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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

“The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself”

Benjamin Franklin

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As we get ready to celebrate another Veteran's Day and start to gear down for the year 2010, I can't help but think how different today's military is compared to what we have experienced and the generation before us had experienced. What a world of difference! The technology, the machinery and the weapons systems don't even faintly resemble what we were trained on. But despite all the difference, the one thing that remains is the strong camaraderie these young soldiers have with one another and between units. It's funny because we create museums to connect our memories while these young soldiers are living their memories. It amazes me when a soldier will ask about a piece of equipment and then come back quickly and say, "Oh, yeah, this is what replaced that years ago." We can only hope that no one will forget what it cost, in terms of lives to get us from there to here. I would ask us all to take a few moments out on Veteran's day to remember how many young men and women did not live to see how far we have come because they were protecting the moment.

COL (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 6TH, 2010 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1900 hours. The Chaplain is experiencing some health problems and was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer by the Commander was offered. An amendment was made to correct last month's minutes and a motion was then made and seconded to approve the September minutes of the monthly meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$2,647.16 in our treasury.

Special guest at tonight's meeting was Lt Col Robert Jennings, CAP Commander and his son, and Captain Jack Copper, former Commander of Company A, 2nd Bn 114th Infantry in Bordentown, NJ and his son-in-law Matt Carroll.

Commander's Report:

Museum Report-CW4(Ret) Elberson): Small improvements were made during the month, however we again had a small water leak on the ceiling that has been reported to the State by the station armorer and hopefully will be repaired soon.

The Fall Brunch scheduled for 19 Sep 10 went well according to CPT Strumpfer. Twenty two people attended the affair. The food was exceptionally good.

The Dine Out arrangements for February 26th at the Tavistock Country Club are well under way. The nomination for the Molly Pitcher award has been selected and approved, the mementos have been selected and will be ordered soon, the DJ has been confirmed and arrangements for other considerations have been coordinated. Money for the AD book has started to come in and everyone was reminded that the success depends largely on how well we do with our AD Book. Everyone was asked make a special effort to help with the effort.

Major DiMedio is seeking candidates to run for Executive Officer, Logistics Officer and Finance Officer. The elections will take place at our February Meeting.

The new access requirement at Ft. Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst was discussed. After Jan. 1st, 2011 everyone will be denied access to these facilities, and other bases using the system, if you have not registered with the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS). This is a DoD identity authentication and force protection tool for physical access control at DoD installations. The process takes about five minutes. The registration centers are located at:

Dix Welcome Center:	7AM-4PM	Monday-Friday
McGuire Welcome Center:	6AM-10PM	Everyday
Building 1738/Badging Office:	9AM-12PM	Monday-Friday
Building 2903/Mil Pers Flt Rm 6:	7:30AM-3:30PM	Monday-Friday
Lakehurst Welcome Center:	7AM-4PM	Monday-Thursday
	7AM-3PM	Friday

Historic Soldiers Weekend at Ft. Mifflin on Sep 25th went well as usual. Everyone was encouraged to attend one of their functions – you will not be disappointed

A documentary of Camp Victory, Afghanistan was presented by Col (Ret) Mike Shute. It told the story of several National Guard units that were stationed in Herat and their Afghan mentors who were given the enormous job of building the 207th Corps of the Afghan National Army. Col Shute, along with Carol Dysinger and General Fazil Saylor, was instrumental in developing this sought-after presentation.

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

MEETING DATES FOR 2010

3 November

1 December (Christmas Social)***

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

SEVEN REASONS IT SUCKS TO WORK IN A CUBICLE

- 1. Fabric cubicle walls do not offer much protection from any kind of gunfire.**
- 2. Always having that nagging feeling that if you press the right button, you'll get a piece of cheese!**
- 3. Lack of roof rafters for the noose.**
- 4. There are 23 power cords but only one outlet.**
- 5. The walls are too close together for the hammock to work right.**
- 6. When tours come through, you get lots of peanuts thrown at you.**
- 7. You can't slam the door when you quit and walk out.**

DO YOU KNOW WHY VETERANS HAVE REUNIONS?

Not to laugh or cry. They gather because they long to be with men who acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed with each other. They know each other like no others can and have never shared such trust like that with anyone else. Each was willing to guard something more precious than his life. To carry the memory of each other was part of the bargain that they made with, and for, each other when they joined. As long as they have memories, it will be of each other and I am sure when they are ready to leave this world their last thoughts will be of one another and the responsibility they shared in protecting this great country of ours. Remember our veterans every day, not only for what they did, but for what they are doing, and for what they will do tomorrow to protect our way of life.

*I vow to thee, my Country...a love that never falters,
A love that pays the price. A love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.*

MISTRESS

A very prestigious wealthy man and his wife were having dinner at a very fine restaurant when this absolutely stunning young woman comes over to their table, gives the husband a big open mouthed kiss, then says she'll see him later and walks away. The wife glares at her husband and says, "Who was that?" "Oh," replies the husband, "she's my mistress."

"Well, that's the last straw," says the wife. "I've had enough. I want a divorce!" "I can understand that," replies her husband, "but remember if we get a divorce; it will mean no more shopping trips to Paris, no more wintering in Barbados, no more summers in Tuscany, no more Jaguar in the garage and no more yacht club. But the decision is yours."

Just then, a colleague of the husband enters the restaurant with a gorgeous babe on his arm. "Who's that woman with Matt?" ask the wife. "That's his mistress," says her husband. "Ours is prettier," she replies.



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.

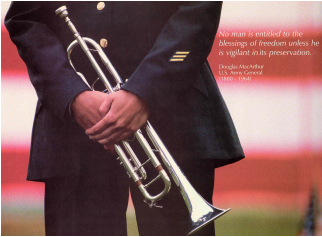
NEVER FORGET THAT

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."

"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

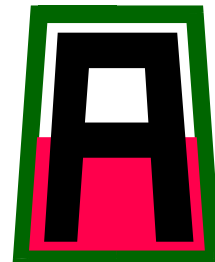
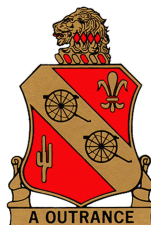
I would like to remind you that this is your newsletter. You are cordially invited to submit any information you think appropriate for the good of the command to the Commander (e-mail address on the first page of this newsletter) to be edited for inclusion in the following month's publication.

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 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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