

# THE POWDER BAG

**“THE CAMDEN LIGHT ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION INC.” NEWLETTER**

---

Volume 14, Issue 4

[www.112FA.org](http://www.112FA.org)

April 2012

---



**“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*

**“SOMETIMES YOU’RE THE WINDSHIELD, SOMETIMES YOU’RE THE BUG”**

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

**Commander: 1SG (RET) Ed Powell**  
**Executive Officer: MAJ (RET) Richard Tomasso**  
**Adjutant: SFC (RET) Richard Zacamy**  
**Finance Officer: CW4 (RET) Jack Elberson**  
**Logistics Officer: CPT (RET) Marc Kantor**

## THE CAMDEN LIGHT ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

2001 Park Boulevard, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2778

**Publication Staff: 1SG (RET) Ed Powell, CW4 (Ret) Jack Elberson,**



**TAPS**

**SFC WILLAM DARE**

**We are deeply saddened to report the death of Bill Dare on 31 March 2012 at his home in Florida. Bill was a devoted husband, father and a most devoted friend. He had the unique ability to make you laugh when laughs were few especially with the many stories he could tell of his exploits as a milkman.**

**It would appear that God needed a good golfing partner and called Bill to inform him that his mission on earth was complete and for him to CSMO (close shop march order). Knowing Bill he probably saluted and carried out his orders as efficiently as he did while serving in the Battalion.**

**If you were to ask Bill to sum it all up for us he probably would say “Don’t cry because I died, laugh because I lived.” He will be missed. Rest in Peace dear friend.**

**THE COMMANDER’S COMMENTS**

**We will sadly miss our fallen comrade Bill Dare.**

**Our own Jerry Minchin, one of our former Commanders, is recovering from bypass surgery and we all wish him well.**

**Welcome back our snow birds from Florida, Joe and Ginny Scioli. It was nice to see Joe at the meeting.**

**We are always looking for new members for our association. Any persons that you may know who have been affiliated with the military in the past or present who may be interested in joining our association, please invite them to one of our meetings.**

**New members are ALWAYS WELCOME.**

**Due to a vacation that was planned a year ago, Ronnie and I will not be able to attend our May 2nd meeting. The Executive Officer Rich Tomasso will be conducting that meeting.**

**Hope everyone enjoyed their Easter and Passover Holiday and I will see everyone at our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**A TRIBUTE TO THE VALIANT**  
**MEMORIAL DAY - 2012**

Onward marches the Big Parade, forever into the somber beyond. A column of the young and the brave. Of the dutiful.

*When Duty whispers low, Thou must,  
The youth replies, I can!*

*-Emerson*

Called by duty, gone to war, gone to flowers every one. On this day, we pause to mourn them – and all those who did not come home from the battlefields. The dead of this war. The dead of the last war. The dead of all wars past.

We honor their sacrifices. We humbly offer them our gratitude and our prayers. We assure their loved ones that we, the living, do not forget. Cannot forget. Must not forget!

Without the gallant likes of these men and women, the horrors visited upon the United States on a lovely early summer morning of 9/11/2001 might well have come again.

It is only through the struggle and sacrifice of America's best that we exercise self-government free from the whims of a bloody tyrant. Even so, the measure of the success of our mission will be taken not today and not tomorrow. The measure of its success will be taken by the children. Your children. Our children. And their children. Loved ones who march in the Big Parade. Loved ones who live on eternally, in the aching hearts left behind.

Here, on another Memorial Day, in fields of flowers, we salute and celebrate our unforgotten. They who donned the uniform and wore it dutifully while they lived. They who will surely wear it proudly for all the rest of time.

**BIKER AND THE BABE**

A tough looking biker was riding his Harley when he sees a girl about to jump off a bridge so he stops. "What are you doing?" he asks. "I'm going to commit suicide," she says.

While he did not want to appear insensitive, he didn't want to miss an opportunity. So he asked, "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a Kiss?" So, she does.

After she's finished, the biker says, "Wow! That was the best Kiss I have ever had. That's a real talent you are wasting. You could be famous! Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl..."

## **SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1933 hours. A quorum was present and the chaplain gave the invocation followed by a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting. The Finance Officer, CW4 Elberson, reported that the association has \$4,383.66 in our bank account.

### **Commanders Report:**

A new member Tom Monaham attended the meeting. Welcome Tom.

Our Dining Out Ad Book was a success netted \$1,358.00. Job well done by all.

By-laws committee moving along – some copies of changes may be available next meeting.

Armed Forces Day Brunch – date set is Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1100 hours at The Adelphia. Price is \$20.26 per person. This is also open to family members and friends of the Camden Light Artillery.

The Gun Club Range #14 at Ft. Dix is being repaired. You will be advised when the Range #14 will be available. Tentative date set is April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Go to our website for further information. Also check at Range #14 (<http://shootnj.com/ftdixdirect.html>)

Financial physical review is underway and a final report will be given at the May meeting.

Bus trip booklets passed around and the next 9/11 Memorial Trip is Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>-\$75 per person-Trip #212390. Several Camden Light Artillery couples have already signed up. Please call 856-456-1121 to make reservations if there is still availability. Other trips are still available if interested. For further info contact Ronnie or Ed Powell at 858-4704 or [thepowells@ourarea.org](mailto:thepowells@ourarea.org)

Any photos from the dining out that you wish to share send to Marc Kantor on a disc or any other pictures that you would like to share with the association from the past.

A re-enactment scrimmage will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup> between the Blue and Gray. For more information contact Lum Harris.

Meeting was adjourned at 2019 hours.

## **ER VISIT**

Charlie's wife, Lucy, had been after him for several weeks to paint the seat on their toilet. Finally, he got around to doing it while Lucy was out. After finishing, he left to take care of another matter before she returned.

She came in and undressed to take a shower. Before getting in the shower, she sat on the toilet. As she tried to stand up, she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the toilet seat.

About that time, Charlie got home and realized her predicament. They both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever. Finally, in desperation, Charlie undid the toilet seat bolts. Lucy wrapped a sheet around herself and Charlie drove her to the hospital emergency room.

The ER Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her. Lucy tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before."

The Doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen lots of them. I just never saw one mounted and framed."



## **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 CHILD

The child asked God, "When I go to earth how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child then said, "But, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you, and you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "How will I be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

The child then asked, "How will I be able to reach you when I need to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

The child asked, "Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

The child said, "I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in heaven, but voices from earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her Mom."

Happy Mother's Day – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005

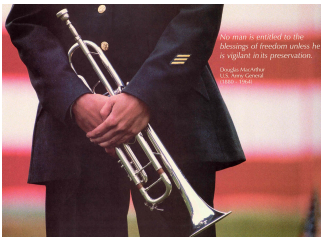
## **NEVER FORGET THAT**

**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:

Camden Light Artillery Association Inc.  
National Guard Armory  
2001 Park Blvd.,  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2778

**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.

**WEB SITE**

**www.112FA.org**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**112FA.CLA@gmail.com**

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

our name on Facebook is

**CAMDEN LIGHT ARTILLERY**



