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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

“YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE. BUT IF YOU DO IT RIGHT, ONCE IS ENOUGH”
(Mae West)

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



This is an exciting time of the year. The season is changing, kids going back to school and colors start to infiltrate the landscape. Also it's the time that this association starts to prepare for the annual dine out scheduled for Feb 6th, 2010. There are three major purposes for this event. The first is the renewal of the camaraderie that we all once shared with one another. The second is to recognize and present awards to appropriate individuals and the third is to invite honor guest who represent the best of what America is all about. I have taken the liberty, with the help, instigation and support of Matt Carroll and Sue Barrowman, to invite as our honored guest this year, in addition to one of our own veterans from the Vineland Memorial Home, SSG Bill Guarnere and Babe Heffron, both

veterans of WW II and the 101st Airborne Division. These two gentlemen were showcased in the TV series Band of Brothers. I also asked them if they would kindly have available signed copies of their recent book "Brothers in Battle, Best of Friends" for sale at our event. I believe that these two soldiers would make a fine addition to the evening's activities. I am waiting for a response regarding their availability. I am asking everyone to help support our dine-out by purchasing, and selling, AD's to our AD Book to help defray the cost of this affair and if at all possible to attend this affair which promises to be an evening to remember.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 2ND MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1910 hours. The Logistics Officer was not present. There were 23 members in attendance. The Chaplain gave the invocation and remembered our fallen comrades and also our members on sick call. The Commander welcomed back some of our old time members that were in attendance. A motion was made and seconded to approve the August minutes of the meeting.

Commanders Report:

*CW Elberson is still in the process of accumulating information regarding the purchase of a new computer. The issue still has been tabled until further notice.

*The Association has mailed out 82 letters this month to former members of the organization inviting them to become active members again. To date 4 positive responses have been received.

*Matt Carroll presented information regarding two events sponsored by the 78th Div and both at Fort Mifflin on the Delaware. The Historic Soldiers Weekend on 26-27 Sept 2009 and the other is A Soldier's Christmas to be held on Dec 4th, 2009.

*No report on the People to People project this month.

*The Museum project has been interrupted due to the extensive water damage from the rain a few weeks ago. We are awaiting the State assistance in repairing the damage. Work Orders have been submitted.

*The picnic scheduled for 1100 AM on Sunday Sept 27th is on schedule thanks to the efforts of 1SG Joe Scioli. Joe could use a few more hands to help out with the chores and ask that anyone interested to please come to the armory at 0700 hours that day to support our efforts.

***Marc Kantor, although not in attendance because of another commitment, had shirts, hats and water coolers on hand for purchase.**

***The Commander discussed the on-going plans for the dine-out scheduled for Feb 6th, 2010 and informed everyone that not only did he invite the two WWII veterans of the 101st Airborne, Bill Guarnere & Babe Heffron, but also a WWII veteran from the Vineland Memorial Home. The Taverstock Country Club and DJ have been contracted, the recipients of awards selected and the mementoes for the event decided upon. Now it is up to all of us to get the word out and insure a large turn out for the event.**

***Paul Rini, our AD book chairperson, has come up with some innovative ideas regarding promotion of our AD book. With the help of Sue Barrowman and Warren Strumpfer we hope to come up with a procedure that will insure a beautiful and memorial mementoes of the event. At this early date we have had two \$100.00 request for an AD and hope to set a record for what we can do to make this a monetary, as well as a momentous success.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours followed by Pizza and beverages.

"I BELIEVE"

- a. ***I BELIEVE* that just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, doesn't mean they do love each other.**
- b. ***I BELIEVE* that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.**
- c. ***I BELIEVE* that sometimes when I'm angry, I have a right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.**
- d. ***I BELIEVE* that no matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief.**
- e. ***I BELIEVE* that credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.**
- f. ***I BELIEVE* that the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.**

MEETING DATES FOR 2009

27 September (Picnic)

4 November (Meeting)

3 October (Fund Raiser)

2 December (Christmas Social)

7 October (Meeting)

PLANNED EVENTS

3 Oct – Haddon Heights Fund raiser selling food & beverage. Help is needed in setting up and coming down (Joe Scioli)

5-6 Nov – Proposed overnight Cape May WW II tour conducted by the Senior Citizens United Community Service Office of Camden County. (Bob Constantine)

4 Dec – Proposed Soldier's Christmas at Historic Fort Mifflin (Matt Carroll)

USEFUL WORK PHRASES

1. I like you. You remind me of when I was young and stupid.
2. What am I? Flypaper for freaks!?
3. I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
4. I'm already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.
5. I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.
6. Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.
7. No, my posers can only be used for good.
8. How about never? Is never good for you?
9. I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to worship me.
10. You sound reasonable. Time to up my medication.
11. I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
12. I don't work here. I'm a consultant.
13. You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.
14. The fact that no one understands you doesn't mean you're an artist.
15. I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN SEPTEMBER OF

1945 – Japan formally surrenders (V-J Day)

1949 – The Berlin airlift ends

2001 (11th) – Global War on Terrorism begins

2009 (7th) – This Country celebrates Labor Day

2009 (18th) – Is National POW/MIA Recognition Day

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW OF THE KOREAN WAR?

(Answers on the last page)

It started in 1950 and, as the headlines continued to prove, it never really ended. The fighting ceased on July 27, 1953. A permanent peace treaty between North and South Korea has never been signed. What else do you know about this conflict that had the world on the brink of WW III?

- 1. When did the Korean War begin?**
- 2. Who commanded the U.N. Troops in Korea?**
- 3. What nation entered the war on North Korea's side?**
- 4. What two aviation "firsts" occurred during the war?**
- 5. Why did President Truman fire General MacArthur?**
- 6. What were American losses in the Korean War?**

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo” (*Infantry Journal*)

“Tracers work both ways” (*US Army Ordnance*)

“Five-second fuses only last three seconds” (*Infantry Journal*)

“Bravery is being the only one who knows you’re afraid” (*Col Dave Hackworth*)

“If your attack is going too well, you’re probably walking into an ambush” (*Infantry Journal*)

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP



RECIPE FOR SUCCESS – Take one flag, season it with Stars & Stripes, add one Eagle and one Piece of Land. Mix thoroughly with Freedom and Justice, add a generous portion of God Fearing People, let simmer for four score and seven years, bake for approximately another 140 years, and you get the greatest Nation this world has ever seen!
GOD BLESS AMERICAN!

NEVER FORGET THAT

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

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!

ANSWERS TO THE KOREAN WAR QUIZ

1. June 25th, 1950
2. General Douglas MacArthur
3. China
4. The first battles between jet aircraft and helicopters were first used to carry troops into combat.
5. Because of a continuing dispute between General MacArthur and the defense leaders in Washington, DC.
6. 54,246 American service men and woman lost their lives during the Korean War.

ASSOCIATION DUES

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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