

# THE POWDER BAG



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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*

*“The people to fear are not those who disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know”*

**Napoleon Bonaparte**

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

It's amazing how our society has managed to start the Christmas holidays before we have had a chance to finish the Halloween celebration. It really robs the youth of this country of the opportunity to enjoy the events in between. But since the readers of this newsletter won't get another one before Christmas I think it is most appropriate on my part to wish everyone a blessed, healthy, peaceful and Merry Christmas. Certainly Happy Holidays but more specifically Merry Christmas. I realize constantly that the biggest gift life has given me is knowing people like you. May the spirit of Christmas that forever and ever endures, leave its richest blessing in the hearts of you and yours.

*Col (Ret) Tony Radice*

## **SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1900 hours. All of the Staff was present with the exception of the Adjutant who was AWL. 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 October minutes of the monthly meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$2,500.00 in our treasury.

### **Commanders Report:**

The meeting was held at the Coastline Restaurant on Brace Road in Cherry Hill because of a water main break in the Cherry Hill armory. Jack Elbersen identified the problem and notified the commander who in turn made a quick decision to change the meeting location rather than the date. The information was quickly disseminated by e-mail thanks to Marc Kantor and several phone calls which proved very effective. My thanks to all involved with this change.

We have two additional returns to the active roles in the association. Col Steve Ferrari and LTC Brian Scully. Welcome back fellas, and welcome home!

Hopefully the museum project will become an active project again after an inspection of the repairs to the roof has been made.

Paul Rini discussed his proposal to pursue some of the larger businesses for AD's was discussed and adopted for our Dine Out in 2010. To date we have \$325.00 donations.

Sue Barrowman has sent organizational approved letters to several suppliers for school supplies to jump start our involvement with the People to People project (Operation Iraq Children) that the association has adopted. We are optimistically awaiting the results of her request.

Concerns over the Tri-Care program was discuss indicating that several of our members have written their legislators regarding these concerns.

CPT Marc Kantor informs the membership that the new Web Site for the Association is currently up and running. Web site address is [www.112FA.org](http://www.112FA.org).

Several of our ladies have taken the necessary steps to arrange and prepare the food for December's Christmas meeting. We hope as many of our members can attend this special event to help celebrate the holiday season with us.

The meeting was adjourned at 1930 hours followed by coffee and desert.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

It is with sincere appreciation that we welcome the following new members into the Camden Light Artillery Association. The support and trust in us to carry on the tradition of the Field Artillery makes the effort we put forth worthwhile and gives us a renewed sense of purpose. Thank you.

**COL Steve Ferrari**  
**LTC Brian K. Scully**

### **MEETING DATES FOR 2009/2010**

**2 December 2009 (Christmas Social) Dinner is Served 1830 hrs**  
**6 January 2010 hours**  
**3 February 2010 1900 hours**

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT IN NOVEMBER OF**

**1918 – Ended the First World War**

**2009 (11<sup>th</sup>) – We celebrate Veterans Day**

**2009 (26<sup>th</sup>) – We celebrate Thanksgiving**

### **A SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS**

**'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live  
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home. The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,**

**“Santa don’t cry, this life is my choice, I fight for freedom, I don’t ask for more, my life is my God, my Country, and my Corps.”**

**The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn’t control it, I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered from the cold night’s chill. I didn’t want to leave on the cold, dark, night, this guardian of honor so willing to fight. Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered, “Carry on Santa, its Christmas day, all is secure.” One look at my watch, and I knew he was right. *“Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night.***

### **HUMOR IN UNIFORM**

***Officer:* “Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?”**

***Soldier.* “Sure, buddy.”**

***Officer.* “That’s no way to address an officer! Now let’s try it again!”**

**“Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?”**

***Soldier.* “No Sir!”**

**During training exercises, the Lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another jeep stuck in the mud with a red-faced Colonel at the wheel. “Your jeep stuck, sir?” asked the Lieutenant as he pulled alongside.**

**“Nope,” replied the Colonel, coming over and handing him the keys. “Yours is.”**

**Q – How do you know if there is a fighter pilot at your party?**

**A – He’ll tell you.**

**Q – What’s the difference between God & fighter pilots?**

**A – God doesn’t think he’s a fighter pilot.**

**Q – What’s the difference between a fighter pilot and a jet engine?**

**A – A jet engine stops whining when the plane shuts down.**

**When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bike. Then I realized that the Lord doesn’t work that way, so I stole a bike and asked Him to forgive me.**

## **BRAIN TWISTER (answers on the last page)**

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters “dw” and they are all common words. Name two of them.
4. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.\
5. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter “S”

**(This quiz is dedicated to Vicky Scully)**

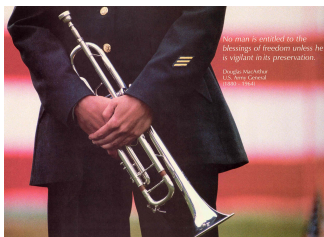


## **FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**

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. It's appropriate to say thank you for their service to our country.

## **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!

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 112<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

## **ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ**

1. **Boxing**
2. **Niagara Falls (The rim is worn down about 2 ½ feet each year)**
3. **Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.**
4. **Lettuce.**
5. **Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.**

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

## **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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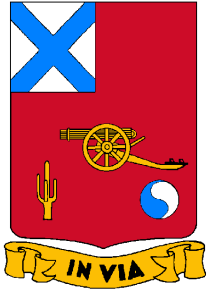
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**228<sup>TH</sup> FA BN  
228<sup>TH</sup> Armored FA BN**