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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*

**“Doing nothing is very hard to do.....you never know when you are done”**

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## **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

The most comfortable part about being a Commander is having an effective staff capable of taking over on short notice. Sue and I were TDY in Hawaii for the May meeting and a very flexible staff took over headed up by our Executive Officer 1SG Ed Powell. It was sincerely appreciated and to commemorate it Sue and I got splashed on the meeting night.

*Col (Ret) Tony Radice*

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

1. What's the capital of South Dakota?
2. What actor was awarded an Oscar engraved in the name of Dick Tracy?
3. What was Hitler's favorite movie?
4. Where is Michelangelo's *Pieta*?

## **SUMMARY OF THE MAY 3rd, 2011 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by the Logistics Officer, CPT (Ret) Marc Kantor, at 1900 hours in the museum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and since there was not a quorum present, the minutes of the April meeting could not be approved. The CO, XO and Adjutant were all AWL.

**Commander's Report:** The 2012 Dining Out will be held on March 3d at the Tavestock Country Club. Please mark your calendars. In our efforts to keep the cost of attending the event the same as it has been for the past several years, I am counting heavily on the success of our AD Book. To that end, I am going to begin our AD campaign in June with the hopes of having it so successful so as to improve the quality of the memorabilia that we will present at the event. I would like to have all the attendees at the Dine Out walk away with something as memorial as we have had in the past.

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

**Search Committee Chairman (LTC Bovino):** Is continuing his search for a successor CO and Adjutant.

**Financial Review:** CPT Strumpfer will present his results upon completion of the review.

Other than wishing Major DiMedio a Happy 83d birthday there were no more items to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 1945 hours followed by pizza and beverages.

### **THE PARROT**

A Lady was walking down the street to work and she saw a parrot on a perch in front of a pet store. The parrot said to her, “Hey lady, you are really ugly.” The lady was furious! She stormed past the store to her work.

On the way home she saw the same parrot and it said to her, “Hey lady, you are really ugly.” She was incredibly angry now. The next day the same parrot again said to her, “Hey lady, you are really ugly.”

The Lady was so angry that she went into the store and said that she would sue the store and kill the bird. The store manager apologized profusely and promised he would make sure the parrot didn’t say it again.

When the lady walked past the store that day after work the parrot called to her, “Hey Lady.” She paused and said, “What!” The bird said, “You know.”

### **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.

### **MILITARY EVENTS IN MAY**

1812 – The Ordnance Corps is established

1942 – The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps is established

1945 – Germany surrenders; V-E Day

1955 – The Occupation of Germany ends

**ARMED FORCES DAY – MAY 21st**



### **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.

### **PEARL HARBOR – WORLD WAR II**

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

More than 2,400 Americans died during the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Eight battleships were sunk or severely damaged, and close to 200 airplanes were damaged or destroyed. By a stroke of luck, at the time of the attack, three American carriers – The *Lexington*, the *Enterprise*, and the *Saratoga* – were at sea. Nor did the attack do much to destroy the Pacific Fleet's fuel and ammunition reserves, dry docks, or submarine pens. But it did shock isolationist America into an awareness that, in the words of historian Samuel Elliot Morrison, "the oceans are no longer moats around our ramparts." The next day, with a single dissenting vote, Congress declared war on Japan.

### **SOME INVESTMENT ADVICE**

**If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Delta Airlines one year ago, you would have \$49.00 today!**

**If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in AIG one year ago, you would have \$33.00 today!**

**If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Lehman Brothers one year ago, you would have \$0.00 today!**

**BUT, if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the aluminum cans for the recycling refund, you would have received \$214.00.**

**Based on the above, the best current investment plan is to drink heavily and recycle. It is called the 401-Keg.**

**A recent study found that the average American walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means that, on average, Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon!**

**Makes you darn proud to be an American!!**

### **Answers to the Short Quiz**

- 1. Pierre**
- 2. Spencer Tracy**
- 3. King Kong**
- 4. St. Peter's, Rome**

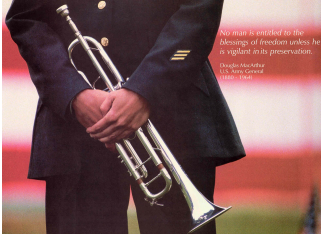
### **NEVER FORGET THAT**

**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**

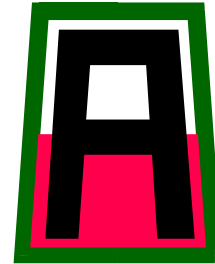
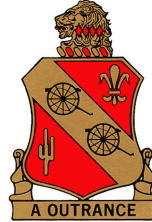
**I would like to remind you that this is your newsletter. You are cordially invited to submit any information you think appropriate for the good of the command to the Commander (e-mail address on the first page of this newsletter) to be edited for inclusion in the following month's publication.**

## **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 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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