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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*

***WILL YOU LOOK BACK ON LIFE AND SAY, ‘I WISH I HAD’, or  
‘I’M GLAD I DID’?***

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<b>Commander:</b>	<b>COL (RET) Tony Radice</b>
<b>Executive Officer:</b>	<b>1SG (RET) Ed Powell</b>
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<b>Finance Officer:</b>	<b>CW4 (RET) Jack Elberson</b>
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## **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

**This time next year we will be preparing to elect a new Commander and Adjutant. Reflecting back over the past three years I can comment with a feeling of certainty that each year can be broken down as follows. The first year is spent assessing the requirements and putting them in priority order. The second year is spent by preparing to make changes and selecting the people that can best make these changes happen. The third year is spent executing the changes, and the fourth year is spent evaluating what has been accomplished and improving where necessary. I have had the privilege to work with a few dedicated members who have made the goals I set, when I became Commander, happen. My most significant goal was to establish an artillery museum to honor all of us militia men and women and to see that the legacy we helped make in this area of New Jersey is not forgotten. I am confident that the next Commander will improve on our beginning and never let the flame burn out.**

*Col (Ret) Tony Radice*

## **SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2010 MEETING**

**The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1800 hours in the Museum area. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer by the Chaplain was offered. The Commander recognized LTC Bob Jennings, Civil Air Patrol Commander and LTC Tom Smith, Commander of the 112<sup>th</sup> FA Association in attendance. Also recognized was CPT Don Orth and CPT Dick Dennigan former members of the Battalion. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$3,344.81 in our treasury.**

### **Commander's Report:**

**Cherry Hill Armory Re-evaluation: The Commander & Staff met with the Station Commander on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss operational area for the association. Although decisions have not been made, we feel confident that we will retain a supply room, administrative area and the museum. We will keep the membership informed of the on-going plans as they become known to us.**

**Museum Report (CW Elberson): Final placement of pictures, plaques, and trophies were made, along with some housekeeping, on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. The Museum was formally dedicated at our December meeting with deepest appreciation to Jack Elberson; Marc Kantor; Lou Bovino; Joe Scioli; Sue Barrowman; Tony Radice and Ed Powell. Jack Elberson was appointed as the museum Curator. We could not have done it without them!**

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**The Dine Out:** Plans are completed that include a physical WWII display at our Dine Out by members of the 78<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. The Awards Committee recommended CSM Lum Harris for the Ancient Order of St. Barbara, SFC Richard Zacamy for the Honorable Order of St. Barbara and Barbara Rouh for the Molly Pitcher award. All were approved by the Commander. The AD book donations have now totaled \$650.00. A request has been made to the Vineland Memorial Home to invite a veteran from that home as our guest of honor as we have done in the past.

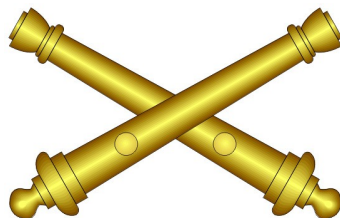
**Election of Officers (Major DiMedio):** The following candidates have been nominated for the following position: Executive Officer – 1SG Ed Powell; Logistics Officer – CPT Marc Kantor and Finance Officer – CW4 Jack Elberson. Their names will again be published in the January newsletter as required by the association By-Laws. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the January meeting and elections held at our meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Revised Constitution (CSM Harris/1SG Scioli):** The Committee, along with the Commander, met on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> to develop changes to the constitution that will be presented in the prescribed manner for membership approval.

**Christmas covered dish meeting:** Sincere appreciation was extended to the women of the association who not only called everyone on the alert list, but insured there was plenty of food served in a presentable manner with the proper decorations. The women recognized were Phyllis DiMedio; Barbara Rouh; Ginny Scioli; Ronny Powell; Pat Minchin and Tina Ford. We could not have done it without them!

The 40 attendees then enjoyed a sit-down covered dish dinner.

The meeting concluded at 2030 hours with fond wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.



**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**(Answers at the end of the newsletter)**

1. What is "Auld Lang Syne" anyway?
2. Which famous building celebrated its opening on New Year's Eve 1904?
3. When did the Rose Parade begin?
4. What Dutch treat is popular for the New Year?

**A MAN NAMED JOE**

A man named Joe found himself in dire straits. His business had gone bust, and he was having severe financial difficulties. He decided to seek divine intervention. "God," he prayed, "Please help me. I've lost my business, and if I don't get some money, I'll lose my house as well. Please let me win the lottery." But lottery night came, and someone else won.

"God," Joe prayed again, "please let me win the lottery! I've lost my business and my house, and soon I'll lose my car." Still no luck.

One more time, he prayed. "God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost everything. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help, and I have always been a good servant to you. Please let me win the lottery, just this once, so I can get my life back in order!"

Suddenly, with a blinding flash of light, the heavens opened, and Joe heard the voice of God. "Joe, meet me halfway on this. *"Buy a Ticket!"*

**DID YOU KNOW THAT**

- \*The fastest-healing part of the human body is the tongue.
  - \*Kangaroos can't walk.
  - \*Dr. Seuss' first book was rejected by 23 publishers.
  - \*Twinkies are 68% air.
  - \*The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows.
  - \*More than 30,000 Hawaiians signed a petition to change Maui's name to Gilligan's Island.
  - \*The word "clue" originally meant "ball of twine." That's why you "unravel" clues to solve a mystery.
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## **MILITARY EVENTS OF JANUARY**

- 1777 – The Battle of Princeton – Revolutionary War**
- 1815 – The Battle of New Orleans – The last battle of the War of 1812**
- 1903 – The Birth of the modern National Guard**
- 1973 – The Vietnam Cease-Fire Campaign ends**
- 1991 – Operation Desert Storm begins**



## **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.**

## **THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**(This will be the first of a twelve part set of short comments on Wars fought beginning with the American Revolution through the Iraq War)**

**Beneath the high ideals and glorious defiance of American's Declaration of Independence lay the grim reality that the British had no intention of letting go of their American mainland colonies. Throughout the fall of 1776, British forces hounded the ragtag Revolutionary army, delivering a succession of defeats on the poorly-equipped and inadequately trained force. As American manpower dwindled due to casualties and desertion, Washington conceived a bold – and – desperate – plan to cross the icy Delaware River under cover of night, and surprise the Hessian mercenaries encamped on the other side. Aided by snow, the plucky Americans routed their foes and captured nearly 1,000 men while suffering only two casualties. It was a turning point in the war.**



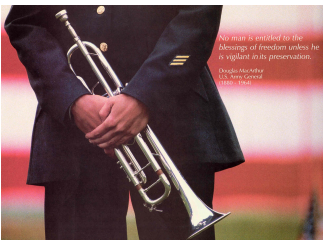
## **NEVER FORGET THAT**

**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.”**

**“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.**



## ANSWERS TO THE NEW YEAR'S EVE QUIZ

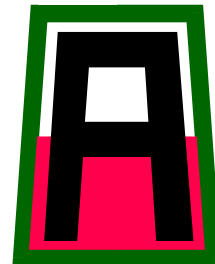
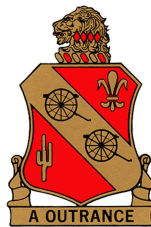
1. It's an old Scottish tune sung at midnight in most English-speaking countries. It was first published in 1796 by Robert Burns.
2. The New York Times building. The lowering of the ball came a few years later.
3. In 1886, to celebrate the orange crop. The Rose Bowl game became a permanent fixture in 1916.
4. Doughnuts. To symbolize the year coming "full circle."

*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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## **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.

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