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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

“People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel”

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Executive Officer: 1SG (RET) Ed Powell
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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting Bob Grossmann, former AST for HHB, and his wife Betty who live in downstate DE. His beautiful home and 13 acre farm were created for someone in the Witness Protection Program.

Not easy to find. We talked about the events and people who made up the old 1st Bn 112th FA in Cherry Hill. Events like inspections, field training, picnics, Christmas parties, etc. , with people like Minchin, Bottger, Dare, Elbersen, Garman, Nicholas, Flynn, Fortier, DeAngelo, Jobes, and Estelow to name a few. We talked about how strong the camaraderie was and how everything came together when the “Foxtrot Tangos” and “Papa Tangos” got together for a weekend drill or annual training. I came into this fold in 1968 from the Infantry and by then the work ethics had already been developed under the leadership of Jerry Minchin whose philosophy was “Work Hard, Play Hard”.

It paid off because, to this day, whenever you speak to anyone from this outstanding Battalion, what comes out of their mouth first is – “Thanks for the memories”.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice, coloneltony@comcast.net

SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 2d, 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 Logistics Officer, CPT Bob Constantine, who resigned his position this evening. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain gave the Invocation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the May minutes of the monthly meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$2,413.98 in our treasury.

Commander's Report:

A request for financial support from the Civil Air Patrol was discussed and it was agreed to have CPT Kantor reach out to the Commander of the CAP and state in writing exactly what it is they are requesting and for what purpose.

LTC Bovino reported that the museum is at the point of laying down the rugs and is in a position to start setting up displays as soon as his right hand, 1SG Scioli is sufficiently recovered from his recent surgery.

Our Armed Forces Day brunch planned for Sunday May 16th, 1000 hours at the Coastline Restaurant on Brace Road in Cherry Hill, NJ went extremely well according to the XO, 1SG Ed Powell, chairperson for the event. He reported that twenty four members, wives and guest attended the event. There was a wonderful variety of food from omelet's, waffles, crepes, bacon, sausage, bagels, prime ribs and a delicious chocolate fountain. Everyone ate to their heart's content while socializing with fellow members. Appreciation is extended to CPT Bob Constantine for helping with the arrangements and to CPT Marc Kantor for taking pictures of the event (which can be found on our web site). Another brunch will be held on September 19th at a location and time to be determined.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

PROPOSED SOCIAL EVENTS

The following proposed trips, for your consideration are offered.

June 24th: West Point and Hudson River Cruise \$99.95 pp

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.

October 17-21: Vermont & New Hampshire \$699.95 pp

For reservations of these four events you are asked to call Nancy Smith Kozić from Starr Tours Bus Company at 609 587-0626 Ext 1402. When calling please remember to say you are with “the Camden Light Artillery – Tony Radice”

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. When calling please remember to say you are with the “Camden Light Artillery out of Cherry Hill – Tony Radice”.

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.

MEETING DATES FOR 2010

July – No Meeting	6 October
4 August	3 November
1 September	1 December (Christmas Social)***
19 Sept (Brunch Social)**	

**** To be held at a Restaurant still to be determined.**

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

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“There are fights that you may lose without losing your honor; what makes you lose your honor is not to fight them” *Jacques Janjard*

“I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue; - No good in a bed, but fine against a wall” *Eleanor Roosevelt*

“The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible” *George Burns*

“Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year” *Victor Borge*

“I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury” *Groucho Marx*

“My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe” *Jimmy Durante*

“I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back” *Zsa Zsa Gabor*

“Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP” *Joe Namath*

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN JUNE OF

1775	Is the birthday of the US Army (FLAG DAY – 14 TH).
1812	The US declares war on Great Britain.
1865	The last Confederate forces surrender.
1944	Allied Forces invaded Normandy (D DAY).
1950	The Korean War begins.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN JULY OF

1862	The Medal of Honor was established.
1863	The Battle of Gettysburg begins.
1876	The Battle of the Little Big Horn begins.
1953	The Korean War ends.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT INDEPENDENCE DAY?

When formulating the Declaration of Independence that told the world that the United States was “free and Independent”, Benjamin Franklin stated that “We must indeed all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately.”

1. When did the Continental Congress pass a resolution of Independence?
2. Who was on the committee assembled to draft the declaration?
3. Why did Adams tell Jefferson, the youngest man on the committee, to draft a declaration?
4. What did Congress cut out of Jefferson’s draft of the declaration?
5. Which two key players in the history of Independence died on the fiftieth anniversary of the declaration?



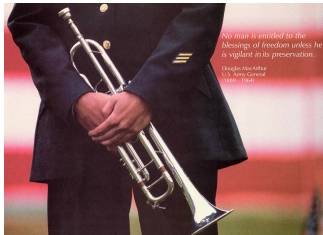
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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 INDEPENDENCE DAY QUIZ

- 1. On July 2, the Lee-Adams resolution of independence was adopted and many thought that would be the date celebrated as America's birthday.**
- 2. John Adams, Ben Franklin, Robert Livingston of NY, and Roger Sherman of CT. Jefferson was selected because Virginia was so politically powerful.**
- 3. First, the thirty-three year old Jefferson was a Virginian, second, Adams knew that he himself was unpopular and considered obnoxious by many delegates. Finally, Adams and Jefferson could "write ten times better than I"**
- 4. The Congress made 86 changes, which eliminated 480 of Jefferson's words. Most important was the removal of all references to slavery, "the execrable commerce," which Jefferson, a slaveholder himself, had blamed on King George.**
- 5. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826.**

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, coloneltony@comcast.net, to be edited for inclusion in the following months' publication.

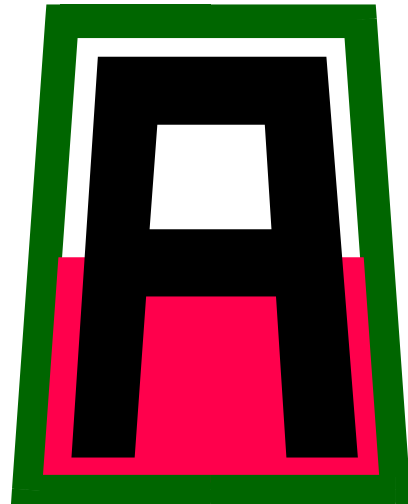
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I WAS A SOLDIER – I AM A SOLDIER – I WILL ALWAYS BE A SOLDIER

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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