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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

“The real leader has no need to lead – he is content to point the way”

Henry Miller

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THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

At this time, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making our annual Christmas dinner of the Camden Light Artillery a great success especially Barbara, Ginny, Pat, Phyllis and Ronnie who contacted everyone. Also for the delicious food and decorations. Everyone enjoyed themselves. I have received many comments and calls from people who attended and I am pleased to say this was one of our most successful dinners. There were 52 attendees. It was great seeing some of our old friends who may not be able to attend our regular meetings but who are able to attend our dinner this year.

Steve Reinis is undergoing medical tests at this time and we want to all wish Steve the very best and hopefully a quick recovery.

It was nice to see our Adjutant Rich Zacamy attend the dinner who is also going through major medical procedures.

It has been reported that Jack Parvin is back in the hospital. We wish him a quick recovery.

On behalf of the Staff and Ronnie and I we want to wish everyone a "Happy Holiday Season" and a "Happy and Healthy New Year."

See you at our January 9, 2013 meeting instead of January 2nd.

Crazy Laws In California

Animals are banned from mating publicly within 1,500 feet of a tavern, school or place of worship.

It is a misdemeanor to shoot at any kind of game from a moving vehicle, unless the target is a whale.

In Baldwin Park CA, nobody is allowed to ride a bicycle in a swimming pool.

In Biythe CA, you are not allowed to wear cowboy boots unless you already own at least two cows.

In Chico CA, detonating a nuclear device within the city limits results in a \$500 fine.

In LA, it is illegal for a man to beat his wife with a strap wider than 2 inches without her consent.

In Temecula CA, ducks have the right of way to cross Rancho California Street at all times.

Crazy Laws In Indiana

Baths may not be taken between the months of October and March.

Mustaches are illegal if the bearer has a tendency to habitually kiss other humans.

You can get out of paying for dependent's medical care by praying for him/her.

No one may catch a fish with his bare hands.

In Elkhart IN, it is illegal for barbers to threaten to cut off kid's ears.

In South Bend IN, it is illegal to make a monkey smoke a cigarette.

54 Year Old Woman

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital.

While on the operating table, she had a near death experience...seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?"

God said, "No you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color, and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of that ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't recognize you!"

Golden Years

My wife said, "Watcha doin' today?" I said, "Nothing."
She said, "You did that yesterday." I said, "I wasn't finished."

Did You Know...?

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

And "lollipop is the longest word typed with the right hand.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A snail can sleep for three years.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

Leonardo Dan Vinci invented the scissors.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients for dynamite.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The cruise liner, QE moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Christmas Traditions

There is no better example of America, the Melting Pot America, than our Christmas traditions. Almost every ethnic group has added a little something to the America idea of Christmas cheer. Let's test your knowledge of some popular Christmas tradition. *Answers at the end of this newsletter.*

1. Where did the singing, candle-lighting, and gift giving come from?
2. What is the source of Xmas?
3. Who brought the Christmas tree to America?
4. What country gave us the poinsettia?
5. Was Christmas ever outlawed in America?
6. Who thought up Christmas cards?

Presidential Campaign Slogans

Presidential campaign slogans aren't always so nice or memorable. Match these famous – or notorious – presidential campaign slogans with the candidates. *Answers at the end of newsletter.*

1. "He Kept Us Out Of War."
2. "Rum, Romanism and Ruin."
3. "Back to Normalcy."
4. "A chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage."
5. "In Your Heart You Know He's Right."

Summary of the 5 December 2012 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1830 hours. Pledge of allegiance and Officers Roll call - all present except Executive Officer due to a medical emergency. Invocation given and sick call. Welcome attendees and guests. We had 52 people present for our annual Christmas Cover-Dish dinner. Motion to approve the November, 2012 minutes made and were approved. Acceptance of the financial report was made and approved.

Dining Out will be March 2, 2013. Forms for the Ad Book were available to the members and are still available for anyone who wants to put an Ad in the Dining Out Ad book.

Upcoming elections for Executive, Finance and Logistical Officers are to be held in February. Absentee ballots must be turned in by January 9th 2013 meeting.

At 1900 hours meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed our delicious dinner made by the women of the organization.

An Amish Lady

An Amish lady is trotting down the road in her horse and buggy when she is pulled over by a cop. “Ma’am, I’m not going to ticket you, but I do have to issue you a warning. You have a broken reflector on your buggy.”

“Oh, I’ll let my husband, Jacob; know as soon as I get home.”

“That’s fine. Another thing, ma’am. I don’t like the way that one rein loops across the horse’s back and around one of his balls. I consider that animal abuse. That’s cruelty to animals. Have your husband take care of that right of way!”

Later that day, the lady is home telling her husband about her encounter with the cop.

“Well, dear, what exactly did he say?” asked the husband.

“He said the reflector is broken,” replied the Amish lady.

“I can fix that in two minutes. What else?” asked the husband.

The wife replied, “I’m not sure Jacob...Something about the emergency brake.”



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.

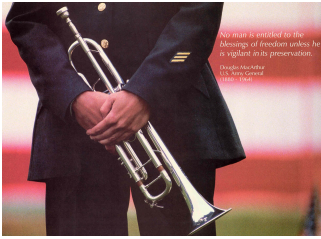
NEVER FORGET THAT

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!

Answers to the Christmas Tradition Quiz

- 1. The celebration of Jesus' birth date was influenced by pagan festivals in ancient Rome where year-end celebrations honored Saturn, their harvest god, and Mithras, the god of light. These celebrations gradually became a part of Christmas customs for early Christians.**
- 2. The word "Xmas," sometimes used instead of Christmas, also began in the early Christian church. In Greek, "X" is the first letter of Christ's name.**
- 3. The first Christmas trees in America were used in the early 1800s by German settlers in Pennsylvania.**
- 4. Mexico. Introduced to America by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico.**
- 5. Yes, in Boston from 1659 to 1681 during the Protestant Reformation.**
- 6. The first Christmas card was created in 1843 by English illustrator John Calcott Horsley. The first Christmas cards manufactured in the US were made in 1875 by Louis Prang, a German -born Boston printer.**

Answers to the Presidential Campaign Slogan Quiz

- 1. President Woodrow Wilson, reelection campaign of 1916. The US would enter the war in 1917.**
- 2. A Republican slogan aimed at Al Smith, the Roman Catholic governor of NY in his 1928 race with Herbert Hoover.**
- 3. Warren G. Harding in 1920.**
- 4. Herbert Hoover, 1932.**
- 5. Barry Goldwater, the Conservative Republican who lost in a landslide to Lyndon Johnson in 1964.**



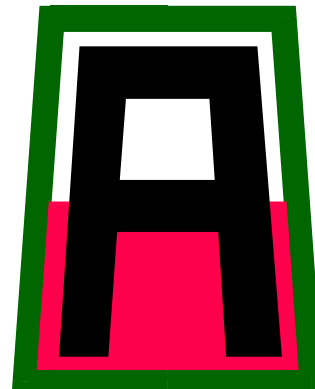
REQUEST YOUR INPUT

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

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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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