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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*

***“Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won’t make it ‘white’.”***

*Bing Crosby*

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## **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

**The more problems we face in our lives the harder it is for us to find in our hearts to be happy and enjoy fellowship, and just allow the joy of Christmas to wash over us and experience that childhood wonder that was once so important in our lives.**

**The bigger these issues become...terrorism...war...corruption...political correctness...the further it seems to push Christmas away from us. That moment of Jesus' birth in that manger just keeps on getting smaller and smaller as our problems just get larger and larger. It's easy to believe and have faith when times are good, but we all find it a little tougher to cling to our beliefs when the world seems to be going to hell all around us.**

**It has gotten to the point that dealing with the shrinking nativity isn't only due to our personal problems and world wide problems, but also due to political correctness. The difference between just as little as twenty-five years ago and today is dramatic regarding what we're allowed to say and where we're allowed to talk about the birth of our Lord.**

**We all know that the simple terminology of referring to the joy of the birth of our Lord as "Merry Christmas" has now been replaced with the politically correct expression "Happy Holidays." We must now refer to Christmastime as "winter break" when it comes to kids getting off from school. There would be no winter break if not for the birth of Jesus, because if it were just "winter break" why would it be during Christmas? We have gotten to the point where we are ignoring the masses just to satisfy the few.**

**Recognizing the fact that we have more "yesterdays" than "tomorrows" in our lives, don't let the problems of the world push that manger so far away from you that it separates the distance between you and our Creator. When you push all the other heartaches and problems away from you, you will find yourself closer to that manger and all the hope and love that come with it. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!**

*COL (Ret) Tony Radice*

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## **SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 3rd, 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 SFC Malek was offered. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$2,644.21 in our treasury.

### **Commander's Report:**

**Cherry Hill Armory Re-evaluation:** The Adjutant General recently visited the armory to evaluate cost savings and military unit priorities that may result in relocation of some entities presently meeting at the armory. To get a better estimate of the situation, the Commander and Staff will be meeting with the station commander, LTC Walter Nall, on November 10<sup>th</sup> for a briefing that may impact on future activities of this association. More information as it becomes available.

**Museum Report (CW Elberson):** Small improvements continue to be made by the museum curator CW Jack Elberson. A small work crew will be assembling on November 10<sup>th</sup> to continue with displays and picture placement.

**The Dine Out:** Three additional awards were nominated for evaluation by the Awards Committee and will be presented for approval. Money for the AD book has had a strong start. To date we have collected \$575.00. The success of our Dine Out depends largely on how well we do with our AD Book. Everyone was asked to help make this special effort a success.

**Election of Officers (Major DiMedio):** Names of candidates for Executive Officer, Logistics Officer and Finance Officer will be presented at our December meeting. Nominations from the floor will be made at our January meeting and published in the January newsletter. The elections will take place at our February meeting.

**Christmas covered dish meeting:** The December meeting will consist of a short meeting, dedication of our museum and a covered dish dinner orchestrated by the women of the association.

The meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours.

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## **MEETING DATES FOR 2010**

**1 December (Christmas Social)\*\*\***

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

### **ITALIAN SEX**

**A Jewish man said, “Last week, my wife and I had great sex. I rubbed her body all over with schmaltz (chicken fat), we made passionate love, and she screamed for five full minutes at the end!”**

**A Frenchman boasted, “Last week when my wife and I had sex, I rubbed her body all over with butter. We then made passionate love and she screamed for fifteen minutes!”**

**An Italian man said, “Well, last week my wife and I also had sex, I rubbed her body all over with olive oil. We made love and she screamed for over six hours.”**

**The other two were stunned. The amazed Frenchman asked, “What could you have possibly done to make your wife scream for six hours?”**

**The Italian man said, “I wiped my hands on the bedspread.”**

### **A SOLDIER’S CHRISTMAS**

**‘Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.  
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,  
And to see just who in this home did live.**

**I couldn’t help wonder how many lay alone,  
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.  
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.  
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,  
“Santa don’t cry, this life is my choice,  
I fight for freedom, I don’t ask for more,  
My life is my God, my Country, my Corps.”**

**The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,  
I couldn’t control it, I continued to weep.  
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still  
And we both shivered from the cold night’s chill.  
I didn’t want to leave on that cold, dark, night,  
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.**

***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.***

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## **DEAD GOLDFISH**

Little Timmy was in the garden filling a hole when his neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was up to, he politely asked, “What are you up to there, Tim?”

My goldfish died,” replied Timmy tearfully, without looking up, “and I’ve just buried him.” The neighbor said, “That’s an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn’t it, Tim?”

Timmy patted down the last heap of earth and replied, “That’s because I couldn’t get him out of your cat.”



## **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**

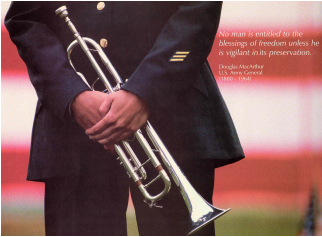
A Veteran – whether Active Duty, Retired, or National Guard or Reserve – is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of “up to and including my life.”

“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*

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## 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

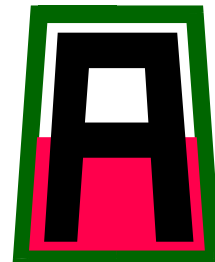
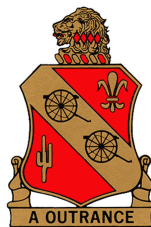
I would like to remind you that this is your newsletter. You are cordially invited to submit any information you think appropriate for the good of the command to the Commander (e-mail address on the first page of this newsletter) to be edited for inclusion in the following month's publication.

*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 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 112<sup>th</sup> 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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