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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

“TEN MEN WISELY LED ARE WORTH ONE HUNDRED WITHOUT A HEAD”

Infantry Proverb

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



As we remove the Christmas tree and lights and neatly pack the Ornaments away for next year it occurred to me that we now have ten to eleven months ahead of us to live the gift of life without the excitement of Christmas. It's true, that as we grow older, we lose the strength to do what has to be done, but we should never lose the passion to do what has to be done. There is a time in life that whatever we do becomes our signature and is how we will be remembered. When we came into the world we were crying and everyone around us was laughing. When we leave this world it is us who should be laughing and everyone around us crying. Love, Focus, Passion, Commitment. It is never too late to make it happen.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice
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SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 6TH, 2010 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, 1SG Scioli, who is on R&R in Florida and the Log Officer, CPT Constantine. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain gave the Invocation. A special moment was devoted to remembering Joe Hollenbeek's mother who passed away this week and to welcome back Chet Malik from his recent surgery. The 114th Regimental Commander, MG Mark Mullin, was recognized as one of our attendees and Bill Baker was recognized as our newest member of the Association.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December minutes of the monthly meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$ 2,961.73 in our treasury.

Commander's Report:

Sincere appreciation was again expressed to Barbara Rouh, who represented the women of the Association, for not only telephoning the membership reminding them of our recent Christmas party, but also for the superb food that was prepared for the evenings buffet.

Next months Dining Out is on track. A special rendition of TAPS has been prepared; Ft Sill informs me that the awards will be mailed out on Jan 8th; the mementoes will be mailed on Jan 11th and we have 26 requests for AD's. As of this date we have \$2,000.00 in AD request. Sue Barrowman and Jack Elbersen will again handle layout, printing and production of our AD book.

The letter of request for contributions for Operation Iraqi Children project has resulted in a generous response from 25 of our members for a total of \$885.00 as of 6 January. Our goal is at least \$1000.00. My deepest appreciation for the generosity demonstrated by our membership. The deadline for support of this project is 28 February 2010.

CPT Kantor updated everyone on the status and operations of our Web Site. MG Mullin briefly discussed the activities of the 114th Inf. Reg't. Assn. The Commander briefly discussed the Christmas event sponsored by the 78th Inf Div at Ft. Mifflin on Dec 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours followed by pizza and beverage.

DINE OUT – 6 FEBRUARY 2010

The Menu selected, the music contracted, the guest invited, the individual gifts purchased, special honorees nominated and invitations mailed. All we need is you, your friends and relatives, to make this special night a success. Please come and support our efforts.

MEETING DATES FOR 2010

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 1900 hrs	3 November
15 May (Breakfast Social)**	1 December (Christmas Social/Mtg)***
2 June 1900 hrs	

* 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 Room.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT IN JANUARY OF

1777 – General Washington defeated the British at Princeton, NJ.

1784 – The Treaty of Paris is ratified, ending the Revolutionary War.

1815 – The last Battle of the War of 1812 was fought at New Orleans.

1945 – The Battle of the Bulge ended.

1973 – The US involvement in Vietnam War ended

1990 – Operation Just Cause (Panama) ended.

1991 – Operation Desert Storm began.

SMALL TRIVIA: Corporal Frank W. Buckles of Charles Town, West Virginia was recognized as the last surviving US Army veteran of World War I in 2008. He was 107 years old.

I BELIEVE

That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

That you can keep going long after you think you can't.

That my best friend and I can do anything – or nothing – and have the best time.

That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the first ones to help you get back up.

That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

That you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.

That even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you – you will find the strength to help.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and a little spare change in a dish on your dresser, you are among the top eight percent of the worlds wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will die this week.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.



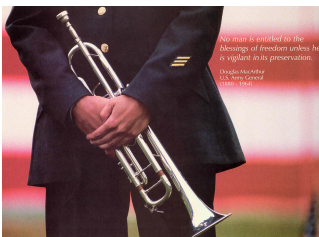
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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.

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

ASSOCIATION DUES

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