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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

*Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them,
but you know they are there.*

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Commander:	COL (RET) Tony Radice
Executive Officer:	1SG (RET) Ed Powell
Adjutant:	1SG (RET) Joe Scioli
Finance Officer:	CW4 (RET) Jack Elberson
Logistics Officer:	CPT (RET) Marc Kantor

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Another year, another opportunity to excel! It's hard to maintain a constant "high" when your granddaughter whispers in your ear "Grandpa, your circling the drain." Leave it to kids to bring you back to reality. The reality is that we do have more yesterday's than tomorrow's but that's not such a bad thing. I realize that life has become more comfortable, new friends are important and old friendships renewed are like found treasure. If you ever want to remember how good and wonderful life has been, take the time to look at the photographs displayed in the museum. You will get an opportunity to appreciate how a camera blinked us all into eternity. You look at those pictures and wonder where did we get all that energy? Life has been good because of all of you reading this message. See, you did make a difference!! Every day is a celebration of our lives lived! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 5, 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1915 hours in the clubroom. The Adjutant is AWL. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was offered by SFC Malik. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December meeting. The financial report was presented which identified a balance of \$2,146.26 in our treasury.

Commander's Report:

Cherry Hill Armory Re-location: We will keep the membership informed of the ongoing plans as they become known to us. As most of us are aware, the 119th CSB was recently mobilized for deployment leaving a small contingent in the rear. The Association has been requested, and agreed, to support the Family Assistance Program. A coordination meeting is planned for the near future.

Museum Report (CW Elberson): Small improvements continue to be made by dedicated volunteers.

The Dine Out: The AD book donations have now totaled \$775.00. PFC Hank Tapken, a Korean War veteran, from the Vineland Memorial Home is invited as our guest of honor.

Election of Officers (Major DiMedio): The following candidates have been nominated for the following position: Executive Officer – 1SG Ed Powell; Logistics Officer – CPT Marc Kantor and Finance Officer – CW4 Jack Elbersen. There were no nominations from the floor. Elections will held at our meeting on February 2nd.

Revised Constitution: Has been posted to the web site, included in the monthly newsletter and hard copy was provided for interested members at our monthly meeting. Voting for the revised Constitution 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 at our March meeting.

Commanders Annual Report: Will be presented at the February meeting as stated in the By-Laws, Article II. A summary copy will also be included in the AD book of the associations Dine Out.

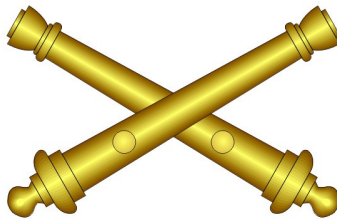
There being no more items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

TECH SUPPORT

A young executive was leaving his office when he found the CEO of the company standing in front of a paper shredder with a paper in his hand. “Listen,” said the CEO, “this is important and my secretary left for the day. Can you make this thing work?”

“Certainly,” said the young executive. He turned on the machine, inserted the paper and pressed the start button.

“Excellent!” said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. “All I need is one copy.”



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATIONS

(Answers at the end of the newsletter)

- 1. Which president had to escape the inaugural celebration when the crowd got too rowdy?**
- 2. Which president secretly arrived in Washington for his inauguration under an assumed name?**
- 3. Who said, “The great government we loved has too often been made use of for private and selfish purposes?”**
- 4. Washington did two things not required by law that most other presidents have also done. What were they?**
- 5. In which inaugural parade did African Americans first participate? The first parade with women?**

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.

PARTING SHOTS

A couple of Aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, “Your next!”

They stopped after I started doing the same to them at funerals.

MILITARY EVENTS IN JANUARY

1812 – Battle of New Orleans – last battle of the War of 1812.

1903 – The Birth of the modern National Guard.

1991 – Operation Desert Storms begins.

A WIFE’S TALE

A Man wanted a boat more than anything. His wife kept saying no, but he bought one anyway.

“I’ll tell you what,” he told her” in the spirit of compromise, why don’t you name the boat?” Being a good sport, she accepted.

When her husband went to the dock for the boat’s maiden voyage, he saw painted on the side, “**For Sale.**”



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.

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

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

In the summer of 1864, Ulysses S. Grant resurrected the defunct Army of the Shenandoah and appointed Philip Sheridan to command it. Sheridan's mission was to close off the invasion route through the Shenandoah Valley to Pennsylvania and Maryland, and disrupt the valley's agricultural life. That fall Sheridan drove the smaller Confederate army of Jubal Early from the region and laid waste to mills, barns, factories, and provisions across 400 square miles of countryside. Early and his men executed a surprise counterattack on Oct 19, while Sheridan was absent from his troops, but Sheridan heard the distant sounds of artillery fire and rallied his men, returned pell-mell to the battlefield, and dealt the Confederate army a final crushing defeat. Sheridan's "ride" was immortalized in verse and widely used in Republican campaign efforts. Some credit it for boosting Abraham Lincoln to re-election later that autumn.



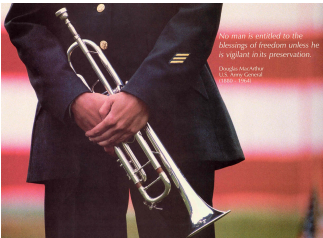
NEVER FORGET THAT

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.



ANSWERS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATIONS QUIZ

1. Andrew Jackson in 1824 when hundreds of westerners mobbed the White House.
2. Abraham Lincoln in 1860 to avoid an assassination plot.
3. Woodrow Wilson in 1913 at his first inaugural.
4. He said "So help me God" and then kissed the Bible after taking his oath.
5. African Americans marched in Lincoln's second inaugural in 1865 and women waited until Woodrow Wilson's second inaugural in 1917.

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

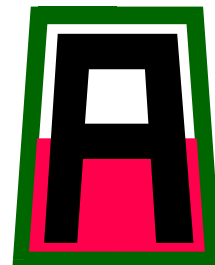
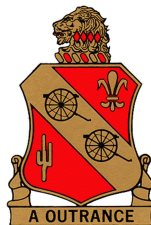
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 22OCTOBER2008 BY-LAWS

See the next page for the proposed changes that are recommended by the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for your review and vote 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:

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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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