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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

“Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them”

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Once a month for lunch I meet with eight to twelve friends of mine that I grew up with and renew our days of fun and ignorance in the sun. Everyone contributes an exaggerated story of our exploits on the athletic field, in the classroom and with persons of the opposite gender. In between we add Stories, old and new, of what happened all those years while we were going from there to here. For an hour or so we recapture what was and will never be again. It's humorous and pleasant, and sometime sad to realize that the conversation has since transitioned from girls, cars and clothes to Tri-Care, Medicare and By-Pass surgery. Time has erased all pretenses and replaced it with a purity of heart that comes with age if you let it. Monthly lunch dates like this are wonderful – I highly recommend it.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice – ColonelTony@comcast.net

SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 7th, 2010 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1900 hours. All of the Staff was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain gave the Invocation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March minutes of the monthly meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$2,927.00 in our treasury.

Commander's Report:

As most of you know our Dining Out went extremely well (read the report below), however because two of our recipients of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara were not present, we will make the formal presentation at our monthly meeting on May 5th. This will be a semi-formal affair and everyone attending is requested to wear the red jacket and military awards if possible. An appropriate ceremony is being prepared. This meeting will be followed by a light meal and refreshments. The award will be presented to Major Robert DiMedio and 1SG Joseph Scioli.

Now that we have the ceiling tile, our project chairperson for the museum, LTC Bovino, is in the process of developing a work schedule to complete the necessary work so that we can start to lay down the rug and continue forward with this project. Our goal is to be functional by the end of this year.

Our Armed Forces Day brunch is planned for Sunday May 16th at 1000 hours in the Coastline Restaurant on Brace Road in Cherry Hill, NJ. Our chairperson, 1SG Ed Powell, is requesting all those interested persons contact him for headcount purposes. His e-mail address is thepowells@ourarea.org and his phone number is (856)858-4704.

Social events proposals were offered to the membership (see report below).

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours followed by refreshments.

PROPOSED SOCIAL EVENTS

The following proposed trips, for your consideration are offered. If calling to make reservations mention "Tony Radice with the Camden Light Artillery":

July 31st Broadway Show “Come Fly Away” \$169.95 pp;

August 28th “Glenn Miller Orchestra at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. \$99.95 pp, lunch included.

For reservations of these two events you are asked to call Nancy Smith Kozić from Starr Tours Bus Company at 609 587-0626 Ext 1402.

August 6th Visit to the Marine Corps Barracks in Washington, DC. \$65.00 pp with the Marine Corps League that includes transportation, a meal and evening performance of the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team.

For information and/or reservations call Bruce (609)575-0472 or Joe (609)458-1251 or Bob (609)635-3441 or you can e-mail Bruce at Trentondetmcl@aol.com

The probable pickup point is planned for the Inn at Cherry Hill at the intersection of Route 70 and 295. Checks of \$65.00 should be made out to the Marine Corps League #207, and mailed to The Marine Corps League, 547 Schiller Ave., Trenton, NJ 08610 no later than 22 July 2010.

DINE OUT – 28 MARCH 2010

The Dining Out went well as planned and came off without a hitch. There were 110 attendees that included representatives from the 112th FA Assn. in Lawrenceville, the 3d Bn 112th FA in Morristown, the 114th Inf Reg’t in Woodbury and the Civil Air Patrol from Cherry Hill. Everyone was treated to a beautiful and successful AD book, a wine glass with crossed cannons inscribed and a wonderful meal from the Tavistock Country club. The DJ played music that had our guest of honor, Seaman 1st Class Walter Wengel from the Vineland Veterans Home dancing with as many women as he could coral. The only other WWII veteran there was our own LTC Jake Parvin. The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara was awarded to LTC Lou Bovino and CW4 Jack Elbersen. The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara was awarded to CPT Marc Kantor and the Molly Pitcher award was presented to Sue Barrowman. Their names will be inscribed on the Wall of Honor in the Lawrenceville Armory. Our Dining Out for next year is scheduled for February 26th, 2011 at the Tavistock Country Club. It was a wonderful affair that I encourage everyone to consider.

MEETING DATES FOR 2010

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| <u>5 May 1800 hrs</u> (<i>one hour early</i>) | 1 September |
| 16 May (Brunch Social)** | 11 September (Brunch Social)** |
| 2 June 1900 hrs | 6 October |
| July – No Meeting | 3 November |
| 4 August | 1 December (Christmas Social)*** |

**** To be held at the Coastline Restaurant.**

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

WHAT IS A GRANDMOTHER?

(Written by a third-grader)

A Grandmother is a lady who has no little children of her own. She likes other people's. A Grandfather is a man Grandmother.

Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there. They are old so they should not play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market and have lots of dimes ready. When they take us for a walk, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They never say, "Hurry Up".

Usually Grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out. Grandmothers don't have to be smart, only answer questions like, "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?" When they read to us they don't skip, or mind if we ask for the same story again.

Everybody should try to have a Grandmother, especially if you don't have a television, because they are the only grown-ups who have time.

HOW BAD IS IT?

**The economy is so bad that: I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.
Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.
The Mafia is laying off judges.**

SUSPICIOUS SCENTS

An Air Force Chief Master Sergeant and a General were sitting in the barbershop. They were both just getting finished with their shaves, when the barbers reached for some after-shave to slap on their faces.

The General shouted, “Hey, don’t put that stuff on me! My wife will think I’ve been in a brothel!” The Chief turned to his barber and said, “Go ahead and put it on me. My wife doesn’t know what the inside of a brothel smells like.”

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN APRIL OF

1861 – Rebel Forces fire on Fort Sumter

1865 – General Lee surrenders at Appomattox

1917 – The U.S. enters World War I

1952- The Occupation of Japan by U.S. forces ends

1983 – The Aviation Branch of the U.S. military is established

1987 – Special Forces becomes a separate branch of the Army

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR?

(Answers on the last page)

1. On April 19th, 1861, civilians and Union soldiers became the war’s first casualties during a riot in which Union city?
2. On April 7th, 1862, one of the bloodiest battles of the war was fought at Pittsburg Landing, TN, a battle best known by what name?
3. On April 16, 1862, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a law creating an American first. What was it?

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WORLD WAR I?

(Answers on the last page)

1. Which were the chief nations involved on each side?
2. What was the Lusitania?
3. When did the United States join the war?



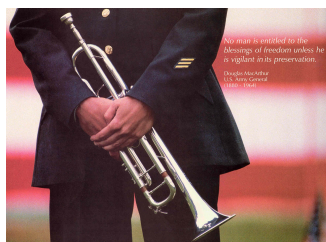
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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!

ANSWERS TO THE CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

1. Baltimore, MD, where Union soldiers marching to Washington were attacked by a secessionist mob.
2. Shiloh.
3. The Conscription Act, the first American military draft.

ANSWERS TO THE WORLD WAR I TRIVIA

1. France, Britain, & Czarist Russia, who were known as the Allies, backed Serbia. More than twenty countries, including Italy, the United States, and Japan, eventually joined the Allies. They were opposed by Austria-Hungary, Germany, and the Ottoman Empire, based in what is now Turkey.
2. A British passenger liner secretly carrying arms, the Lusitania was torpedoed on May 7, 1915 by a German submarine. There were 128 Americans among the 1,198 passengers who died.
3. April 6, 1917.

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 month's 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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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 1st Battalion 112th 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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