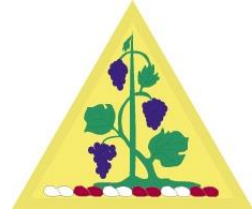




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### Sounding Taps



### SFC (Ret) James Charles Kowalewski

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/theday/name/james-kowalewski-obituary?id=38318461>



### 1SG (Ret) Michael Shaw

<https://www.leetestevens.com/memorials/michael-shaw/4093076/index.php>



### SFC (Ret) Edward Whalen

<https://www.parentelauro.com/obituary/edward-whalen>

## [More Than 50 National Guard Members Return Home to Connecticut for the Holidays](#)

NBC Connecticut

It was an emotional and exciting day Tuesday in East Granby as **National Guardsmen** returned for deployment just in time for the holidays.

## [Guard Turns 386 Years Old, But Still Has Growing Pains](#)

Tuesday marks the 386th birthday for the [National Guard](#) as the service component comes off a series of non-stop domestic missions and back-to-back [deployments](#) during the Global War on Terrorism....

## [How Is the National Guard 140 Years Older than the U.S.?](#)

When the National Guard its birthday, skeptics might ask the obvious question: "How can the National Guard be 140 years older than the nation, and exist more than two centuries before it popularly took on the name National Guard?"

## [Deployed Guardsmen Celebrate National Guard's 386th Birthday](#)

National Guard Bureau

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany - New York **National Guard** Soldiers deployed to Germany to help train Ukrainian soldiers celebrated the **National Guard's** 386th ...

## [What Do Medal of Honor Recipients Get?](#)

Medal of Honor recipients receive the following privileges and special benefits:

## **Photos taken at the 118<sup>th</sup> Med Bn Christmas Formation.**

Here is the link to Ben Jordan's on line photo album that contains all the photos. After opening, just click on any photo to enlarge for a better viewing. <http://benjordan.info/118thxmas2022/photos/>

## **Why Notify DFAS When Your Life Changes** *(Extracted from a recent DFAS email.)*

*Dear Retiree:*

*Did you know if you don't promptly update information in your retired pay account, it could cause problems for your loved ones? Especially when it comes to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).*

*Informing DFAS about life-changing events promptly is one way to make sure your dependents are taken care of. Promptly notifying DFAS ensures the correct premiums are billed and your loved ones will not face delays or difficulties in receiving their SBP annuity payments.*

*Below are two examples of common life events and deadlines for changing your SBP coverage:*

*At retirement, you're single with no children. After retirement, you marry or have a child. Notify us within ONE YEAR by sending us a DD Form 2656-6 and a copy of the marriage or birth certificate if you want SBP coverage.*

You divorce and elect former spouse coverage. Your former spouse passes away and you later re-marry. Notify us within ONE YEAR of your re-marriage by sending us a DD Form 2656-6 and a copy of your new marriage certificate if you want SBP coverage for your new spouse.

Find out more about changing SBP coverage: <https://www.dfas.mil/changesbp>

We thank you for your service to our country and appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,  
DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay

### Camp Nett PX closes on 9 Dec 22.

This notice was on the PX door last week. A sign of the times I guess. A lot of important people are working hard to make sure Kim lands on her feet.



### 2023 Calendar of Events: (New events are in red)

**Thu, 26 Jan 23** - Retiree Breakfast: Middletown\*\*

**Thu, 23 Feb 23** - Retiree Breakfast: Milford\*

**Thu, 30 Mar 23** - Retiree Breakfast: Middletown\*\*

\*0900 at Pop's Family Restaurant, 134 Old Gate Lane, **Milford**

\*\*0900 at the Athenian II Diner, 864 Washington St, **Middletown**.

**Help:** Exploring the possibility of locating a restaurant in the eastern portion of the state for future Retiree breakfasts. Looking for one with a separate room that would hold 15 to 20. The New London Day recently had a supplement which covered restaurants/diners in this area. Several serve breakfast: **The Vanilla Bean Café**, Pomfret; **Sunny Side Diner**, Gales Ferry; New York Deli, Groton;

Jakes Diner, New London and Olde Tymes Restaurant, Norwich. Please get back if you have any experience with these restaurants or any others in the area that would meet our needs.

New addition to the list: **Groton Townhouse** on Route 12 in Groton, before the Sub Base. We previously attended NGAUS military luncheons there. They treat you well and good food and reasonable. I believe they also give a military discount as it is a strategic place and plenty Of parking. (Courtesy of Carol McKenna)



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