



**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

MARCH - MAY 2024

Veteran Corps Meetings Schedule:

Executive Board:

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Membership Meetings – 2024 Schedule TBD

SCHEDULE – 2024 Executive Board Meetings / Calendar of Events: [Subject to Change]

Exec Board of Officers	5/14/2024	Tuesday	1900
Unit Memorial Day - May	5/19/2024	Sunday	1100
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
Exec Board of Officers	9/10/2024	Tuesday	1900
Exec Board of Officers	10/8/2024	Tuesday	1900
Exec Board of Officers	11/12/2024	Tuesday	1900
Exec Board of Officers	12/10/2024	Tuesday	1900

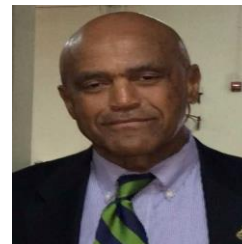
**Members are invited to attend –
please reach out to a board member if interested
and you will be included in our ZOOM list!!**

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,

St Patrick's Day was great!! We want to extend a hearty thanks to all the 69th Veterans who showed up to celebrate that bright and sunny...**"Our Day"**. You (us) Old Guys who had a problem with the marching pace? Not to worry, as we are working on alternatives for next year that will accommodate us "older members". As you sit and contemplate an easier march up 5th Ave next year, please enjoy Señor Diaz's St. Patrick's photos below and on our website.

Meanwhile, in addition to marching, eating, and drinking, we managed to award a total of eight (\$5,000 each) scholarships to our active soldiers! Four from the 69th Veterans and four from the 69th Regimental Headquarters. A hearty thanks to those who regularly contribute to the Scholarship Fund...Please keep up the good work.

The Sixty Ninth Memorial Day is just a few days away. Please prepare to attend as we honor all fallen 69th Veterans. Those lost over the years and specifically those we lost over the past year. Rally point:
Calvary Cemetery (Main Gate, 34-0 Greenpoint Ave LIC, NY) at 1100hrs on 19 May 2024.

The Armory closing...Hey, it's still a moving target. We are prepared to have all the 69th Veterans things packed and ready for storage by the end of the summer.

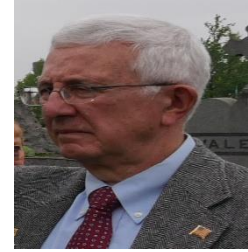
After an enthusiastic support of **The Sixty Ninth Memorial Day**, we will be dismissed for the summer.





1st Vice Commander's Report

Michael DeMartino
Colonel (Ret)
1st Vice Commander



The CSM Thomas J. Fitzsimmons Educational Assistance Scholarship Program

Thanks to your generous support we were able to present a total of eight scholarships (\$5,000 each) during this year's St Patrick's Day Ceremonies. Four from the 69th Veterans and four from the 69th Regimental Headquarters.

The Recipients (photo below):

GEORGE FONTAINE	GEIMY RAMOS
JUSTIN OSBOURNE	NOAH ROSEMONY
PABLO PEREZ	ZONG YING QU
JAVIER RAMIREZ	LILY ZHAO

Any donations to the Scholarship Fund can be sent to the Veteran Corps, 69th Regiment, Inc., P.O. Box 48, Massapequa Park, New York, 11762. Please indicate in note/memo section of your check and/or PayPal/Zelle on-line transactions: Scholarship Fund.

Zelle: Chase: THE69VETERANS@GMAIL.COM

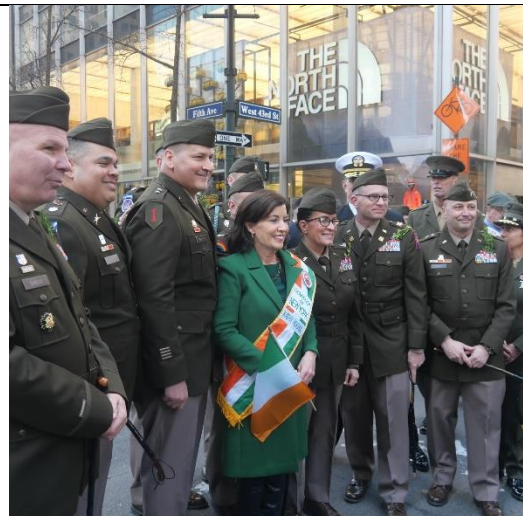
Keep in mind, all contributions to the 69th Veterans are federally tax deductible.



St Patrick's Day – Photos



GEN BIEHLER



*GENERAL SHIELDS NY STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND STAFF
WITH GOVERNOR HOCHUL*



LTC "BO" BOJARSKI, BN PIPER, SEAN DALGAUER, PARADE STAFF AND JOE BRADY BN PIPER (RETIRED)



CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN



VETERAN CORPS - LED BY COL (RETIRED) JOHN GUNDY - COMMANDER



THE VETERAN BANNER PHILIP RIVERA AND FRANK SHERRY



LTC "BO" BOJARSKI



CSM BENITES RECEIVING HIS AWARD



GEN SMITH PRESENTING FLOWERS TO BN FAMILY MEMBERS



*"THE FIGHTING SIXTY NINTH" -
CONTINUES IN GOOD HANDS.....*



*1ST VICE COMMANDER - COL (RET) MARTINO -
ANNOUNCING FITZSIMMON SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS*



*CSM SEIFERT AND EILEEN FITZSIMMONS SCHEINER PRESENT
FITZSIMMONS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS*





**Veteran Corps Unit Memorial Day –
Sunday – 5/19/2024
Calvary Cemetery**





















This event is one of the most important events for the Veteran Corps. I am asking each member, who is able to attend, join in our ceremony at Calvary Cemetery.

We will be honoring those VC members that have passed in the last 12 months that are listed below by placing a flag at the 69th memorial monument. We also remember all of our brothers who have passed over the years.

Details:

- Address: 34-0 Greenpoint Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101
- Reporting time: 11:00 hours
- Meeting location: Inside the main gate on Greenpoint Ave

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

 Raymond Bouillianne	 Andrew Donohue	 Carl Petrone
 William Browne	 William "Bill" Henry	 Salvatore Sclafani
 Allan Campbell	 Anthony Hilinski	 William Sheridan
 Edward Campbell	 Juan Matos	 John Smith
 Robert Campbell	 Kevin McCrohan	 Terry Toal
 Darrell Delancy, Sr.	 John O'Connor	 Marks Woods, Sr





2ND VICE COMMANDER UPDATE:

Michael Drew, Captain (Ret)
2nd Vice Commander – Veteran Corps
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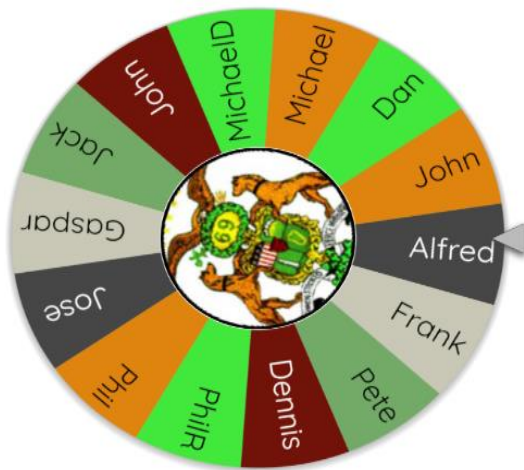
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The Veteran Corps 69th Regiment, Inc.

“69th VETERANS WHEEL OF NAMES”

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



This is an illustration/example of The Wheel.

Your name will appear on the Wheel once per \$5 chance. Additional \$5 submissions enhances 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

1ST QUARTER 2024 DRAWINGS.....AND THE WINNERS ARE:

1 ST PRIZE	2 ND PRIZE
JOHN GUNDY	BOB KOCHER





**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	51 to 64 years of age = \$300.00
36 to 50 years of age = \$400.00	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

Submitted by the Bulletin Staff



TOM FITZSIMMONS

➤ **Jack Hallanan**

The Commander recently visited Jack at the Jersey City Medical Center in Jersey City, NJ. While he was recently moved from ICU to a private room, Jack continues to have some major medical issues. His son has asked for prayers from all. Those who are not the praying type, please take a moment to remember/reflect on/ the good times and the positive effects Jack has had on you over the years.





SERVICE OFFICER'S SICK REPORT:

- **Eddie Dunn**
- **Jack Hallanan**
- **Mike Guiry**
- **Lenny Scorgia**
- **Billy Hall**

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.

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| ✪ Salvatore "Sal" John Sclafani | 16 April 2024 |
| ✪ Carl Petrone | 21 September 2023 |
| ✪ Raymond Bouillianne | February 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



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“THE FIGHTING SIXTY NINTH”

“BLAST FROM THE PAST”



Somewhere on the battlefield of Fortress Drum in the late 1970s

Left to right..

Asdrubal Colon, Jose Flores, Daniel Hennessey, Angel Martinez

Please submit your old photos:

The69veterans@gmail.com or JM Gundy, PO Box 401, Fanwood, NJ 07023

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

Looking forward to meeting up on – Sunday - 19 May 2024!

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