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The Free Encyclopedia

The popular M110 self-propelled howitzer gun first entered service with the U.S. Army in 1963 and was commonly used in the Vietnam War by the United States Army.

The eight inch (203 mm) M110 self-propelled howitzer is an American-made self-propelled artillery system consisting of a M115 203 mm howitzer installed on a purpose-built chassis.

The self-propelled guns of the M110 series have represented, for many years, the backbone of the field artillery of the U.S. Army. They were also largely used by American Allied Countries. It entered service in the 1960s but thanks to the improvements made in 1977 on the M110 A1 version, it acquired improved operational efficiency. The M110 A1 was armed with the new 203 mm long range M201 gun able to use a wide range of ammunition.



The project was characterized by an excellent mix in terms of firepower and mobility thanks to its reliable chassis (the same of the M107).

The M110 A1 was deployed in the division artillery to perform tasks as general support, counter-battery fire and suppression of enemy positions. It was widely used during the conflict in Lebanon and during the first Gulf war.

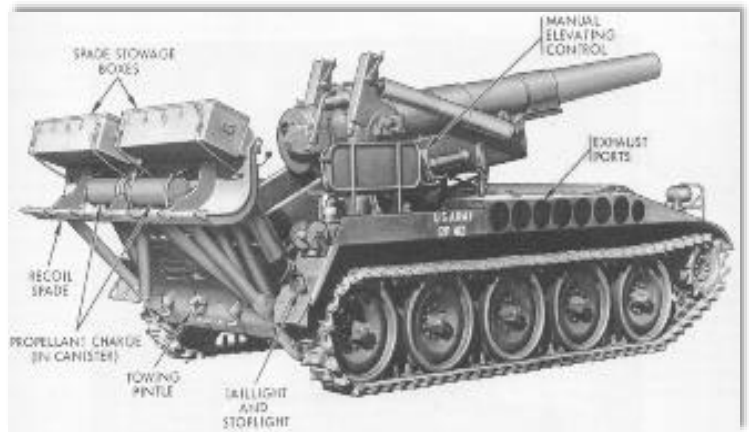
The M110 howitzer first entered service with the U.S. Army in 1963 and was used in the Vietnam War by the United States Army. Later versions were used in the Gulf War - Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm by

Tango Battery 5th Battalion 11th Marines, and the British Army's 32nd Regiment Royal Artillery.

According to the operator's manual, the M110's typical rate of fire was three rounds per two minutes when operated at maximum speed, and one round per two minutes with sustained fire.



The M110 featured a hydraulically operated rammer to automatically chamber the 200+ pound projectile. These rammers were prone to breakdown and generally slowed operation of the gun because the rammers required crews to completely lower the massive barrel before using it. Well trained and motivated crews could achieve two to four rounds per minute for short periods by using the manual rammer, essentially a heavy steel pole with a hard rubber pad on one end. Using the manual rammer was physically demanding, but crews were not required to lower the barrels as much as with the hydraulic rammer.



Before its retirement from the United States service, the M110 was the U.S. Army's largest available self-propelled howitzer in its inventory; it continues in service with the armed forces of other

countries, to which it was exported. Missions include general support, counter-battery fire, and suppression of enemy air defense systems.

The howitzer has been retired from U.S. Army service having been replaced by the M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System.



ATTENTION MEMBERS!

THE NEXT MTA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 4th 2023... MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE WHIPPANY AMERICAN LEGION IN THE MEETING ROOM IN BASEMENT

Food at 6:00PM...Meeting starts at 7:00PM

MTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 6th 2023 at the American Legion Hall in Whippany, NJ

Submitted by Jean Swanick

The meeting of the MTA was called to order at 7:08 pm by **Gary Schultz** and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance* and a *Moment of Silence*. Gary called for a motion to approve the March minutes. **Bill Schaum** motioned to approve and **Ken Gardner** seconded. *Motion carried!*

Financial Report Ending March 31, 2023: Treasurer **AI Mellini** presented the financial report as follows:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 45,439.77
Income:	+ 701.66
Expenditures:	- 2,632.71 (show expenses)
Ending Balance:	\$ 43,508.72

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by **Jim Mescher** and seconded by **Cory Humphrey**. *Motion carried!*

From the President: Unable to make it to tonight's meeting, President **John Sobotka** will catch up with everyone at the show.

Membership: A warm welcome to new club member **Cory Humphrey**. Cory is an all-era historical enthusiast and can offer mechanical talent if someone needs help. The club membership currently numbers 125 in good standing as of this date, reported by **Dave Steinert**. If you are delinquent with your 2023 dues, please get your dues in ASAP to prevent being dropped from the roster later this month.

Newsletter: *Keep the articles coming!* Thanks to our regular contributors who take the time to help make the newsletter what it is.

Quartermaster Report: **Gary Schultz** reported that the show magnets and t-shirts have arrived. Member prices are \$5 and \$15 respectively. Show prices are \$9 and \$20. To continue to slim down apparel inventory, it was noted that the MTA patches truly do enhance any outerwear, therefore jackets will not be ordered at this time.

Swap Meet Update: *It's almost here!* **Ken Gardner** has the lawn signs and banners this evening. Please take what you need and put out 7-10 days in advance. If you know of someone who would be interested in displaying a larger banner on a vehicle, please contact Ken. Remember to put signs out at Legions and VFW's near you. **Art Swain** is requesting help on the Thursday before the show to mark vendor spots and set up tables. A headcount for lunch is needed by **Jim Mescher** if you are helping on Friday.

Tim Swanick mentioned there are only 9 vendor tables left in the Richards building as of tonight. An email will be going out to all attending vendors with the need-to-know information ten days prior to the event.

Show flyers for next year will be available at the event. The club will extend the 2023 table price to vendors for the 2024 show if they pay at THIS YEAR'S EVENT, either 4/29 or 4/30/2023 as event costs may or may not rise next year.

AI Mellini reported that both the Boy Scout kitchen and the Newton Rotary are the food vendors in order to offer more options. A Pepsi booth will offered as well.

Website News: *Still in progress of updating!*

Parade Report: **Andrea Antonelli** confirmed the contracts have all been mailed out. Roselle Park has reached out to the club, they would like to be added to the parade list. More information will be provided at the May meeting. Sign-up sheets are going around tonight if you can participate. The date of the Randolph 4th of July parade has now been changed to July 8th.

OMS7: **Pat Dolan** gave a very interesting presentation on a WWI grouping of well-preserved items he acquired from an estate, whose descendants are related to Robert E. Lee. The collection included manuals, uniforms and assorted soldier gear.

New Business: **Andy Salzano**, a member of Legion 242 in Pompton Plains, spoke to the group about Boys State and it's program. The Legion would like to send 1 boy and is requesting a donation of \$300 to support. A motion was made by **AI Mellini** and seconded by **Tim Swanick**. *Motion carried!*

Gary Schultz spoke of the National Guard Assault Group and requested a donation be made to the helicopter battalion. A motion was made by **Jim Mescher** and seconded by **Andy Salzano**. *Motion carried!*

Old Business: The club's by-laws were in need of updating. A motion to modify the by-laws (which include changes that no longer pertain to the club) was made by **Jim Mescher** and seconded by **Jack McDevitt**, all were in favor.

For the Good of the Club: The Hot Dog Johnny's Trail Ride is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th. Meet at *Taste* eatery, 2 Johnsonburg Rd, Alamuchy, NJ, for breakfast and rendezvous

to lunch in Buttsville. Sign-up sheet is going around or contact **Gary Schultz** at garyrschultz@gmail.com.

The long-awaited Picatinny Tour is scheduled for August 12th. If participating, your name and vehicle must be submitted to **Tim Swanick** 10 days prior. The group will meet at Fireman's Field in Rockaway to convoy up. Time and other details will be provided once closer to the date.

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Several members spoke to making a trip to the Military Tech Museum which is on the grounds of the former Camp Evans. Gary will further investigate.

There is talk of a possible truck show to be hosted by a historical group at the Greendell train station later this year. Part of the Lackawanna cut-off, this station is one of two remaining originals.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 8:25 was made by Pat Tipton and seconded by Andy Salzano, motion carried. Thank you Nick for donating the 50/50 prize back to the club!

Next Meeting is MAY 4th at 7pm – Food at 6pm at the American Legion Hall!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Swanick
Secretary



Dear Members,

As you are aware the 2023 parade season is fast approaching. We are trying to secure contracts with the 9 listed towns plus one additional for Memorial Day. As of March 27th we have 5 under contract. Please sign up with the Parade Captains as soon as possible. Our club really needs your support. Not only does it generate revenue for the club but it aids in the preservation of our military's history. Let's show our support!

Andrea Antonelli
MTA Parade Coordinator
973-214-1383

TOWN	DATE	LINEUP	KICK OFF	LOCATION	CAPTAIN
Madison	TBA			31 Kings Rd	Dolan
Midland Park	May 27th	9:00	10:00	280 Godwin Ave	Swain
Morris Plains	May 27th	TBA	9:30	Franklin Place and Speedwell Ave	Dolan
New Milford	TBA			Cecchino Dr by H.S. and River Rd	Dolan
Nutley	May 29th	10:00	11:00	The Oval on Franklin Ave	Vecchiarelli
Parsippany	May 29th	11AM	12Noon	No Beverwick Rd Lake Hiawatha	Dolan
Seacaucus	MAY 20th	11AM	12Noon	11 Enterprise Ave North	Swain
West Caldwell	May 29th	8:30	9:30	Bloomfield Ave and Forest Ave	Vecchiarelli
Wyckoff	May 29th	10:30	11:30	Cornerstone Church, 495 Wyckoff Ave	Swain
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WWII ARMY NURSE VISITS LIBRARY EXHIBIT ABOUT ARMY NURSES IN WWII

By John Dwyer

Miss 'Kathleen', a 101-year-old former US Army Nurse who enlisted in 1943 and served until the end of WWII visited the exhibit in the North County Branch Library on Monday, March 27th.

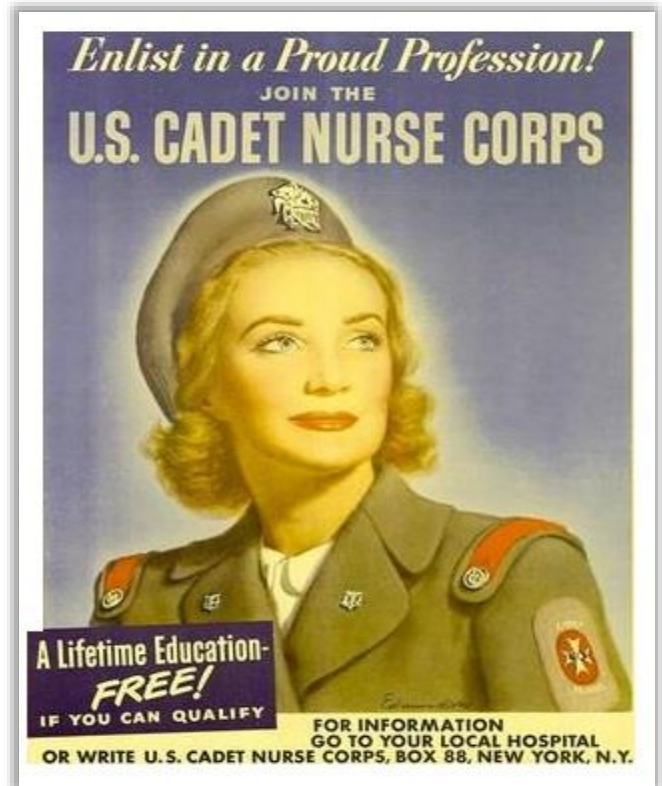


It was a great visit and I felt very privileged to have met Miss Kathleen.

John Dwyer

She related her experiences as a 21-year-old Second Lieutenant who was sent to a hospital at a base in Mississippi to care for soldiers who were injured in training. She said she enlisted to be an aeromedical evacuation nurse, but to her lifelong disappointment, she never saw an airplane and never left Mississippi. Kathleen said she requested a transfer to a unit in Europe every month but every single one was denied.

On a lighter note, Kathleen said they issued her a Jeep which she told them she could drive. However, she had never driven in civilian life and had never gotten a license. She had a number of 'incidents' including running into the gas pumps the first time she went for fuel. The same MP showed up every time she had a mishap - and she ended up marrying the man after the war!



The Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in Phoenix, AZ- More than a Memorial to the USS Arizona

Story and Pictures by David Steinert

(Note: Reprinted from the November 2014 Motor Pool Messenger)

It was shortly after MTA Member Tom McHugh's posting on the "MTA_mail" list with a link to a video about the gun barrels from the USS Arizona and the USS Missouri being acquired by the State of Arizona, that I found myself actually standing in awe, in front of these two huge naval guns.

It was somewhat of a coincidence that my wife, Kathy and I had a vacation planned in Arizona the week after Tom's posting and I wanted to make an effort, if we had the time, to visit these two big artifacts from WWII. The opportunity came when we had a couple of hours to kill, before our flight back to New Jersey.

The barrels from the USS Arizona and the USS Missouri are on display in the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in the center of Phoenix, the capital of Arizona. The plaza was established on March 9, 1978, by the Arizona Legislature in honor of Governor Wesley Bolin, who had died a mere 5 days previously on March 4. Similar in design, but smaller in scale to the National Mall in Washington DC, the originally named Legislative Governmental Mall is intended as an open-air public space featuring monuments, memorials and gardens. Some of these monuments were erected prior to the inception of the Plaza, such as the monument to the USS *Arizona*, which was dedicated over a year earlier on December 7, 1976. The Plaza, when dedicated, included these existing memorials and all subsequent memorials have been located within the boundaries of the plaza.

States in WWII on 7 December 1941 with the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the barrel of the USS Missouri representing the end of WWII with the signing of the Japanese surrender on its decks on 2 September 1945.



The 14-inch barrel from the USS Arizona on the left and the 16-inch barrel of the USS Missouri on the right.

The 14-inch barrel from the USS Arizona, barrel #41L3, was not on the ship at the time of its sinking at Pearl Harbor. It had been removed and relined then placed on the USS Nevada, which was the only U.S. Naval ship to escape the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It later participated in D-Day and Operation Dragoon.

The 16-inch barrel from the USS Missouri saw service at Okinawa and Iwo Jima. Also, included in the monument is the mast and anchor from the USS Arizona. In between the gun barrels, steel pillars in the shape of a battleship hull honor the 1,902 Arizona men and women from various branches of the military who died in WWII.

Also located in the Plaza is the memorial dedicated to the 158th Infantry Regiment, the oldest and most prestigious unit in Arizona. The monument, based off a captured Japanese monument in the Philippines, stands as one of the few if only memorials to the regiment which served as one of the premier units of WWII.



The anchor from the USS Arizona (BB-39)

Located directly in front of the state capitol, the plaza has also become over the years, a meeting place and a focal point for protests and demonstrations, but the day we visited it was very calm and serene and a very nice 82 degrees. Only the peripheral sound of city traffic and the fluttering wings of pigeons could be heard.

The barrels of the USS Arizona (BB-39) and the USS Missouri (BB-63) are nicely mounted like "bookends" with the barrel of the USS Arizona representing the entry of the United



The Vietnam Memorial at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza

The plaza is home to 29 memorials dedicated to topics as wide ranging as important individuals, organizations and events. Among the more prominent are the mast and anchor of the USS *Arizona*, memorials to major wars such as World War I, World War II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War and Desert Storm

Due to the sometimes controversial nature of the events or subject matter of the monuments in the plaza, they have become the subject of intense criticism and sometimes even legal battles. The Ten Commandments Memorial, one of those placed in the Mall prior to the creation of the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, became the target of an attempt to remove it in 2003. The American Civil Liberties Union argued that the memorial violated the concept of separation of church and state. The monument had originally been erected in 1964 by the Fraternal Order of Eagles in connection to Cecil B. DeMille, director of the famous 1956 film adaptation of *The Ten Commandments*. While the effort to remove the monument did not succeed, the controversy surrounding its inclusion on a government operated location continues today.

Also, another monument that has become controversial is the Arizona 9/11 Memorial. The memorial to commemorate the September 11, 2001, attacks was unveiled on the fifth anniversary of the attacks, September 11, 2006. Almost immediately, criticism that the memorial contained anti-American sentiment began to surface. Some of the descriptions have also been described as meaningless. In response to the critics, the commission in charge of the memorial's design and construction has promised to review it and make changes if necessary. This process is ongoing.

So, as I walked through the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, stopping to view and read each memorial, it seems so ironic that some of these monuments that were erected to honor, memorialize and respect those that sacrificed so much for the freedoms we now have...can cause so much controversy and angry protests from people that don't realize...that without the people that these monuments represent, there would be no protests or argument about the right of these monuments to exist in a public offering...*We ALL need to be reminded of their sacrifices for the freedoms we now enjoy!*

CLASSIFIEDS

To add or remove listings from the Classifieds, please email Dave Steinert at dsteinert@mtaofnj.org or call 201-407-4035.

For Sale- M38 Jeep 1951, 27,638 miles, Engine & Transmission Rebuilt, New Parking Brake System, Drive Shafts, Chassis Cleaned & Painted, All Parts Cleaned Primed & Painted, New Radiator & Water Pump, New Belts etc. Government Rebuilt Starter & Generator, 24 Volt System, All Military Parts, All New Dorman Hardware, All Military TM Books. Some assembly required to drive. Needs Brakes & Wiring Harness To Complete. Tow Bar & Beechwood Canvas Cover Included. Good Title & QQ plates NJ approved. \$10K. Email : robertleach59@aol.com.

For Sale- CJ5 Jeep 1965, 31,678 miles, Complete Full Body Metal Cap (Meyers), Starts, Runs, Drives As Is, New Rear Leaf Springs, & Complete Brake Rebuild Parts For All Four Corners, Plow Frame, Hydraulics & Blade, Extra Set of Metal Doors. Good Title & Current Nj Paperwork, \$8K, Bob Email robertleach59@aol.com.

For Sale- Willys Jeep 1950 CJ3A, L-Head, std 3 spd driveline, w/ Warn Overdrive, all recently rebuilt, newly recovered seats w/ OD Canvas, new Bestop 5140301 Black Tigertop (uninstalled) and full 4-wheel disc brake conversion kit (uninstalled). Spare parts include new reproduction body tub, steel rim set, roll bar, cabin heater. \$12,000. George Wagner, cell 201-274-6694, email wagnergm@verizon.net.

REAL MAGAZINES, not digital copies. Military Vehicles #1 to #176. \$500. Army Motors #2 to #156 + Supply Line (55 issues with articles) + TM (6 issues 1975-76), 216 in all, \$600. PS (preventive Maintenance Monthly) #12 to #658, a few missing, \$1,500. Offers accepted. Don't call, telephone is hard for me to use. Dave Ahl, swapmeetdave@aol.com. Can arrange pick-up or delivery.

For Sale: 1963 Dodge M43 B1 w/o winch in very good condition. Comes with a large amount of spare parts and accessories. If there is an interest, contact Michael Maglio at 973-697 9419.

For Sale- Military 500 Gallon Water Buffalo for sale; \$300 or BO. Call John Sobotka at (862)-266-6284.

Parts for Sale- 230 CI M725 motor, ran when pulled, burns oil \$200, M725 litter racks-best offer, M725 Rear doors, some dents, no rust \$200 for the pair, M715 windshield frame, minor surface rust \$150, NOS in packing Southwind heater for M725 possible M-43 best offer, M37 windshield frame outer only \$75, M725-M715 rims with lock rings -make offer. Many more items available, too many to list. Call for more information. Call Matt Ziegler, cell 973-445-3890, email : Matrziegler@gmail.com

Operation Toy Train will be co-hosting a Father's Day BBQ and Vehicle Show on Saturday, June 17, at 10 am in Port Jervis, NY, along with The Dining Car Society. We would greatly appreciate any members who would like to come display their vehicles for the event. John has stated that the MTA will be chipping in towards the BBQ as well, so members will also get lunch. (I'll let John & Al work out those details).

<https://www.diningcarsociety.org/events/fathersday2023>


Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions!

Thank you all!

Sincerely,
Carolyn Hoffman
President

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