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“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.

George Washington

“I would rather live my life as if there is a God, and die to find out there isn’t, than to live my life as if there isn’t, and die to find out there is”

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We exercise and diet to keep ourselves looking young and vibrant. Everything we value in life, if we want to keep its value, we work at. We should put the same time and effort into making sure our government stays young and vibrant as well. We excuse the action of dishonorable men and women who lead our nation because we fear the opposing political party is getting an upper hand. How do we guarantee freedom for our children by turning a blind eye to this cesspool of corruption? Shouldn't it be a requisite for all Americans to desire what is best for our nation and not for any one political party? Should not our leaders be held to the same accountability to which our military service people are held? We have replaced a government before, and I think, in the name of freedom...true freedom as our Founding Fathers envisioned it...we can do it again. May God bless America. May He protect the men and women who serve, and may He, in the goodness of His grace, salvage our nation and protect it from itself.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 3RD, 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1900 hours in the old NCO club. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was offered in memory of our fallen comrades and all those on sick call. The minutes of the June meeting were approved. There was no quorum present.

Commander's Report: For the first time since taking command a Command and Staff call was held to discuss the poor attendance at our monthly meetings and a general lack of interest, for whatever reasons, and the future of our association. Our major concern is how we go forward under the present conditions. It is felt that we have three courses of action. One – Continue to operate as we have. Two – Consistent with Article XI of the By-Laws, dissolve the association. Three – Modify our operations to maintain our museum, conduct two brunches each year, continue to conduct the annual Dine Out and have one annual meeting each year. In addition publish the Powder Bag newsletter quarterly and maintain an active Web site. This option would require some major changes to our Constitution and By-Laws.

We are respectfully requesting membership input and recommendation in which to help us base a decision by our December meeting. We really could use your help and ask you to take the time to share your thoughts with us by e-mail or

telephone any of the staff or the commander direct. Please remember that membership in our association is open to military and civilian alike.

AD's for the AD Book has begun and we have received \$200.00 in our first night of operation. Please help us make this next Dine Out a memorial one by taking out and AD and attending the event on March 3, 2012 in the Tavistock Country Club. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

Museum Report (CW4 Elberson): Good news! A lot of rain – no leaks.

Financial Review: CPT Strumpfer will present the audit report at our next meeting.

The Fourth of July trip to Sturbridge, MA. July 3-5th. Was attended by Ed & Ronnie Powell, and Tony and Sue. The event was highlighted by magnificent weather. Key features of the trip were visits to the Mark Twain House, the Norman Rockwell Museum and a tour of Sturbridge Village. The food was as good as the company.

Family Readiness Group Beef and Beer Event on July 23d. The event was attended by Tony & Sue; Ed & Ronnie Powell; Warren Strumpfer and Chet Malik. Warren was fortunate to win a \$100 gift certificate as part of the Chinese auction. The FRG from the 119th CSSB put a tremendous amount of work into the event and should be applauded for their efforts and results.

There being no more items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours. Our next meeting is September 7th.

POKER – JEWISH STYLE

Six retired Jewish Floridian fellows were playing poker in the condo clubhouse when Meyer loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen comrade, the other five continue playing, but standing up.

At the end of the game, Finklestein looks around and asks, “So, who’s gonna tell his wife?” They cut the cards; Goldberg picks the low card and has to carry the news. They tell him to be discreet, be gentle and don’t make a bad situation any worse. “Discreet? I’m the most discreet person you’ll ever meet. Discretion is my middle name. Leave it to me.”

Goldberg goes over to the Meyer's condo and knocks on the door. The wife answers through the door and asks what he wants?

Goldberg declares, "Your husband just lost \$500 in a poker game and is afraid to come home." "Tell him to drop dead!" yells the wife. "I'll go tell him," says Goldberg.

MILITARY EVENTS IN JULY/AUGUST

June 1862 – The Medal of Honor is established.

1948 – Executive Order 9981 ends segregation in the US Armed Forces.

1950 – First combat of American ground forces in Korea.

1953 – The Korean War ends.

Aug 1865 – The Civil War is officially declared over.

1945 – The first atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima.

The second atomic bomb is dropped on Nagasaki.

1990 – Operation Desert Shield begins.

WHAT A RETIRED HUSBAND DOES...

Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target store:

Dear Mrs. Scioli;

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Scioli, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras.

June 15: Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.

August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&M's on layaway.

August 14: Moved a 'CAUTION – WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.

August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, "Why can't you people just leave me alone?" EMT's were called.

September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

October 18: Hid in the clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled, “PICK ME! PICK ME!”

October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited a while, then yelled very loudly, “Hey! There’s no toilet paper in here.” One of the clerks passed out.

We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from our store.

CAR TROUBLE

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, “What’s the story?” He replies, “Just crap in the carburetor.” She asks, “How often do I have to do that?”



FAMILY SUPPORT REMINDER

It is important to remember that we still have soldiers on Active Duty in a combat zone and those that have returned who have not been able to forget they were there. It’s also appropriate to remember the families they left behind.

D-DAY – WORLD WAR II

(This is the eighth of a twelve part set of short comments on Wars fought beginning with the American Revolution through the Iraq War)

Operation Overlord remains the most complex and ambitious amphibious assault ever attempted. It commenced on June 6, 1944 – D-Day – with a massive Allied invasion of beaches in Normandy, France. Before dawn, airborne units were dropped behind enemy lines, and beginning at daybreak wave after wave of troops came ashore on five main beaches along a 50-mile stretch of coast. Resistance was fierce, especially on Omaha Beach, where artillery fire went astray and American troops were pinned down for several hours before establishing reliable defensive positions. But the invasion was a resounding success, due largely to the Allies’

superior numbers and command of the air. The Allies also benefitted from artful deceptions that convinced the Germans an even larger invasion was set to take place near Calais, hundreds of miles to the east, forcing them to retain major forces in that area until the end of July. By that time, the Allies had amassed nearly 1.5 million troops on French soil.

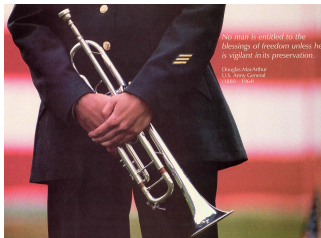
NEVER FORGET THAT

A Veteran – whether Active Duty, Retired, National Guard or Reserve – is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of “up to and including my life.”

“No one should pass an American in uniform without saying, “Thank you, we are grateful.” Always mindful that they are prepared to risk all of their dreams so that all of us can reach ours.”

Former Secretary of Defense William Cohen

TO ALL OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES



Each of us has a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the “tomorrow.” You must live in the present on today’s deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!

REQUEST YOUR INPUT

I would like to remind you that this is your newsletter. You are cordially invited to submit any information you think appropriate for the good of the command to the Commander (e-mail address on the first page of this newsletter) to be edited for inclusion in the following month’s publication.

I WAS A SOLDIER – I AM A SOLDIER – I WILL ALWAYS BE A SOLDIER

Your membership expiration date is on your mailing label (just like a magazine subscription). It's your reminder to pay your dues. Dues are \$20 per year. Send checks to:

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OUR MISSION

- To promote close association, friendship, understanding and cooperation between all member of the association.
- To foster and preserve the spirit, traditions and solidarity of the Field Artillery
- To provide various communicative means for keeping all members aware and involved in association developments.
- To conduct such social activities as may provide for a continuing close relationship and camaraderie among the membership
- To develop and maintain historical records on the lineage of the 1st Battalion 112th Field Artillery ancestors and it successors.
- To promote and support the provisions of the constitution of the United States of America.
- To provide community service to local civilian and military communities in time of need.

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