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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

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did”

Mark Twain

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As a result of a recent survey that was mailed to the membership regarding the future of the Camden Light Artillery I discovered that a large number of the association members are enthusiastically in favor of continuing our efforts despite the fact that many of them are restricted by health and distance to attend the monthly meetings. To my pleasant surprise, several of the younger former artillerymen came out of the woods for our last meeting and were constructively supportive in our efforts to maintain a presence. I am optimistic that these former cannon cockers will not let the organization down. I do believe that, whoever takes over the leadership of this association, will scale down the meeting nights but keep the annual Dining Out, newsletter and website. As any previous commander of this association will attest to, after four years, you have just about exhausted all your thinking efforts towards keeping events interesting and informative. It's time this commander "CSMO" with no regrets.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 5TH, 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Executive Officer at 1905 hours in the association museum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was offered in memory of our fallen comrades and those on sick call that includes LTC John Ford, LTC Jake Parvin and COL Jerry Minchin. Our thoughts are always with you guys.

Commander's Report: Ad's for the 2012 Ad Book have begun and we've received \$600.00 to date. Please help us make the next Dining Out and Reunion a memorial one by placing an Advertisement and attending the event on March 3, 2012 at the Tavistock Country Club. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

Museum Report (CW Elberson): The probability of the State removing the asbestos from the floor is a reality. We will know more about this project at our next month's meeting and just how it will affect our museum. Stayed tuned to the website and Facebook page for more details.

Website & Facebook (CPT Kantor): Marc again emphasized the advantage of our website and Facebook in terms of potential recruitment. He has put a lot of his own time and money into making this the opportunity that he knows it could be.

There being no more items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours. Our next meeting is November 2nd.

IF YOU MARRY A JERSEY GIRL

Three friends married women from different parts of the country.

The first man married a woman from Utah. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The second man married a woman from Louisiana. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man married a girl from New Jersey. He ordered her to keep the house clean, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything, but the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. He still has some difficulties when he pees.

MILITARY EVENTS IN OCTOBER

1777 – The British surrender at Saratoga.

1781 – The British surrender at Yorktown.

1983 – U.S. Forces invade Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury)

WEDDING DRESS

A son asked his mother the following question, “Mom, why are wedding dresses white?” The mother looked at her son and replied, “Son, this shows your friends and relatives that your bride is pure.” The son thanked his Mom and goes off to double-check this with his father.

“Dad, why are wedding dresses white?” The father looked at his son and replied, “Son, all household appliances come in white.”

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WORLD SERIES?

(Answers at the end of the newsletter)

They call it the World Series even though it is almost exclusively American. This Fall Classic is still played in October and still captivates the nation.

1. In what year was the first World Series played?
2. How many times has it been canceled?
3. In what year was the infamous “Black Sox” scandal?
4. Everyone knows the Yankees have won the most World Series championships. What team is Number Two?

OLD GOATS

Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat’s milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. “These,” she explained, “Are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce.” She then asked, “What do you do in American with your old goats?”

A spry old gentleman answered, “They send us on bus tours!”

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 VIETNAM WAR

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

The last US ground troops left Vietnam in August 1972, following a stand-down ceremony at Da Nang air base. More than 40,000 airmen and support personnel remained in the country, and heavy bombing continued intermittently prior to Jan. 27th of the following year, when representatives of North and South Vietnam signed the Paris Peace Agreements. This treaty ostensibly marked the end of the war, though in reality it merely provided the opportunity for the United States to extricate itself from hostilities that had been going on for decades. America's failure to bring the war to a successful conclusion shattered glib notions of its military invincibility and led to both a reexamination of the American ethos and a reorganization of its military structure. Opinion remains divided as to whether America's involvement in Southeast Asia was a misguided, unwinnable endeavor from the start, a chronicle of military incompetence on the strategic level, or a noble cause undermined by a lack of national resolve.

ANSWERS TO THE WORLD SERIES QUIZ

- 1. In 1903, the Boston Pilgrims (Red Sox) of the upstart American League defeated the National League's Pittsburgh team.**
- 2. Twice. In 1904 the New York Giants refused to play against Boston and in 1994, a baseball labor dispute forced cancellation.**
- 3. In 1919. The victory of Cincinnati over Chicago was declared invalid. Although the Chicago players were found not guilty, all eight were barred from baseball.**
- 4. The St. Louis Cardinals, with ten championships as of 2006, follow the Yankees with 26. The Yankees have also lost the most World Series – 13!**

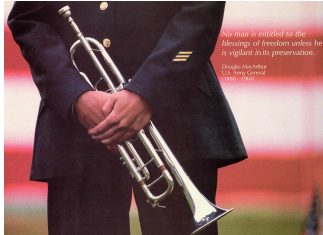
NEVER FORGET THAT

A Veteran – whether Active Duty, Retired, 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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