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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

“Don’t be afraid to ask what might seem to be a dumb question. It’s better than making a dumb mistake”

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Recently I had the honor of working with a group of people that were packaging school supplies to send to the children of Iraq to help better prepare them to interact with the rest of the world. This was a group of people of all ages, race and educational background who realize that it is not only the National debt that will affect our children and grandchildren, but the education of children around the world that will have a future impact on our way of living. Its time for the skeptics to understand that the planet we live on is too small to not be affected by how the rest of the world views this country. The soldiers serving in Iraq realize it and were the ones who originated the idea of educating the children to our way of life so that the future will be secured for all children.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 3rd, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain gave the Invocation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February minutes of the monthly meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$6,586.45 in our treasury.

Commander's Report:

As most of you know our Dine Out was rescheduled from 6 Feb to 28 March (Sunday) due to the snow storms. Everything is the same and ready to go. We originally had 107 attendees and are now down to 99 because of the rescheduling. However I am optimistic that we can regain those numbers and more by game time.

The status of our museum efforts is that the State has delivered the ceiling tile and will replace them for us. Once that is completed Lou Bovino will determine how and what will follow to complete the job and become operational

Ed Powell and Bob Constantine will develop the plans for our two brunches planned for the year and have a report at our next meeting in April. The two brunches are planned for Armed Forces Day in May and Patriot's Day in Sep.

Marc Kantor continues his improvement of our web site by adding information constantly to provide current information for our membership.

We were privileged to meet with the command structure of the Civil Air Patrol that meets at the Cherry Hill armory each week. 1LT Don Cameron, the Commander, Cadet Major Nicholas Jennings, the N.E. Region Cadet Chairman, and Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Donald Cameron, III, the Squadron Cadet Commander each briefed the membership as to their responsibilities, requirements and activities. It was a very worthwhile briefing and had many of our attendees asking very pertinent questions. We hope to see more of them.

Our Operation Iraqi Children program ended on 28 Feb. Through the generosity of our membership we collected \$1,210.00 and, on behalf of the association, presented a check to the State Person to Person chairperson Col (Ret) Len Tharney, a former artilleryman with the New Jersey National Guard. He in turn presented the association a framed certificate of appreciation that acknowledged our successful support to this effort. The money will serve to purchase school supplies for the children of Iraqi as planned. There are no words to express my appreciation to our membership for your generosity.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours followed by pizza and beverage.

DINE OUT – SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2010

Was rescheduled from 6 Feb 2010. More information in our next newsletter.

MEETING DATES FOR 2010

	July – No Meeting
	4 August
	1 September
28 March (Dine Out)*	11 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.**

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TRICARE FOR LIFE

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Online: www.tricare4u.com

**Customer Service: WPS TRICARE For Life
P.O. Box 7889
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AN IRISH BLESSING

**Always remember to forget the things that made you sad.
But never forget to remember the things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue.
But never forget to remember those who have stuck by you.
Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away.
But never forget to remember that blessings that come each day.
HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!**

IRISH-AMERICAN QUIZ (Answers on the last page)

- 1. (True or False) - Two million Irish came to American to escape religious persecution beginning in 1845?**
- 2. (True or False) – The “Molly Maguires” was a group of Irish nurses who served heroically during World War II?**
- 3. (True or False) – The “Know Nothing” party was a nineteenth century political party opposed to Irish immigration.**
- 4. What military hero became the first American president of Irish descent?**
- 5. Name two famous Irish-American senators with the same last name but very different political views?**

HOW BAD IS IT?

I was so depressed thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc. that I decided to call the Suicide Lifeline. I got a call center in Pakistan and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited and asked if I could drive a truck.

NUN SENSE

Sitting behind a couple of nuns at a baseball game, (whose habits partially blocked their view), three men decided to badger the nuns in an effort to get them to move.

In a very loud voice, the first guy said “I think I’m going to move to Utah. There are only 100 nuns living there!”

The second guy spoke up and said “I want to go to Montana, there’s only 50 nuns living there!”

The third guy said, “How about Idaho? There are only 25 nuns living there!”

One of the nuns turned around, looked at the men, and in a very sweet, calm voice said, “Why don’t you all go to Hell? There aren’t any nuns living there.”



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.

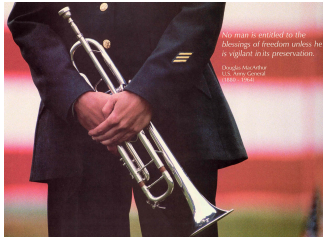
NEVER FORGET THAT

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

We regret that Clarence Lewis Newcomb passed this month. He was Chief of Smoke with Btry A 1st Bn 112th FA and the 228th AFA.

Also another WWII Veteran has passed CPL Vincent A. Spinella of Btry A 228th FA.



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!

IRISH-AMERICAN QUIZ (Answers)

- 1. False. The Potato blight sparked a wave of Irish immigration to America.**
- 2. False. They were a group of Irish coal miners in PA accused of violence against mine owners. 24 men were convicted and 10 of them were hanged.**
- 3. True. This anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic political party formed in 1840 out of fear of the growing number of Irish Catholics swelling the ranks of the Democratic Party.**
- 4. Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States of America.**
- 5. WI Senator Joseph McCarthy who started the anti-communist purge of the 1950's and Senator Eugene McCarthy of MN who ran for president in 1968 as a peace activist.**

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***

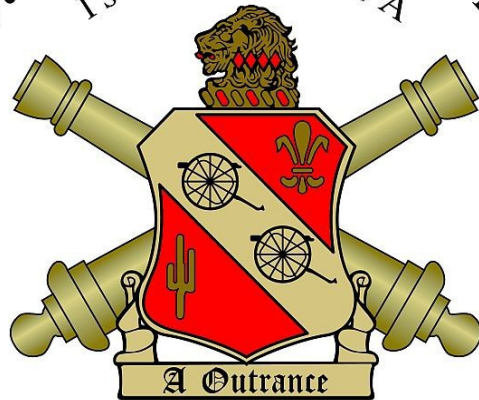
ASSOCIATION DUES

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: Bill Dare, Ed Dion, Tony Egan, Bucky Estelow, Fred Giebel, Bob Grossmann, Joe Haulenbeek, John Humphreys, Bruce Linton, Bob Michael, Mark Mullin and Steve Reinis.

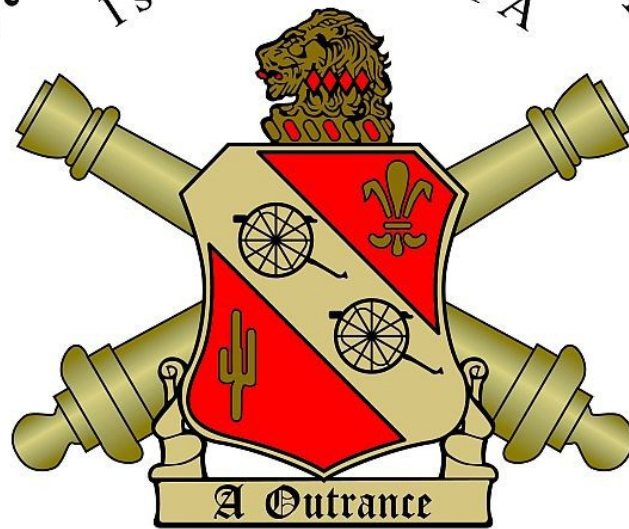
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OUR MISSION

- **To promote close association, friendship, understanding and cooperation between all members 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 1st Battalion 112th Field Artillery ancestors and its 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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