying in state for the past two days in the Governors room at city hall, were conveyed to St Patrick's Cathedral, Mulberry Street. At 9 o'clock in the morning the remains of the late General et in order for the solemn High Mass Requiem to be said over him. With the Cathedral crowd beyond capacity, the Very Rev. William Starrs. V.G. performed the mass. At the conclusion, the remains were removed back to City Hall, to be again laid in state in the Governor's room where an opportunity for the public to view the remains.

At 1 o'clock the escort unit arrived but due to the large crowds the cortege did not start until 2 o'clock. The military escort consisted of the following units:

- The Twenty-second Regiment, NYSNG under command of COL Aspinwall
- The Sixty-ninth Regiment, NYNG under the command of COL Bagley
- The Fourth Artillery, under the command of COL Teller, Cavalry Troop of Sixty-ninth regiment.

Hearse, drawn by eight iron-gray horses, dressed with funeral trappings. There were 10 Pallbearers with Gen Thomas Meagher and COL Matthew Murphy of the 69th N.Y.S.V. among them.

Along the route up Broadway to the foot of Tenth Street, E.R. there was one continuous line of people, our Irish citizens predominating. Arriving at the ferry, the military and civic societies filed off, the respective bands struck up enlivening secular airs, and the hearse, accompanied by the relatives and friends of the deceased, proceeded to Calvary Cemetery where the interment took place. During the day the flags on the various public buildings were kept at half-mast.



SUMMARY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITIES

VETERAN CORPS

- ♣ **DATE:** SATURDAY - MARCH 17, 2013
 - ♣ **DRESS CODE:** BUSINESS CASUAL
(NO JEANS, NO BASEBALL CAPS, NO WHITE SNEAKERS)

 - ♣ **MASS:** 0730 AM
 - ♣ **PARADE:** 1030 AM - FOR VETERAN CORPS MEMBERS
 - ♣ **ARMORY:** CEREMONIES TO FOLLOW
- TRADITIONAL DINNER: CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE**
- **COST / PERSON = \$15.00 (DINNER + DRINKS - [2 bottles of beer / soda or one liquor drink])**

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE!
CELEBRATE THE TRADITIONS OF THE FIGHTING 69TH!



I wish to thank all who assisted in the preparation and distribution of the Bulletin.

TOM FITZSIMMONS – COMMANDER
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