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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

“We the people are the rightful master of both the Congress and the Courts - not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow men who pervert the Constitution”

Abraham Lincoln

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THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

My wife and I and four other couples visited the 9/11 Memorial on June 23rd . We go through our daily lives and sometimes forget what others have gone through. On that Saturday it brought back the horrific affects of that day in September when our world changed. Even though many of us in New Jersey were not directly affected by this disaster, many of the men and women who went there to help certainly came back changed. Our group realized how lucky we are in the US to have our freedom. At this time with the 4th of July approaching we should all remember those who have fought for our freedom years ago and at the present time. I want to wish all of you and your families a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

We are proud to announce that COL Steven Ferrari was promoted to BG on June 29, 2012. At one time he was the BN XO for 1/112 FA. We wish him the best in his new position and we look forward to working with him in the future. Congratulations, BG Steven Ferrari.

One of my past times is reading and this summer I have been reading a book called "They are Soldiers" which is a story about a National Guard Unit from Virginia that is deployed to Israel written by Harold Coyle. At this time I would like to share a quote from the book: "A WHIFF OF BURNT CORDITE AND THE RUMBLE OF THE EARTH UNDER OUR FEET THAT ACCOMPANIED EACH AND EVERY VOLLEY UNLOOSED BY A FIRING BATTERY WAS FOR US THE GREATEST THRILL A MAN COULD EXPERIENCE WITH HIS PANTS ON" !!!

Don't talk to My Parrot

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called in a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check. Oh, by the way, don't worry about my dog Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot! I must stress to you – DO NOT talk to my parrot!!"

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, "Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!" To which the parrot replied..."Get him Spike!"

See – men just don't listen!

Challenged Yourself

The hardest part of change is thinking differently. You have to challenge your own assumptions, including most delicately, the sense of who you are. You may not be who you really think you are. Never forget, we judge others by their actions, but we judge ourselves by our intentions. Yes, you meant to help someone with a project, you intended to give to charity, you were planning on inviting friends over for dinner, but if you didn't do it, in their minds you had no intention, and you are judged as such. So start correcting this error. If you intend to do something – DO IT. Don't procrastinate. Don't delay. Stop making excuses. If you want to improve yourself, get out of your own way.

Remember that EVERY day of your life is a do-over. You have the ability to change who you are, how you act, and decisions that you make. Don't get stuck in the rut of "this is the way it is" Enjoy your life! It's the only one you are going to get

Confused?

I become confused when I hear the word "Service" used with these agencies:

Internal Revenue "Service"
US Post "Service"
Telephone "Service"
Cable TV "Service"
Civil "Service"
Federal, city & public "Service"
Customer "Service"

This is NOT what I thought "Service" meant. But today, I overheard two farmers talking, and one of them said he had hired a bull to "Service" a few cows.

BAM!! It all came into focus. Now I understand what all those agencies are doing to us. You are now as enlightened as I am.

Flag Holidays for June and July

Please fly your flag on these holidays to show your community that you are proud of your flag.

Flag Day – June 14th
Father's Day – June 17th
Independence Day – July 4th
Korean Veterans Day – July 27th (flag should be at half-staff all day)

Summary of the June 6th, 2012 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1936 hours. Minutes of May's meeting were approved and read. Chet Malick was appointed as Chaplain. Financial report \$3,983 in association account. Motion carried to approve the report.

Drill date for 3/112FA at Ft. Dix has been changed. We will continue to keep in touch for attending a live fire drill, possibly sometime in 2013.

The 112FA Gun Club status reports that they have knock down targets. Web site for Range 14 at Ft Dix is shootnj.com.

Five couples signed up for the 9/11 Memorial Bus trip on June 23rd. At the August meeting there will be more bus trips reported for the coming fall.

The Memorial Day Brunch on May 20th was a good time for all those that attended. As only 17 people attended at the Adelpia, a motion was made and seconded to pay in advance for any brunches in the future to avoid problems.

It was reported that the air museums at Cape May and Millville are good tours. Also there will be an air show at Atlantic City on 17 September.

New patches were shown by CPT(Ret) Marc Kantor and the "cross cannons patch" was chosen.

CO welcomed our new guests a Purple Heart recipient E3 Birelli and son SFC Birelli.

CSM(Ret) Harris reported that 50 ROTC candidates are going to visit 1/114 INF museum and asked if our unit would be interested in having them visit our museum, also. Discussion followed.

CW4(Ret) Jack Elberson showed us the book that he made up on the history of 1/112 FA dating from 1776 until 2005. The purchase price is \$15.00, please contact CW4(Ret) Jack Elberson.

It was reported that our building was to be saved by the State and would be getting new front doors and roof.

Meeting was adjourned at 2042 and refreshments were served by the ladies of 112FA.



Always Ask, Never Assume!!

His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!" The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, "Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides."

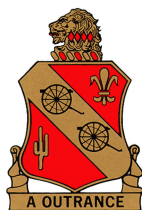
"Why?" asked the pilot. "Because I'm a photographer for CNN," he responded, "and I need to get some close up shots."

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me is...You're NOT my flight instructor?"

The Pledge of Allegiance

Since the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer are not allowed in most public schools anymore because the word "God" is mentioned, a kid in Arizona wrote the following new school prayer. This 15 year old school kid got an A+ for this entry.

NEW PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Now is sit me down in school, where praying is against the rule, for this great nation under God, finds mention of Him very odd. If scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill of Rights. And anytime my head I bow, becomes a Federal Matter now. Our hair can be purple, orange or green, that's no offense; it's a freedom scene...the law is specific, the law is precise. Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice. In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the state. We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks... they've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible. We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, and the "unwed daddy"; our Senior King. It's inappropriate to teach right from wrong, we're taught that such judgments do not belong...we can get condoms and birth controls...study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles...but the ten commandments are not allowed, no word of God must reach this crowd. Its scary here I must confess, when chaos reigns the school's a mess. So Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot, my soul please take! Amen!





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.

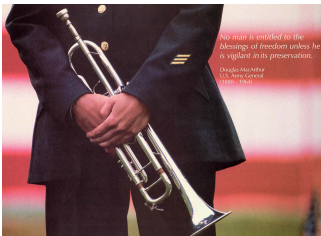
NEVER FORGET THAT

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!

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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