



**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 - OCTOBER 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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

Makin Day Dinner	11/1/2024	Friday	1800
Exec Board of Officers	11/12/2024	Tuesday	1900
Exec Board of Officers	12/10/2024	Tuesday	1900
Membership Meeting – Holiday Celebration	Dec 2024	TBD	TBD

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

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



Greetings,

The Sixty Ninth Memorial Day: We want to extend our thanks to all the 69th Veterans who showed up (and those who were unable for various reasons) to honor and remember our departed members on 19 May 2024.

The Armory is closing!! A few of us spent the month of July packing our files, flags and other paraphernalia for storage in NY.... It's done!!

However, we are going to squeeze one more **Makin Day** on the premises prior to the official closing date which actually is one day prior to **Makin**. Please peruse the attached flyer for details.

As we mentioned previously, the Armory is scheduled to remain closed for three to four years, or longer. As some of us are not getting any younger, perhaps we will want to ensure that we make this one.

We are looking to have a (General Membership Meeting) holiday gathering at a local establishment sometime in December. We will publish the exact date and location during the month of October.

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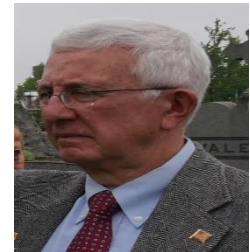
Veteran Corps Unit Memorial Day – Sunday – 5/19/2024
 Photos: Calvary Cemetery





1st Vice Commander's Report

Michael DeMartino
Colonel (Ret)
1st Vice Commander



The term limit of two **Board of Director** members, John Gundy, present Commander and David Perez, present Quartermaster, will expire on 31 December 2024. Both Board Members want to remain on the Board of Directors and have nominated themselves for another term. However, as per our Constitution if any member would like to nominate himself or another member of the Veteran Corps for one of these positions, please contact the Veteran Corps email address at: THE69THVETERANS@GMAIL.COM, NLT 10 October 2024.

If there is more than one nominee for either position, an election ballot will be emailed in November asking that they be electronically returned NLT 1 December. This is in lieu of voting at a December General Membership meeting. However, we will try anyway to hold a General Membership meeting, not for voting purposes, but rather as a Holiday Social Gathering. As you have already been informed, the armory will be closed, effective November, for the two-to-three-year renovation and we are trying to secure another location for the General Membership meetings. We will keep you informed if we are able to make this work.





Makin Day Dinner – 1 November 2024

**NOTE: You must RSVP – extended...
Walk-ins Cannot Be Accommodated**

The 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment and
The Veteran Corps, 69th Regiment, Inc.
cordially invites you to attend the 81st Anniversary of the

Makin Day Dinner

With a Traditional “Beefsteak” Dinner

Friday, November 1st, 2024

Reception in the Garryowen begins at 6:00 PM

Dinner in the Duffy Room begins at 7:00 PM

Lexington Armory

68 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10010

Cost: \$50 per person

Garryowen Cash Bar

Dress: Semiformal, jacket with tie (No AGSU / ASU)

Limited parking will be available around the armory

Drill hall floor parking is unavailable

RSVP: NLT Friday, October 04, 2024 to:

dulae.ahn.mil@army.mil & the69veterans@gmail.com

Active Battalion E7 & Above highly encouraged

Space is limited and walk-ins CANNOT be accommodated at the door

Pay via ZELLE to: www.the69thveteranscorps.com

(Comment “Makin Dinner, Unit/Company, and Name” in memo)

-OR-

Mail checks payable to:

VETERAN CORPS, 69TH REGIMENT, INC.

THE FIGHTING SIXTY NINTH

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NEW YORK 11762





2ND VICE COMMANDER UPDATE:

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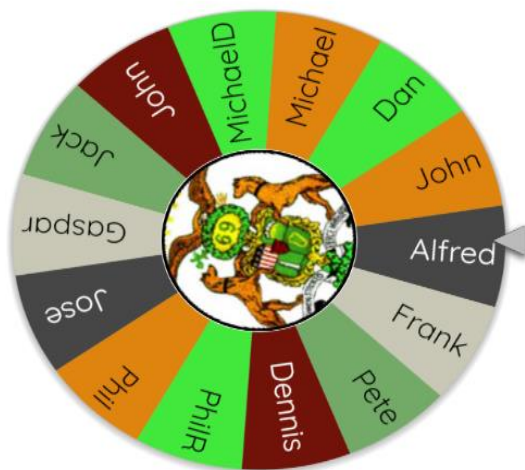
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The Veteran Corps 69th Regiment, Inc.

“69th VETERANS WHEEL OF NAMES”

FOURTH QUARTER DRAWINGS -

- 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





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.

- ✪ John “Jack” Hallanan B Co. 18 June 2024
- ✪ Michael Guiry C Co. 6 September 2024
- ✪ Carlos Sanes HHC 29 September 2024

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



**Health News –
Stay Healthy!**



- COVID-19 – 4 Free Home Test Kits – Now Available!
Click this link or copy into your browser – it takes less than 5 minutes to order:
<https://www.covidtests.gov/>
- COVID Vaccine – Booster
- Influenza (Flu) Vaccines
 - Check with your MD or local pharmacy



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**“THE FIGHTING SIXTY NINTH”
“BLAST FROM THE PAST”**



Logan Duffy - 2015

Left to right..

Jose Flores, Tom Fitzsimmons, Pete Vesey, John Koch, John Gundy

Got Photos??? 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 – Friday - 1 November 2024!**

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