

# **New Year's Day Reception**

**1 January 2024**

**218<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Park Avenue Armory**



**New York Seventh Regiment 1806 – 2024**

**The Seventh Regiment Fund**

**American Legion New York Post #107**



Left: 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Civil War Memorial, Central Park, NYC

Center: Seventh Regiment/107<sup>th</sup> Infantry Memorial, Fifth Ave & 67<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC

Right: Seventh Regiment/107<sup>th</sup> Infantry Memorial, Gillemont Farm, Bony, France



**1 January 2024**  
**Commander's Reception**  
**Veterans of the Seventh Regiment**  
**American Legion New York Post #107**  
**53<sup>rd</sup> Digital Liaison Detachment, NYARNG**

**1200 First Floor Gallery and Silver Room**

**1230 Toasts**

**1245 Receiving Line to Veterans Room**

**National Anthem: COL Louis DiLeo, Commander, 11<sup>th</sup> New York Regiment of the U.S. Volunteers**

**Invocation: BG(Ret) Thomas J. Principe, Pres., 7<sup>th</sup> Regt Veterans**

**Welcome, Remarks, Introduction of Guest Speakers:**  
**BG(Ret) Thomas J. Principe**

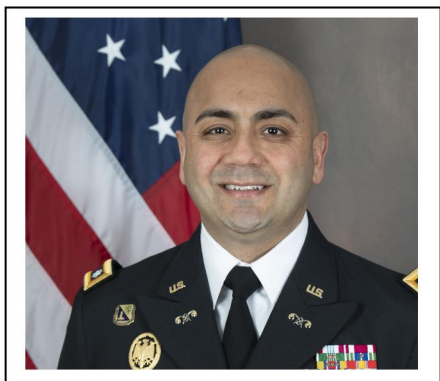
**GUEST SPEAKER: LTC Gurpreet Singh,**  
**Commander, 53<sup>rd</sup> Digital Liaison Detachment (53<sup>rd</sup> DLD)**  
**Deputy Cmdr, FEMA Region II Homeland Response Force**

**SPEAKER: COL J. Raymond Mechmann Jr., Commandant,**  
**FA VCASNY**

**SPEAKER: COL (R) David Menegon, USAR, Commandant,**  
**Knickerbocker Grays**

**Please join in singing "The Wearing of the Grey"**

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL GURPREET SINGH



Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Gurpreet Singh is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Digital Liaison Detachment (53<sup>rd</sup> DLD) Commander and the Deputy Commander of the FEMA Region II Homeland Response Force. His past assignments include leadership and senior staff positions in the 42d Infantry Division, including chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) officer, Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer and Battalion Commander. Before his current assignment, LTC

Singh was the 42d Infantry Division Chief of Protection in Troy, NY. LTC Singh's major operational deployments include Operation Spartan Shield (2020), Operation Sandy (2012), Operation Enduring Freedom (2008), and Operation World Trade Center (2001).

LTC Singh joined the Army National Guard in 1998. He earned his commission in 2003 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps and holds a Master's in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Additionally, he graduated from the Chemical Officer Basic Course, CBRN Captain Career Course, and Advanced Operation Course.

LTC Singh's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with one bronze oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with two bronze oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with one bronze oak leaf clusters), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with four bronze oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with silver hourglass and "M" device), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), NATO Medal, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GOLD).

LTC Singh is a Detective with the New York City Police Department (NYPD), assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) New York Field Office. LTC Singh resides in Goshen, New York, with his wife Donna and their two children, Zara and Zoie.



## WEARING OF THE GREY

WHO ONCE HAS STOOD IN THE LINE OF GREY  
AND MARCHED TO THE RATTLING DRUM,  
AND HEARD THE RING OF THE RIFLE SLING  
AS THE CRACKLING ORDERS COME;  
AND SEEN THE SUN ON THE BREASTPLATES GLEAM  
AND THE WIND WITH THE GUIDON PLAY;  
HE HAS GIVEN HIS SOUL TO THE AGE OLD ROLE,  
TO THE WEARING OF THE GREY.

SO DRINK TO THE BLUE OF THE DAYS GONE BY  
TO THE GLISTENING WHITES FOR DRESS.  
TO THE KHAKI TOO THAT THE GREASERS KNEW  
IN THE DUSTY BORDER MESS;  
TO THE OLIVE-DRAB THAT BROKE THE LINE  
TO THESE –‘LONG LIFE!’ WE SAY;  
AND LOUD OUR TOAST TO OUR FATHERS’ BOAST  
TO THE WEARING OF THE GREY.

FROM THE JUNGLE GREEN OF THE SOUTH SEA ISLES  
AND FROM ICELAND’S FROZEN LANDS.  
FROM BRITAIN’S MIGHTY BATTLEMENTS  
AND TUNISIA’S TORRID SANDS,  
FROM LAND AND SEA AND FROM THE AIR  
WE SEEM TO HEAR THEM SAY;  
NOW DRINK THIS TOAST TO OUR FATHER’S BOAST  
TO THE WEARING OF THE GREY.