



# PERSHING RIFLES COMPANY D8

SPRING 2017

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Rifles Military Ball

November 12, 2017  
Annual Meeting

### Commander's Corner

In the best interest of the company, I decided to complete the transition to a new Company Commander a few weeks early this year. After recent changes and increased University oversight, the new leadership will need more time to plan for next year's training. Since the majority of our Sophomores and Juniors will be busy the whole summer with training, I wanted to provide them with ample time to fully prepare for NCO school and Fall training.

It was an honor to serve as the Company Commander over the past year. I am now pleased to turn the reigns over to our new Commander, Luke Johnston, who I am confident will continue to lead the company in the right direction. Below is his first message as CO.

Fraternally,  
**Zach Walminski**

This past year has been one of rebuilding the company and regaining the trust of Fordham University and the Army ROTC Cadre. Due to this, the fall semester brings forth the opportunity for us to do much more than just rebuild. Now that Company D-8 has re-established itself as a group of hardworking and elite individuals, we have the opportunity to start to work with Fordham and Cadre instead of just adhering to the limitations previously placed on us. Because of this, the upcoming semester offers the ability for the company to grow, flourish, and redefine our culture, which has not been possible in previous years. As we gear up for the fall months, I assure you all that the company is prepared and looking forward to taking

advantage of this pivotal and defining semester. In this newsletter I will address what I believe the semester holds for the company and how prepared we are to meet and exceed the expectations placed on us.

In the past, the company has not been able to meet the mission statement and standards that call us to be the best of the best in our military and civilian roles. Our company will now be redefining itself to make our members elite once again. However, with every attempt to rebuild and redefine comes the risk that once the current leadership has left, the group will fall back into its old, traditional ways from years past. My XO, Cadet Cutrone, and I understand this dilemma, but have full confidence in our group's ability to lead the charge with the changes that we are instating and obtain this elite level.

The reason we have this confidence starts with the competency of our current members. The quality of our current members is something I am proud to share since, as a group, they are one of the most impressive Pershing Rifles classes that I have had the pleasure of knowing. One of our junior members has been accepted to the highly coveted Pre-Dive Program that the Army hosts for a select few army cadets. If he graduates the three week Pre-Dive School in the top 15 cadets, he will have the ability to enter into the six week Dive School program. Another one of our Junior Members was accepted to Air Assault School for the summer and looks to make it through the six week program successfully. Two other army cadets have also been given the opportunity to go abroad in the summer to Bulgaria and Poland for a month in the Army's Summer Abroad Program, and both he and she will look to stand out among their peers. These summer opportunities are only offered to the

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top cadets and the fact that four of our junior members have been given these opportunities means that our members are doing great things and are at the top of their respective sophomore and freshman classes in the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC programs. Due to the high quality of our younger members, we expect that they will be ready to take on leadership positions in the company for the future and lead the company in the right direction. We have a solid foundation in our junior members and foresee an optimistic future with them at the helm.

The other reason why my XO and I are so confident in the company's ability to maintain an elite level in the future is our revamped recruiting process and tough candidacy process for the fall semester. We understand the hesitation that comes from everyone with the idea of a changing company. However, it should be known that we do not plan on changing the ethos of the company, the mission, the standards, or the toughness of the process. We only plan on changing the culture in the company which will help us fulfill the standard of perfection that we wish to adhere to. By adding in a Public Affairs Officer position to the company, adding new and public Facebook and Instagram pages, and utilizing Fordham Offices of Student Involvement and the Army ROTC Orientation process, we are attempting to put forth an impressive image of the company out into the public with the expectation that it will attract higher quality candidates. The candidacy process will remain the same as it has been in the past and will continue to have a final field exercise at the end. The only difference is that we will expect more of our new candidates and will place more stringent physical and academic standards on them compared to previous processes. We also plan to run NCO school at the end of August for our junior member development, the Army Ten Miler and Marine Corps Marathon in the fall, a staff ride to the Pentagon, and to utilize the vast resources that the alumni so graciously offer us. The Cadre and Fordham oversight that we have had in the past will continue in the fall semester, but will no longer be present at every event. We have earned more trust to train on our own and more leeway in our training for this semester. This gives us the opportunity to keep the candidacy process challenging and demanding and allows us to continue to fulfill our mission statement.

The future is a bright one. Exceptional junior members, revamped recruiting, higher standards, and an improved candidacy process will allow us to once again reach an elite level, satisfy Fordham and Cadre, and ensure a long and prosperous Pershing Rifles presence at Fordham for years to come. We have been given the chance to put the past behind us and move forward towards a better and brighter future for the company. Thus, we will continue to be committed to providing a rigorous environment and training experience that is unlike anything anyone entering into our company has experienced. By doing so we understand we push our members to limits they never knew they had and then teach them to push past these limits. This instills in our members the willingness to seek out challenges and be cool under pressure. These are the types of leaders we wish to produce for the coming years as we continuously pursue perfection and forge the elite of the elite. I assure you all that the company, after having a shaky last few years, has now re-established itself and looks to build upon its new foundations. On behalf of the current company members I want to thank all of the alumni for their continued support. I look forward to speaking and working with you all in the near future and hope to see you at the annual P/R Ball.

Fraternally,

**Captain Luke D. Johnston P/R**

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## President's Message

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Bravehearts,

We are working to develop a new Board of Directors along with Mike Hoblin and Sarah Clarke. We hope to have a new board that will be able to continue the excellence that has been provided the past number of years.

I have been excited by the leadership provided by the Company Commander and the way the company has rebounded from a very difficult year. The new cords are excellent representatives of the Blue and White and I am proud to call the new brothers and sister our own.

There appears to be a new spirit of cooperation with the new PMS as well. Major Linn seems pleased with the

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performance of our cadets and we as alumni have a much more cordial relationship with him than we did with the previous administration.

Sarah has chosen a brand new venue for the Ball this year and I hope to see many of you there. We will be staying at the Renaissance Hotel in Harrison where we have stayed before and they have always treated us very well. I look forward to seeing you at the Ball and at the Hotel.

Fraternally,  
**Charles R. Tagliareni**  
President  
Pershing Rifles Company D-8 Alumni Association

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## A Note from the Secretary

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If you have not received your dues mailings and save-the-dates, please let me know! Your annual dues (\$30 for annual dues, \$250 for lifetime membership) can be paid by check and returned to Frank Proto using the return envelope and response card we've included in your mailing. Please make checks out to "Pershing Rifles Company D-8 Alumni Association, Inc" and mail to:

Frank Proto  
7009 Willow Trace Lane  
Matthews, NC 28104

In other news, planning for the ball is well underway. This year we have selected a brand new venue: the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle, a gorgeous mansion with beautiful views of the Long Island Sound. Please see below for more info on the venue and hotel.



### *69<sup>th</sup> Annual Pershing Rifles Ball*

**Date:** Saturday November 11th, 2017  
**Location:** Greentree Country Club  
538 Davenport Ave  
New Rochelle, NY 10805  
<http://www.greentreeclub.com/>

### *Hotel*

**Location:** Renaissance Westchester Hotel  
80 W Red Oak Ln  
West Harrison, NY 10604  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hp-nsh-renaissance-westchester-hotel/>  
**Rate:** \$129 per night  
**Booking:** Call 914-696-2713 and mention the Pershing Rifles

I look forward to seeing you in November!

**Sarah Clarke**  
Secretary  
Pershing Rifles Company D-8 Alumni Association

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## Alumni in the News!

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### *From Frank Tinari, Class of 1964*

Palgrave Macmillan has just published its first book in the field of forensic economics, edited by Frank Tinari, former Florham Park Mayor and Seton Hall University Professor Emeritus. Forensic Economics:

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Assessing Personal Damages in Civil Litigation is the culmination of Tinari's long career as a testifying expert through his consultancy, Tinari Economics, founded in 1979, now known as the Sobel Tinari Economics Group, LLC.

Tinari is the author of a college economics textbook, has published dozens of articles on forensic economics and has lectured extensively on the subject. He taught economics courses in China, and taught economics to military officers while serving in the U.S. Army. Tinari testified at over fifty hearings for claimants to the 911 Victim Compensation Fund.

Tinari is author and co-author of five of the book's 19 chapters, each written by recognized and widely-published experts from around the nation. The book explains the theories, methods and measurements used in a wide variety of civil litigation cases. It demonstrates how calculations are made, professionally and ethically, to arrive at just compensation for economic loss. The volume also covers surveys of the views of practicing forensic economists, the connection between law and forensic economics, alternatives to litigation in the form of VCF-like schedules, and key differences among nations in measuring economic damages.

Tinari stated that "the book brings together over 25 years of research on various aspects of forensic economics, making it the cutting edge volume for researchers, damages experts and attorneys."

Holding a B.S. and Ph.D. from Fordham University, Tinari taught economics at Seton Hall University from 1971 to 2002. He served a two-year term as President of the National Association of Forensic Economics. He currently serves as a member of the New Jersey State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. As Mayor of the Borough of Florham Park from 2003 to 2007, Tinari is credited as being instrumental in convincing the NY Jets to relocate to the borough. The Jets, who formerly practiced on Long Island, chose Florham Park as their new home in New Jersey in 2006 after inspecting and considering more than 30 sites.

Tinari and his wife, Barbara, have lived in the borough since 1972. He became involved in local volunteerism

soon afterwards, first joining the Jaycees, then becoming Vice-Chairman of the borough's Planning Board, and then serving for 10 years on Florham Park's Borough Council. More information about the book may be found at [www.springer.com](http://www.springer.com)



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## Notes from Our Alumni!

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***From Bob Gmelin, Class of 1958***

All the best for another successful year! - Bob

***From Mark Baaden, Class of 1994***

All Hail,

It's official! Phil Pascarelli (Class of 1987) and I were presented with our French jump wings tonight in Africa. We were in the same stick, right next to each other. In the speech at the ceremony thanking the

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French, we reviewed our alliance from the very founding of our country which included this quote that they liked from the visionary Benjamin Franklin:

"And where is the Prince who can afford to so cover his country with troops for its defense, as that ten thousand men descending from the clouds, might not in many places do an infinite deal of mischief, before a force could be brought together to repel them?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8hCvazfIAI>

Stay well,  
Mark



*From Peter Villahoz, Class of 2003*

My wife, Jamie, and I are blessed with our first baby. Benjamin Manuel Villahoz on 27Jan. Mommy and son are doing great.



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*From Peter Villahoz, Class of 2003 (Continued)*

As a Sgt in the NYPD, I lead my team on the Tunnel to Towers run every year and always in full uniform. Vest and gunbelt included.



*From Sarah Clarke, Class of 2007*

Sarah and Greg d'Arbonne (Class of 1978) enjoyed a beautiful New England winter day complete with maple coffee, breakfast, and skiing at Mount Sunapee, New Hampshire.

