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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”.

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George Washington

***“TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SO WE COULD LIVE OURS,
YOU ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN”***

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



friendship.

As we step into the last quarter of 2009 and make preparations for the holidays, we need to reassess one of our most precious assets – Friends. Recently I read the following article that I believe emphasizes the importance of

“Then be not hasty when I am gone, to say I lived in vain, tho’ghost of many failures, like monuments remain. But when Life’s sun is sinking, and I reach my journey’s end, then count my earthly riches in the number of my friends”.

To Friendships everywhere – Happy Thanksgiving Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 7th MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1900 hours. All of the Staff were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain gave the Invocation. There were no new members at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September minutes of the monthly meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$2,880.00 in our treasury.

Commanders Report:

The issue over purchasing a new computer has been resolved by the generous support and donations of Joe Hollenbeek , Paul Rini and Warren Strumpfer.

We have one new member to add to our membership. Welcome back MG Tom Garrett.

The museum project is still on hold due to the ceiling water leakage.

The Picnic/Fund Raiser held on Sep 27th fell short of our expectations in that it was not cost effective (We lost \$94.88), the attendance was extremely poor and the support was not what we required. A donation of 100 lbs of sausage from Bob DiMedio and the two delicious cakes donated by Marie Honrychs is greatly appreciated. In addition, the Haddon Heights Business Men's Association Fund Raiser was cancelled because of lack of help and other bureaucratic issues. Neither of these events will be held in the future but instead a social breakfast, to be held at a restaurant to be designated in the future, will be held on, or about, Armed Forces Day and Patriot's Day in 2010.

Paul Rini discussed his proposal for business AD donations for our Dine Out in 2010. To date we have \$325.00 donations.

The Association has taken out a full page AD in the 112th FA Association AD book for their annual Dinner Dance to be held on November 7th at the Lawrenceville armory.

The 5-6 Nov proposed overnight Cape May WW II trip has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

CPT Marc Kantor informs the membership that the new Web Site for the Association will be ready in a short period of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours followed by pizza and beverages.

“I BELIEVE CONTINUED”

- a. *I BELIEVE* that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.
- b. *I BELIEVE* that either you control your attitude or it controls you.
- c. *I BELIEVE* that money is a lousy way of keeping score.
- d. *I BELIEVE* that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.
- e. *I BELIEVE* two people can look at the very same thing and see something totally different.
- f. *I BELIEVE* that your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

MEETING DATES FOR 2009

4 November (Meeting) 1900 hrs
2 December (Christmas Social) Dinner is Served 1830 hrs

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN OCTOBER OF

1777 – British surrender at Saratoga

1781 – British surrender at Yorktown

1918 – US 77th Div “Lost Battalion” is surrounded & then rescued

1944 – The Battle of Leyte Gulf. US forces land on Leyte Island

2009 (12th) – This Country celebrates Columbus Day

2009 (31st) – Is Halloween

WHAT IS A VETERAN?

A vet is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

A vet is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

A vet is the POW who went away one person and came back another – or didn't come back at all.

A vet is the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

A vet is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket – palsied now and aggravatingly slow – who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

A vet is a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others could not have to sacrifice theirs.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say, *'THANK YOU'*

DO YOU KNOW WHY VETERANS HAVE REUNIONS?

Not to laugh or cry. They gather because they long to be with men who acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed with each other. They know each other like no others can and have never shared such trust like that with anyone else. They each were willing to guard something more precious than their lives. To carry the memory of each other was part of the bargain that they made with, and for, each other when they joined. As long as they have memories, it will be of each other and I am sure when they are ready to leave this world their last thoughts will be of one another and the responsibility they shared in protecting this great country of ours.

Remember our veteran's every day, not only for what they did, but for what they are doing and for what they will do tomorrow to protect our way of life.

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Any ship can be a minesweeper...once.” (*Anonymous*)

“No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection.” (*Joe Gay*)

“Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.” (*Unknown Army Recruit*)

“Don’t draw fire; it irritates the people around you.” (*Your Buddies*)

“If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him” (*U.S.A. Ammo*)

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

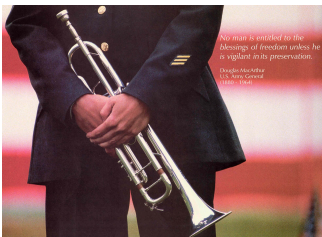


It is important to remember that we still have soldiers on Active Duty in a combat zone and those that have returned who have not been able to forget they were there.

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!

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicle registration can only be obtained at the Hemmingway Welcome Center, Bldg 2273, located at the Route 68 Gate. Vehicle registration decals are required in order to access Fort Dix or McGuire AFBN. The hours of operation for Fort Dix is Monday through Friday from 0800 – 1600 hours. The following documents are required in order to register a vehicle; vbalid dirver's license, current insurance card, vehicle registration and your Military ID card. For more inforamtion call 609-562-6601 thru 609-562-6607.

FORT DIX LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR RETIREES

Legan assistance for military retirees and their FAMILY MEMBERS will be provided by Joint Base Legal Office on McGuire AFB. This is effective 1 October 2009 however the office location at McGuire AFB has not yet been established. The location and phone number will be provided at a later date.

REQUEST FOR 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 months publication.

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: Camden Light Artillery Association Inc.
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Dues has expired: Len Saltzgueber and Gene Stewart.