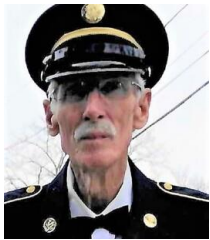




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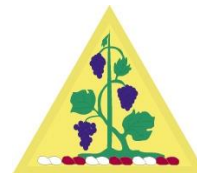
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MSG (Ret) Jean J St.Jean *(Courtesy of, and comment from LTC (Ret) Bill Shea)*

Jean was one of the longest serving members of the 162nd Transportation Battalion (AVIM) and subsequently the 1109th AVCRAD as both a Soldier and Technician. Enlisted in the early 1960s and retiring in the early 2000s. I believe that he was one of the original members of the FEMSGRO - 4th Echelon Maintenance - Groton and the Transportation Aviation Repair Shop (TARS). He was a veteran of Operation DESERT STORM and a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, After his retirement, Jean worked for the Contract Field Team at the 1109th AVCRAD for a number of years. Here is the link to his obituary: <https://www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/5205149/StMartin-Jean/index.php>

1SG (Ret) Harold O Lockwood Sad to relay the news of the passing of 1SG (Ret) Harold O Lockwood. Harold died on 20 May 23. There was no obituary published and all arrangements are private.



SFC (Ret) John (Jack) Golden Sad also to announce Jack's passing on 6 Jun 2023 in Calabash NC. Service and Military Honors will be in CT at a future date. More info as it becomes available.



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TRICARE For Life (TFL) is the **TRICARE** health plan for military retirees and their family members who are eligible for Medicare Part A, Part B, and ...

[Faced with the Survivor Benefit Plan Decision? 5 Things to Know](#)

Military families getting ready to retire after 20-plus years have a lot on their plate as they transition to civilian life. What's up next on the career front? Where will they land location-wise? How will the kids cope? With all that going on, it's easy to understand how making a sound decision as it relates to the Survivor Benefit Plan could tumble down the list of priorities. Don't let that happen, and give the SBP decision the attention it deserves.

The Moeller family wishes to thank the many Retirees who contacted CSM (Ret) Bob Moeller on the occasion of his 93d birthday on 3 Jun 2023. He received many phone calls and emails wishing him well on this special day

[Preparing for a tropical storm or Hurricane](#)

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Advantages of SBP Coverage Dear Retiree: *(Extracted from DFAS Newsletter)*

You chose to make sure your family is taken care of with Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage. Did you know that you chose a plan that has several advantages over term life insurance?

- SBP has monthly annuity payments. Term life insurance is typically a one-time lump sum.
- SBP annuity payments have Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) increases. Term life insurance payment does not increase when the cost of living increases.
- A spouse may get SBP/RCSBP payments for many years, receiving several times the amount paid in premiums. In fact, even if you pay SBP premiums for 30 years, your spouse would recoup all of the premiums you've paid within the first 2 years and 8 months.

Find out more about the advantages of SBP at: <https://www.dfas.mil/sbpadvantages>

100 year old Female Marine to receive Living Legend Award. *(Provided courtesy of Ben Jordan)*

There will be a ceremony on 12 Jun 2023 for a 100 year old World War II female marine. She received the living legend award from the Military Women's Memorial from Arlington Virginia and they're doing an official ceremony and presentation and it's actually on the date of the 75th anniversary of the Women's Armed Forces Immigration Act. The event will be held at the department of Veterans Affairs in Rocky Hill. For information call 860-985-2064.

[Horse-Drawn Funerals at Arlington Suspended Until Mid-2024](#)

Retirement Celebration for SFC William Blake



A Retirement Celebration
Recognizing 28 Years of Service
SFC William Blake

Friday July 7th, 2023
The Officers' Club
Gov. William A. O'Neill Armory
360 Broad Street, Hartford CT 06105

Copious Hors D'Oeuvre \$25.00 Pay at Door
Cash Bar
Social: 14:30
Awards: 15:30
Attire: You
R. S. V. P. and Questions: Mr. Frank McNulty at:
sgt.blake@armament@gmail.com

The poster features a central image of a helicopter in flight against a sunset sky. It is surrounded by several military insignia: a yellow triangle with a plant, a green circular emblem, a sergeant's rank insignia, and a pair of wings.

Bill Guaranteeing Cost-of-Living Increase for Veterans in 2024 Heads to President's Desk

Legislation giving veterans a cost-of-living adjustment on benefits in 2024 -- likely to result in an increase in payments -- is headed to President Joe Biden's desk for signature following an agreement by the House....

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- The VA disability rating and its full arsenal of benefits
- Gray Area Retired Soldier and ready for retired pay?
- Managing your retired pay allotments
- Use your military benefits for a great vacation
- Take advantage of your FEDVIP enrollment period

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2023 Calendar of Events

Thu, 29 Jun 23 - Retiree Breakfast: 0900 at the Hangry Goose, 11 Halls Rd, Old Lyme.

Fri, 7 Jul 23 – Retirement Celebration for SFC William Blake: 1430 at the Officers' Club, Gov, William A O'Neill Armory, Hartford. *(Flyer @ 23-09)*

Sat, 8 Jul 23 – 192 Engineer Bn Formal Military Ball, Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa. *Flyer @ 23-05*

Mon, 17 Jul 23 – CT National Guard Foundation 2023 Charity Golf Outing, Chippanee Country Club, Bristol. *(Save the Date flyer @ 23-04)*

Thu, 27 Jul 23 – Retiree Breakfast: 0900 at Athenian Diner, 864 Washington St, Middletown.

Thu, 24 Aug 23 – Retiree Picnic at Camp Nett at Niantic. Retiree briefings 1030, meal 1200. Flyer to follow.

Thu, 24 Aug 23 – 242d Engr Bn Association summer meeting. 1130 at Camp Nett at Niantic

Thu, 31 Aug 23 - Retiree Breakfast: 0900 at Pop's Family Restaurant, 134 Old Gate Lane, Milford.

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