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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

“HE WHO MAKES NO MISTAKES NEVER MAKES ANYTHING”

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Commander: COL (RET) Tony Radice
Executive Officer: 1SG (RET) Ed Powell
Adjutant: 1SG (RET) Joe Scioli
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The following is my annual report to the Association as required by our Constitution and By-Laws for the year 2010.

- I have kept our meetings short and interesting which, from time to time, included a guest speaker, followed by some light refreshments.
- Much effort and time has been put into our newsletter to insure it is timely, informative and interesting.
- With the very competent help from CPT Marc Kantor, we have initiated a web site for the association.
- We contributed \$1,210.00 to the People to People organization for Operation Iraqi Children project.
- We continue to invite a Veteran from the Vineland Memorial Home as our guest of honor at our annual Dining-Out.
- We continue to hold our Brunch's, Picnic and trips. This year included the USMC barracks in Washington, DC. Previous years have included the Battle Lab at Ft. Dix, NJ; Gettysburg, PA; Antietam, VA; a NY play and Boston, MA.
- We are in the process of re-formatting our By-Laws and improving the contents.
- We have increased our membership by 38 members with an aggressive letter writing campaign.
- We have established and dedicated an Artillery Museum in the Cherry Hill Armory.
- We have initiated an AD book to promote our Dining-Out and to raise money to support the event.
- From time to time I have represented the association at OCS graduations, military affairs at the 112th FA Association in Lawrenceville and Morristown and have been on a Boss Lift to Fort Sill, OK.

Our most formidable challenge this year will be to identify nominees for the position of Commander and Adjutant that are required to be changed this year by our Constitution. Hopefully I will be able to help with the transition so that we can maintain the momentum that has been generated over the past year.

One of the goals, in my final year as Commander, is to work more aggressively with the Family Assistance folks here at the Cherry Hill armory in support of the unit that has been mobilized. **THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT.**

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 1st, 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1900 hours in the museum. The Adjutant is AWL. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was offered by SFC Malik. Our Chaplain, Col Minchin was remembered in our prayers. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$4,663.77 in our treasury.

Commander's Report:

Museum Report (CW Elbersen): Small improvements continue to be made by dedicated volunteers. A roof leak caused some minor damage and has been reported to the station armorer.

The Dine Out: The AD book donations have totaled \$1,775.00; this is short by \$600.00 from last year. PFC Hank Tapken, a Korean War veteran, from the Vineland Memorial Home will be our guest of honor. The Ancient Order of St. Barbara will be presented to CSM Lum Harris, the Honorable Order of St. Barbara will be presented to SFC Richard Zacamy and the Molly Pitcher award will be presented to Barbara Rouh. Congratulations to all our awardees.

Election of Officers: The following nominees have been elected: Executive Officer – 1SG Ed Powell; Logistics Officer – CPT Marc Kantor and Finance Officer – CW4 Jack Elbersen. Congratulations to all our selectees.

Revised Constitution: Voting for the revised By-Laws will take place at our March meeting.

Financial Review: CPT Strumpfer has been tasked with conducting an annual financial review of our records and to submit his findings within the next three months.

Commanders Annual Report: Was presented. Contents listed in the Commanders Comments above.

There being no more items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

PARTING SHOTS

A Pastor was walking down the street when he noticed a boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. But the boy was small, and the doorbell was too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy try repeatedly, the pastor went across the street, walked up behind the boy and, placing his hand on the boy's shoulder, leaned over and gave the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the boy's level, the pastor smiled and asked, "And now what, my little man?" The boy replied, "Now we run!"

FOURTH OF JULY GROUP TRIP

The Camden Light Artillery Association, in conjunction with Starr Bus Tours, is hosting a three day bus trip to Sturbridge, MA from 3 – 5 July 2011 at a cost of \$399.95 per person.

The trip includes a guided tour of the Mark Twain House in Hartford, CT, a self-guided tour of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA, a backyard picnic on the Lake at the Sturbridge host hotel and a fireworks display from Old Sturbridge Village at dusk.

Anyone interested is requested to telephone Nancy Smith-Kozic at 609 587-0626, Extension 1402 or 1 800 782-7703 for reservations. When calling please mention Tony Radice's name so that we may be grouped together.

So mark your calendars and make plans to share three days of fun and laughs with one another.

ABE LINCOLN'S LOVE LIFE

An older man walks into a bar wearing a stovepipe hat, a waistcoat and a phony beard. He sits down at the bar and orders a drink.

As the bartender sets it down, he asks, "Going to a party?" "Yeah, a costume party," the man answers, "I'm supposed to come dressed as my love life."

“But you look like Abe Lincoln,” protests the bartender. “That’s right. My last four scores were seven years ago.”

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 the blessings that come each day.**

MILITARY EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

**1848 – The Mexican War ends.
1901 – The Army Nurse Corps is established.
1932 – The Purple Heart Medal is revived.**



FAMILY SUPPORT REMINDER

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 also appropriate to remember the families they left behind.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

(This is the third of a twelve part set of short comments on Wars fought beginning with the American Revolution through the Iraq War)

The United States went to war with Spain in 1898 after the USS Maine mysteriously exploded in Havana Harbor amidst civil unrest in the Spanish colony of Cuba. When war was declared, Theodore Roosevelt resigned from his post as assistant secretary of the Navy and was soon in command of the First US Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, better known as the Rough Riders – a motley crew of volunteers including ranch hands, policemen, Ivy League polo-players and Pawnee scouts. In his most famous Cuban escapade, Roosevelt and his men were

positioned at the base of Kettle Hill, on the San Juan Heights east of Santiago. In the confusion of battle and with his unit's casualties mounting, Roosevelt led a bold charge up the hill in the stifling tropical heat – on horseback. The charge was successful, though at a cost of heavy casualties. Roosevelt's personal panache helped propel him to the governorship of New York later that year.

USEFUL PHRASES AT WORK

1. I like you. You remind me of when I was young and stupid.
2. I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
3. I'm already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.
4. It might look like I'm doing nothing, but at the cellular level I'm really quite busy.
5. Thank you. We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.

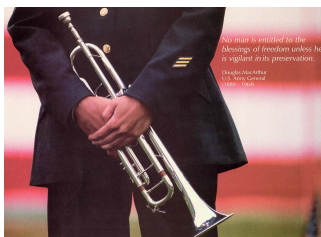
NEVER FORGET THAT

A Veteran – whether Active Duty, Retired, or National Guard or Reserve – is someone who, at one point in his 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

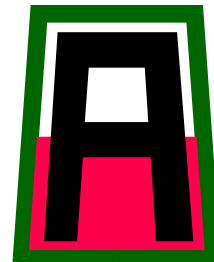
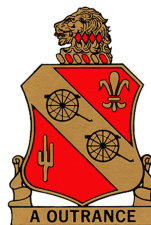
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 22 OCTOBER 2008 BY-LAWS

Attached to this newsletter are the proposed changes recommended by the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for your review and vote on at the March meeting.

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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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS OF 22OCT08

Article I Section IV: 3d line – Delete the word Constitution.

Section VII: 3d line – Change schedule to coordinate.

5th line – Add after Bibles “and Prayer Books.”

Section VIII: 1st line – Add to the title /Museum Curator.

Section XI: Delete the entire section.

Section XIII A – Delete the entire section.

Add “The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Commander in September. It shall be the duty of the Committee to prepare and submit names of candidates for the offices to be filled. The election shall be held at the annual meeting.

Section XIII B – Change proxy to absentee in line 6 and 8.

Add to the last sentence “by mail or by e-mail to the Corporate Address.”

Article IV Section I: 2nd line – Delete all the words after necessary.

Add “The duties of all Special Committees shall be as prescribed by the Commander.”

Article V Section II and III: Delete the entire section.

Section IV: Delete the entire section.

Add “Dues are due on the date as stated on your address label of the Powder Bag newsletter.”

Article VII Section III: Change proxy to absentee in lines 1 and 3.

Article X Section III E: Add after the word State “Militia” in the first line.

Section IV B: Delete “Appoint a Committee to” in the first line.

Add “needed” after establish in the first line.

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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