

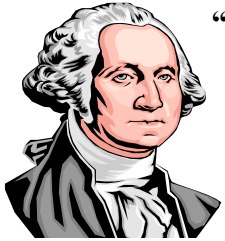
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“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.

George Washington

“Long Range planning does not deal with future decisions, but with the future of present decisions”

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

On Sunday the Camden Light Artillery celebrated Armed Forces Day with our semi-annual Brunch at Stone Grill in Clementon, NJ. There were 21 attendees, including two representatives from the 119th CSSB family readiness group. The food was great and the company wonderful. Thanks to CPT Warren Strumpfer and CPT Marc Kantor for setting it all up. I wish I could explain the closeness that exists in the small group of people that continually support each and every one of our functions. It's a group of people that not only take pleasure in remembering the past but also knows how to enjoy the present. As we grow older these wonderful feelings of yesterday and today help us to look forward to all of our tomorrows. Our next brunch is scheduled for September 11th, in memory of Patriot's Day, at the same location, time is 1100 hours. Everyone is invited.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SHORT QUIZ **(Answers on last page)**

1. What U.S. city is the *Queen of the Pacific*?
2. What's the more familiar name of *The Banana Boat Song*?
3. What chocolate bar created by Frank Mars and his wife is often called a Milky Way with peanuts?
4. Who penned *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*?
5. What IQ level is considered to be the beginning of genius?
6. Where are wine glasses placed at a table setting?

SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 1ST, 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1900 hours in the museum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was offered in memory of our fallen comrade and all those on sick call. The minutes of the April meeting were approved. The Logistics Officer, CPT Marc Kantor was AWL.

Commander's Report: We have officially kicked off our preparation for the 2012 Dine Out. The Commander started it off by pledging a \$100.00 AD and asked others to not only consider taking an AD, no matter how small, but to please help others to do the same. The 2012 Dining Out will be held on March 3d at the Tavestock Country Club. Due to increasing cost, tickets have been increased to \$50.00. Please mark your calendars. I would like to have everyone walk away with something more memorial then we have ever had in the past. This takes money and the AD book will help us achieve that goal. Congratulations to CPT Marc Kantor and 1SG Ed Powell for their nomination and approval to receive the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara at our next Dine Out. The membership is reminded that **THERE IS NO MEETING FOR JULY**. More importantly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish LTC Jake Parvin a very Happy Birthday. Jake turns 93 this month and all our best wishes go with this very remarkable soldier.

Museum Report (CW Elberson): Although there was a considerable amount of rain, the museum was not affected by any leaks – this time!

Search Committee Chairman (LTC Bovino): 1SG Joe Scioli has offered to run for the command of this association. The search for a successor Adjutant continues.

Financial Review: CPT Strumpfer is prepared to offer his report at our August meeting.

Family Readiness Group Representatives: Joan & Sue from the 119th CSSB FRG committee were present and offered the association the opportunity to help support their efforts to raise funds for their organization by attending a Beef and Beer event on July 23d. See the flyer attached.

Question: If anyone knows of someone who has, and would like to sell, an M1 rifle please contact Col Radice at 609 323-7304.

There being no more items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours. Our next meeting is August 3d. Enjoy the summer. Pizza and beverages were served.

CANADIAN BEAR SIGN

Due to the frequency of human-bear encounters, hikers, hunters, fishermen and any persons that use the out of doors in a recreational or work related function are advised to take extra precautions while in the field.

We advise the outdoorsmen to wear little noisy bells on clothing so as to give advance warning to any bears that might be close by so you don't take them by surprise. We also advise anyone using the out-of-doors to carry "Pepper Spray" with them in case of an encounter with a bear.

Outdoorsmen should also be on the watch for fresh bear activity, and be able to tell the difference between black bear feces and grizzly bear feces. Black bear feces are smaller and contain lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear feces have bells in it and smell like pepper.

FOURTH OF JULY GROUP TRIP **(Final Notice)**

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.

MILITARY EVENTS IN JUNE

1775 – Birthday of the US Army.

1812 – War is declared on Great Britain.

1865 – The last Confederate forces surrender.

1941 – The Army Air Corps becomes The Army Air Forces.

1944 – D-Day The Allied forces invade Normandy.



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.

TARAWA – WORLD WAR II

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

In 1943 the United States formulated a “Strategic Plan for the Defeat of Japan” that involved capturing a series of islands to establish an attack route from Hawaii to the Japanese mainland. The Marshall Islands were the first link in the chain, and on Nov. 20, 1943, the U.S. attacked tiny Betio Island in the Tarawa Atoll in an effort to gain control of the 4,000 foot airfield the Japanese had constructed there. But the island was heavily garrisoned, and the tide was unusually low at the time of the attack. With numerous landing crafts stranded at sea, wave after wave of Marines waded to shore under withering firepower. Out at sea, pilots aboard the USS Lexington cheered the success of their aerial sorties, but the artillery bombardment of Japanese positions was poorly managed. During the bloody three-day battle to take Tarawa, 1,677 American soldiers died. Of the roughly 5,000 Japanese who opposed them, only 146 survived.

THE BOSS

A Company in search of a shake-up hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, he noticed a man leaning on a wall. In a room full of workers, the CEO saw a chance to prove that he meant business.

He walked up to the man and asked, “How much money do you make a week?” The man looked at him and replied, “Two hundred a week. Why?” The CEO handed the man \$200 in cash and shouted, “Here’s a week pay. Now get out, and don’t come back!” The man shrugged and left. Feeling good about flexing his muscle, the CEO looked around the room and asked, “Does anyone want to tell me what that slacker did here?”

One of the other workers sheepishly muttered, “He was the pizza-delivery guy.”

Answers to the Short Quiz

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| 1. San Francisco | 4. Victor Hugo |
| 2. Day-O | 5. 140 |
| 3. Snickers | 6. To the right |

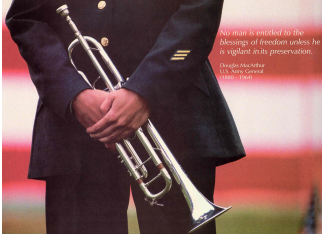
NEVER FORGET THAT

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

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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