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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 SMALLEST DEED IS BETTER THAN THE GREATEST INTENTION”

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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

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THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

At this time I would like to thank Tony Radice for his contributions in making the Camden Light Artillery Association what it is today and wish him good luck in whatever he endeavors in the future.

I am honored to be your Commander and I look forward to working with all the members and staff. I want to help to maintain our standard of comradeship among all Artillery men passed and present.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 4th at 7:30 pm.

TRUST YOUR HUSBAND

There comes a time when a woman just has to trust her husband, For example..

A wife comes home late at night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket, she sees four legs instead of two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts pounding at the blanket as hard as she can. Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine.

"Hi Darling," he says, "Your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom....Did you get a chance to say "hello yet."

POSSIBLE DAY TRIPS COMING UP THIS SPRING AND FALL FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP TO TAKE PART:

**Senior Community Tours – all buses leave from 537 Nicholson Road, Audubon, NJ
Call (856) 456-1121 – anyone who answers can help you – Each member has to call and make their own reservations ASAP if interested:**

Trip #212166 – 9/11 Memorial Tour with dinner - \$75 per person-May 15 (Tues)

Trip #212242 – 9/11 Memorial Tour with dinner - \$75 per person-June 26 (Tues)

When you call let them know you are with the Camden Light Artillery Group

More information will be given out at the April 4th meeting on other trips coming up but if you are interested in either of the two above you must call now.

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 7TH, 2012 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 7:10pm. A quorum was present and the chaplain, COL(Ret) Jerry Minchin, gave the invocation followed by a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting. The Finance Officer, CW4(Ret) Jack Elbersen, reported that the association has \$8,795.31 in our bank account.

Commanders Report:

DINING OUT 2012 – Full report will be given after we get final bill from Tavistock.

DINING OUT 2013 was set for March 9, 2013 at Tavistock.

TWO names were brought up on the floor by the nominating committee headed by Warren Strumpfer – Richard Tomasso for Executive Officer and Richard Zacamy for Adjutant. They were the only names nominated for these offices. They were voted on and passed.

ARMED FORCES DAY Brunch is on hold until next meeting waiting for a report.

THE committee to audit our financial records is headed by Warren Strumpfer along with Len Saltzgueber and Ed McCarty.

A discussion was brought up on the floor to change the meeting time from 7:00pm to 7:30 pm to allow some of the members who are still working to make some of our meetings. It was voted on and passed that we would try this for 6 months.

IT was brought up on the floor to start looking into one day bus trips for the members and their wives as a social function. Ronnie Powell is looking into this.

GET well cards were passed around and signed by the members present and sent out to Bill Dare and Conrad Tucker. Hope they will get well soon.

AL DEMASI and Marc Kantor are working on trips to the Range #14 at Fort Dix to be able to fire personal weapons. More information will be in news letter and e-mails.

FACEBOOK and Web Site are up and running. New pictures are on the web site of the 2012 Dining Out. If you have taken any pictures of the Dining Out, please contact Marc Kantor as some of the pictures that were taken did not come out.

COL(Ret) Len Tharney gave a brief talk on a Veterans Administration funded program to help veterans who are in need of medical and financial help. For more information contact the Veterans Administration or Len Tharney.

MEETING was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

DEATH BY GUINNESS

Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, when Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. "Brenda, may I come in?" he asks. "I've somethin' to tell ya." Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim. But where's my husband?"

"That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda. There was an accident down at the Guinness brewery..." "Oh, God no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me." "I must, Brenda. Your Husband Seamus is dead and gone. I'm Sorry."

Finally, she looked up at Tim. "How did it happen?" "It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned." "Oh my dear Jesus! But you must tell me the truth, Tim. Did he at least go quickly?"

"Well, Brenda...no. In fact, he got out three times to pee."



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.



COMTEMPLATE THE QUESTION
WHY?

Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

Why don't we ever see this headline? "Psychic Wins Lottery"

Why is the person who invests all your money called a "Broker?"

Why isn't there mouse flavored cat food?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

Why do they call the airport "the terminal" if flying is so safe?

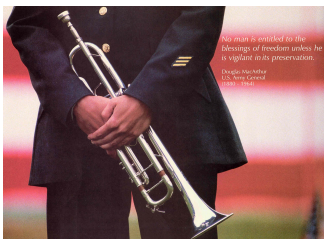
NEVER FORGET THAT

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.

WAS SHE BLONDE?

In a Government class they were discussing the qualifications to be president of the United States. They are pretty simple: The candidate must be a natural born citizen and at least 35 years of age.

One girl in the class immediately started complaining about how unfair the requirement to be a natural born citizen was. In short, her opinion was that this requirement prevented many capable individuals from becoming president.

The teacher and the class were just taking it in and letting her rant, but everyone's jaw hit the floor when she wrapped up her argument by stating: "What makes a natural born citizen any more qualified to lead this country than one born by c-section?"

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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