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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

“ONE COMMITTED PERSON IS MORE VALUABLE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE WITH MILD INTEREST”

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



It really is heartwarming to see how generous people are to our soldiers when they are away from home during the holidays. The members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 126 are examples of this heartfelt generosity. On Thanksgiving this Post, and its members, held a “Feed the

Troops Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration” at the Americas Best Value Inn Ballroom on the Marlton Pike in Cherry Hill followed by tickets to the Philadelphia 76ers game the following day. The troops were Soldiers and Air Force personnel from all around the country and the event was attended by local residents, Boy Scouts, Politicians, senior ranking military personnel, etc. I often wonder why we can’t feel this way all year long – Don’t you?

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 2ND, 2009 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1840 hours. All of the Staff was present. There were 38 members and guest present for our annual Christmas buffet meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain gave the Invocation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November minutes of the monthly meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$2,854.26 in our treasury.

Commander's Report:

Sincere appreciation was expressed to the women of the Association for not only telephoning the membership reminding them of this evenings events, but also for the superb food that was prepared for this evenings buffet. It was wonderful! We owe it all to the women – Thank You! Thank You!

The status of the February Dine Out was briefly discussed to include acknowledgement by Ft Sill of receipt of our request for awards. Request for additional support towards our AD book was again petitioned. As of this date we have \$725.00 in AD request. Sue Barrowman and Jack Elberson will again handle layout, printing and production of our AD book.

We have taken a new slant on our efforts with Operation Iraqi Children (People to People Organization). A letter of request and instructions will be mailed out soon to our membership outlining the support that they can render if they so desire. The deadline for support of this project is 28 February 2010.

We are awaiting replacement tile for the damaged ceiling tile in the museum before any other effort can be made towards completion of our program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1850 hours followed by a buffet Christmas dinner with all the decorations and trimming that supported the holiday.

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MEETING DATES FOR 2010

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| 6 January 1900 Hrs | July – No Meeting |
| 3 February 1900 Hrs | 4 August |
| 6 February (Dine Out)* | 1 September |
| 3 March 1900 hrs | 18 September (Breakfast Social)** |
| 7 April 1900 hrs | 6 October |
| 5 May | 3 November |
| 15 May (Breakfast Social)** | 1 December (Christmas Social/Mtg)*** |
| 2 June | |

*** To be held at the Tavistock Country Club.**

**** To be held at a Restaurant or Diner of choice at a future date.**

***** To be held at the Cherry Hill Armory Artillery Events Hall.**

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DID YOU KNOW THAT IN DECEMBER OF

1636 – We celebrate the birthday of the National Guard (13th)

1776 – Was the battle of Trenton (26th)

1814 – The War of 1812 ended (24th)

1941 – The Japanese attack Pearl Harbor (7th); War is declared on Japan (8th)

1944 – The Battle of the Bulge begins (16th)

1989 – Operation Just Cause (Panama) begins (20th)

I BELIEVE

**A Birth Certificate shows that we were born;
A Death Certificate shows that we died;
Pictures show that we lived!**

**Because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other.
And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.**

That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

**That heroes are the people who do what has to be done,
When it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.**

**That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others,
Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.**

**The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything,
They just make the most of everything.**

That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

BRAIN TWISTER (answers on the last page)

- 1. What is the only Constitutional Amendment to be repealed?
How long was it in effect?**
- 2. What was the first US highway to charge a fee for its use & opened in 1940.**
- 3. Richard Gatling invented the first fast-firing machine gun. What else did he invent?**
- 4. In 1862 Congress passed the Homestead Act, which granted 160 acres (65 hectares) of free public land to people who lived on the land and farmed it for five years. What is a homestead?**
- 5. Who was the first US President born west of the Mississippi River and born in the State of Iowa?**



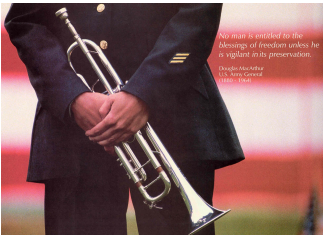
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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!

COMMANDER'S RECOGNITION

Col (Ret) Tony Radice, a graduate of Ft. Benning OCS and an inductee in the Infantry Hall of Fame, was awarded the Infantry Order of Saint Maurice by the National Infantry Association. The Award was presented by MG (Ret) Mark Mullin, Commander of the 114th Infantry Regiment and Col (Ret) Leonard Luzky at the Regimental annual Christmas party held in the Woodbury Armory on 3 December 2009.

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. The eighteenth, or Prohibition, amendment outlawing the sale of alcohol. It was in effect from 1919 to 1933.
2. The Pennsylvania Turnpike (known as “America’s First Superhighway”)
3. Agricultural machinery, especially for sowing seeds.
4. A small Farm.
5. Herbert C. Hoover.

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