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**Members of the Executive Board will meet on the
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 1930 Hours**



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.



REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

As explained in the last 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 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 meetings for the next 4 months. I have attached copy of what the yearly schedule will look like.

Day	Date	Time	Attending
Tues	1/12/16	7:30PM	Board of Officers
Tues	2/9/16	7:30PM	Board of Officers
Sun	2/21/16	2:00PM	Regular Scheduled Meeting
Tues	3/8/16	7:30PM	Board of Officers
Thurs	3/17/16	10:00AM	St Patrick's Day
Tues	3/29/16	7:30AM	Regular Scheduled Meeting
Tues	4/12/16	7:30PM	Board of Officers
Sun	4/17/16	2:00PM	Regular Scheduled Meeting

NOTE: All members are invited to attend Board Meetings. You may participate with ideas or suggestions, but will not be allowed to vote.

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DUES AND 50/50 CHANCE BOOKS:

We have experienced some problems with our P.O. Box recently, so for the time being and to help us expedite the deposits and issuance of the new membership card, dues and 50/50 payments should be sent to:

Veteran Corps, 69th Regiment
139 Whitewood Drive
Massapequa Park, NY 11762

COMMANDERS REPORT:

Along with the changes of the meetings, we also changed the dates of our installation of those elected. The Nomination Committee continues to present its slate of Officers and Board Members at the November meeting. Election of Officers and Board Members continues to be at the December meeting. Rather than January, we will have the installation immediately after the election in December. December is usually our best attended monthly meeting and January usually among the worst attended.

The purpose of our changes is in hopes of increasing our membership and attendance at our meetings. With some of the meeting being held on Tuesdays, we may attract some who cannot attend on Sundays.

Although there were some concerns about the St. Patrick's Day Parade, it now seems all is well and it will continue as it has for so many years. More details in February's bulletin.

The results of the election are as follows:

1 year term = Officers

Commander	Tom Fitzsimmons
1st Vice Commander	Jose Flores
2nd Vice Commander	Jack Hallanan
Treasurer	John Gundy
Recording Secretary	Dennis Hearn

3 year term = Board of Directors

Chairman of the Board	Frank Murphy
Member	Frank Sherry
Member	Efrain Diaz

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LETTERS, CONVERSATIONS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Jerry Steakin

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas card and also for your continued support of the Family Support Fund. I hope that the Steakin Family had a wonderful Christmas and enjoys a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Andy Donohue

Andy and Ann, Thank you for your Christmas card. You folks never forget to send your greeting to us. May you have a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Maryann Kelly

As she does every year, remembers all the members of the Veteran Corps with a beautiful Christmas card. Maryann, we of the Veteran Corps wish you the best in the future and again thank you for your years of service as President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Scooter Barclay

Thanks for remembering us with that beautiful Christmas card, we appreciate it. Scooter also informed me that he was one of the 14 honored guests at the 74th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Congratulations, Way to go guy!

Harry Snyder

Harry, who is one of the steady communicators with the Bulletin, sends us a warm greeting for the Christmas Season. Unfortunately he also informed us of the passing of his wife last October. Harry, at our next meeting, I assure you, we will remember her and your son Robert who passed on some years ago. We will also include you in our prayers.

William Gibson

A warm and wonderful Christmas and New Year greeting from the Emerald Isle. Thank you so much as you never forget us at the holiday season. I sincerely hope the rains subsided and if the winds did not, at least they were at your back. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

John Walsh

John, who calls me every so often, called a few days ago. He is one of the most interesting people to have a conversation with. He informed me that in six months he will be celebrating his 95th birthday. John's time with the Regiment goes back prior to WW II. He is one for the old timers; we were talking about the rifle team and marksmanship and the Regiment's long affiliation with shooting. Quote from John: "We used to go to Camp Smith to qualify with our weapons and there was a member of the Rifle Team there, I'm not really sure if I've got his name correct, but I think it was Herman Lutz". That was 77 years ago and he remembered! We talked about a lot of things and what a pleasure it is to have a conversation with John.

Kevin Maxwell

Had a holiday call from Kevin. He and Pat are spending the month of January in Florida. All is well and the puppy is with them. Kevin is a frequent caller and likes to know how things are in the Regiment. He is a really valued member of the Veteran Corps.

SERVICE OFFICERS SICK REPORT:

Maurice Savage 3 McCartney Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2318

**Tom Gordon Gino Merit Veteran Center
401 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503**

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*

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50/50 DRAWINGS:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>1ST PLACE</u>	<u>2ND PLACE</u>
December	Theresa Alfonso	Betty Gannon

Flores and Gundy on visit to Puerto Rico with SFC Louie Cotte, former 106MM RR PLT SGT. He sends Happy Three Kings Day greetings to all 69th Veterans.



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.

Michael Corcoran:

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

Death: December 22, 1863, United State of America

Civil War, Union Brigadier General. Born the son of an officer in the British Army, he immigrated to the United States in 1849. In 1859, he was appointed Colonel of the 69th New York Militia but lost the position the next year when he refused to parade the Regiment before the Prince of Wales, who was visiting the United States. His Court Martial for this incident was cut short by the beginning of the Civil War. He was then commissioned as Colonel in command of the 69th New York Regiment, United States Army and was instrumental in enlisting other Irish immigrants into the Union Army. He participated with gallantry in the first battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861 and was wounded and taken prisoner. He was a Confederate prisoner of war for thirteen months before being released in a prisoner exchanged in August, 1862.

Returning north, he was promoted to Brigadier General and raised a brigade of four regiments, known as the Irish Legion. Taking command, he rejoined the Army in Virginia in November 1862. The following year, while in camp at Fairfax Court House, Virginia, he was thrown from his horse and died from the results of his injuries at the age of 36.

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:
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Other contact information: Email address for the commander is:

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

**TOM FITZSIMMONS – COMMANDER
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PROPOSED BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS FOR 2016

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ATTENDING</u>
TUES	JAN 12	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
TUES	FEB 9	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
(SUN)	(FEB21)	(2:00PM)	(REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING)
TUES	MAR 8	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
THURS	MAR 17	10:30AM	ALL MEMBERS
TUES	MAR 29	7:30PM	(REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING)
TUES	APR 12	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
(SUN)	(APR 17)	(2:00PM)	(REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING)
TUES	MAY 10	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
SUN	MAY 15	11:00AM	69 TH MEMORIAL DAY
TUES	MAY 31	7:30PM	(REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING)
TUES	JUN 14	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
TUES	JUL 12	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
TUES	AUG 9	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
TUES	AUG 30	7:30PM	(REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING)
TUES	SEP 13	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
(SUN)	(SEP18)	(2:00PM)	(REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING)
TUES	OCT 11	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
TUES	NOV 8	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
TUES	NOV 29	7:30PM	(REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING)
TUES	DEC 13	7:30PM	OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS
SUN	DEC 18	2:00PM	(REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING)