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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

"A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person"

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THE COMMANDER'S FAREWELL ADDRESS – 2012

As I turn down the sound and shut off the lights to both my active and retired military careers, I thought I would share with you just what it took to get from there to here.

It Started in 1953, but did not take hold until I attended the First Army NCO Academy at Fort Dix, NJ in 1962. I'm disappointed to say that I missed the title of Distinguished Graduate by one point. This was followed by attendance at OCS Fort Benning, GA in 1963. I have had the good fortune of being school trained in Infantry (Ft. Benning), Armor (Ft. Knox) and Artillery (Ft. Sill). I also received specialized training as a Nuclear Weapons Target Analysis in 1970 at Ft. Sill, OK. I completed Command & General Staff College from Fort Leavenworth, KS in 1974. I was trained at the Occupational Safety and Health Institute in Chicago, IL as an OSHA specialist and in Emergency Management by the NJSP at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. This was followed by training and qualification as a Community Emergency Responder (CERT) by the Office of Emergency Management, Washington Township, NJ in 2006. Concurrent with this career training, I received my Bachelor of Science degree from the University of the State of New York in 1992.

Notable accomplishments include singlehandedly preparing an Infantry Battalion Combat Operation Order for a Brigade size training exercise at Field Training in 1966. I reduced a 49 page Movement Order from the 50th Armored Division into a 13 page comprehensive Movement Order for the Division Artillery in 1985. I prepared the first, and only, State wide Fire Support Conference in 1986, and the first, and only, State wide Emergency Management Conference in 1989. In addition to my military activity, I received the City of Trenton's Department of Public Safety Chief of Police Commendation Award in 1991 for preventing a serious injury to an innocent victim. I was also presented a Service Award by the Mercer County Sheriff's Department in 1993. I was awarded the NJ Distinguished Service Medal in 1991 for initiating and structuring the State's Drug and Interdiction Team and the Drug Demand Reduction Program. In 1972 I was made an Honorary Admissions Officer for the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY for my work as a project officer for the academy. I orchestrated establishment of a military museum at the Cherry Hill armory in 2010.

These accomplishments have not gone un-recognized or un-rewarded. I have been presented with the NJ Medal of Honor and the US Army Legion of Merit in 1994 in addition to other awards. I have been inducted into the Infantry Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning, GA in 1988, the Order of Saint Maurice from the National Infantry Association in 2009 and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara from the Artillery School at Ft. Sill, OK in 2009.

I hope that I have made as many friends as I have accomplishments so that I can safely say that I have not wasted my 76 years on this planet. I have been privileged and honored to be given the opportunity to serve and it is only through the support and love I have received from family and friends that I have been able to accomplish what has been done. As I complete 59 years of service to this State and Country, I feel comfortable knowing that I have tried to give as much as I have received.

Colonel (Ret) Anthony D. Radice – 31 January 2012

THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

How to live an easy going lifestyle:

- **Surround yourself with people you love:** It's good to be alone sometime, but having people you love around you satisfies your social life and makes life a little more interesting.
- **Enjoy yourself:** Always find the time to make someone laugh, including yourself. Don't take life too seriously, because it's meant to be enjoyed.
- **Relax. Take it easy:** Be reasonable & responsible but don't stress it! Enjoy your life knowing that you can't always control everything, but you can at least try. Live your dreams!

COL (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 1st, 2012 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 7 PM. A quorum was present and the chaplain, COL (Ret) Minchin, gave the invocation followed by a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2012 meeting. The Finance Officer, CW4 (Ret) Elberson, reported that the association has \$5,888.00 in our bank account due mainly as a result of returns for attendance at our Dine Out and request for the AD book.

Commanders Report:

The nominating and electing officers of the association was, by vote, delayed until the April meeting due to constitutional and parliamentary requirements. The process will continue and the installation of the new officers to take place at our May 2012 meeting.

Invitations for our Dine Out have been mailed out along with request for Ad's. The returns have been very satisfying. We have invited two veterans from WWII as our guests with all the honors that the association can present to these two worthy gentlemen.

We were honored to have Tina Ford, wife of the former Battalion Commander LTC (Ret) John Ford, attend the evenings meeting. She was reminded again of how great a loss the death of her husband has impacted this association.

CW4 (Ret) Jack Elberson reported on the health of SFC Bill Dare, living in Florida. Bill is not doing well, but holding onto his own as best he can. Some of our other members not doing well are Jake Parvin, Conrad Tucker and Joe Logeren. Please remember them in your prayers.

CPT (Ret) Marc Kantor reports that our web site and Facebook are functioning normally with increased activity. He does have to monitor it for inappropriate entries from time to time. No one can do this better than Marc.

There being no more comments, issues or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM with the hope of seeing as many members as possible at our Dining Out and Artillery Reunion scheduled for Saturday, 3 March 2012.

GRANDPARENT'S ANSWERING MACHINE

Good morning...At present, we are not at home but, please, leave your message after you hear the beep. Beeeep...

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "arrival" so we know who it is. If you need us to stay with the children, press 2. If you want to borrow the care, press 3. If you want us to wash your clothes and ironing, press 4. If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5. If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6. If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7. If you want to come to eat here, press 8. If you need money, press 9.

If you are going to invite us to dinner, or, taking us to the theatre, start talking, we're listening!!



ITALIAN BANK ROBBERY

A hooded armed robber bursts into the Bank of Italy and forces the tellers to load a sack full of cash. On his way out the door with the loot, one brave customer grabs the hood and pulls it off, revealing the robber's face. The robber shoots the guy dead without hesitation! He then looks around the bank to see if anyone else has seen him. He sees one of the tellers looking straight at him; the robber walks over and calmly shoots him dead.

Everyone by now is very scared and looking down at the floor. "Did anyone else see a my face?" calls the robber. There follows a tense minute of silence. Then an elderly Italian gentleman, looking down, tentatively raises his hand and says: "I tinka my wife caught a glimpse."



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.

SECRET RENDEZVOUS

On the pretext of securing some important contracts, the henpecked hubby had been spending the majority of his evenings away from home. When his wife discovered that he was really having secret rendezvous with a number of different lady friends, she confronted him with this accusation. Reluctantly, he admitted the truth. Then the worm started to turn.

"So what?" he snarled, in a voice roughly approximating that of a B picture villain. "In fact, I have a date tonight. An you know who's gonna help me get dressed for my date? You are! And you know who's gonna shine my shoes? You are! And you know who's gonna tie my tie?"

"Yes," his wife said quietly, "the undertaker."

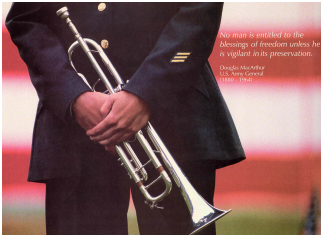
NEVER FORGET THAT

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

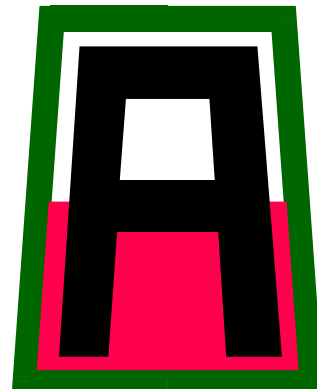
I would like to remind you that this is your newsletter. You are cordially invited to submit any information you think appropriate for the good of the command to the Commander (e-mail address on the first page of this newsletter) to be edited for inclusion in the following month’s publication.

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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