



**Organ Music for America's VetDogs Fundraiser**  
with organist, **Dr. Michael Kaminski**  
**Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm**



**St. John's joins with *Friends of America's Vet Dogs* to present **Michael Kaminski** in concert on St. John's Peragallo pipe organ Veteran's Day Weekend as we give thanks for and honor our nation's veterans and raise funds for a service dog for a disabled American veteran or first responder. **Freewill donations received at the event or through the online donation link below will directly help sponsor the future Service Dog "Livingston."****

Dr. Kaminski's eclectic program includes transcriptions of music by Grieg, Handel, Saint-Saëns & others, favorite hymn settings by Michael Fontana, Vierne's *Carillon de Westminster* and Max Reger's monumental *Variations & Fugue on "America"*.

Michael is Director of Music Ministries at Saint Augustine/Saint Francis Xavier Parish, and teaches organ at Saint Francis College & Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, New York. He holds Bachelor & Master of Music degrees from the Juilliard School and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Catholic University of America. He has performed at conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society and the Music Teachers' National Association. Concerts have taken him across North America and Mexico, including the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, the Morelia International Organ Festival and the International Organ Festival in Guadalajara. He has been heard on *National Public Radio*, *Pipedreams*, *Radio Mexico*, as well as regional broadcasts.

**A meet & greet reception follows the concert where you can learn more about *America's VetDogs* and the work of *Friends of America's Vet Dogs* - a volunteer, Sayville-based community service group that helps honorably discharged veterans get a service dog through *America's VetDogs*. The group spreads awareness about *America's VetDogs* and raises funds to sponsor service dogs for veterans & first-responders with disabilities. *Friends of America's Vet Dogs* members name each dog they sponsor to honor an unsung hero of our military, someone who has brought great honor to our military, or one who significantly helped a veteran-in-need.**

**We seek to raise at least \$3000.00 to complete the sponsorship of future service dog "**Livingston**", in honor of USMC Major General James E. Livingston, recipient of the Medal of Honor for his lifesaving actions at the Battle of Dai Do during the Vietnam War.**

May 2, 1968 then-Captain Livingston was the commanding officer of a Marine Battalion when enemy troops overran and laid siege to the village of Dai Do, trapping another US Marine company behind enemy lines. Livingston led an assault in the open while under intense enemy fire to regain control of the village and free the trapped Marines. Despite being twice injured by exploding grenades, Captain Livingston refused medical aid until the enemy was forced out of Dai Do and the trapped Marines were rescued. As they were leaving the area Captain Livingston received a distress call from another Marine unit which was outnumbered and being overrun by enemy troops at a nearby village, and he responded by diverting his unit (and his own medevac) to assist the entrapped Marines. Even though he was severely wounded by a third grenade and now unable to walk, Captain Livingston remained in battle to lead his troops in the successful evacuation and rescue of the trapped unit. Livingston served in the U S Marine Corps from 1962 to 1995 before retiring and is now 95 years old and living in Virginia. In addition to the Medal of Honor, this Marine hero also was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor, 3 Purple Heart Medals and 37 additional medals during his 33 year career.

**Join us at St. John's for the November 12 Fundraising Concert and spread the word to friends & neighbors!**

***If you cannot attend, you can still help sponsor Livingston!***

**Click here to make your donation online: [Donation for Service Dog,"Livingston"](#)**