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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*

**“I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the Government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.”**

*Thomas Jefferson*

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

**Commander:** 1SG (RET) Edward Powell  
**Executive Officer:** MAJ (RET) Richard Tomasso  
**Adjutant:** SFC (RET) Richard Zacamy  
**Finance Officer:** CW4 (RET) Jack Elbersen  
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## **THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

**I am sad to report that our Adjutant Rich Zacamy is undergoing chemo therapy at this time. I am asking all of our members to remember him and his family in their thoughts and prayers.**

**Bob Constantine is home recuperating from surgery and his wife, Pat, will be admitted to the hospital on Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> tests.**

**Jack Parvin is also recovering from a stay in the hospital. Please keep all of these people in your prayers.**

**I want to mention how much we appreciated the presentation from TriCare for Life at our November meeting. The weather was not cooperating and we were unable to use our regular meeting room but all in all we had a very strong attendance. We are hoping to have them back again possibly in the spring so more of our members may attend. See their website for additional information.**

**([www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/LearnAboutPlansAndCosts/TRICAREForLife](http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/LearnAboutPlansAndCosts/TRICAREForLife))**

**Just a Reminder our next meeting is Wednesday, December 5, 2012 and it is our annual covered dish Holiday Dinner. The starting time will be 6:30pm.**

**Veterans Day on November 11, 2012 is a reminder to us of all the men and women who have served our country, Full-time, Reserve and National Guard and those who have given their lives for our Freedom.**

**On behalf of my wife and myself, I want to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.**



## **Summary of the 7 November 2012 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1930 hours followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation. Roll call all present and accounted for.

**Sick call** – Rich Zacamy, Bob Constantine and Jack Parvin.

Our **guest speakers** for the night from Tri-care for Life and Dental were TechSgt Jason Rice and Ms. Jody Taylor. Also attending our meeting were several people from the 1/114<sup>th</sup> Infantry.

Motion was made and passed to accept October, 2012 minutes.

**Financial report** – a balance of \$4,378.86 is in the association's bank account.

The report was accepted.

Commander reported on recent trip to Lakehurst Naval Air Station. The members attending the trip and had a tour of the museum, hanger, and the crash site of the Hindenburg. Afterward, we stopped for lunch at the Red Lion Diner.

**Gun Club Update** – A small but energetic group of members went to Range 14 at Ft Dix for the October Shoot. The next shoot will be scheduled for after the holidays. Check your e-mails.

**Ad Book** – Commander reported that he had several copies of the Ad Book forms. So far we have only received one back. Reminding members that we need to step up with the Ad Book to help cover cost of Dining Out.

A bronze cannon was dedicated on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> by **The West Jersey State Artillery**.

Our members Jack Elberson and Warren Strumpfer attended and remarked that the enactment Unit is part of our history. See the Gallery for pictures on our website.

**Nomination Committee** – Warren Strumpfer reported that the following nominations for a two year term are: Executive Officer – Richard Tomasso, Finance Officer – Jack Elberson, and Logistics Officer – Edward McCarty. Nominations are still open on the floor for any of the positions. If interested, contact Warren Strumpfer.

**December's Covered Dish Dinner** will be held at our next meeting, Wednesday, December 5, 2012 starting at 1830 hours. The Ladies of the CLA will be making phone calls but anyone interested in attending and would like to bring a dish, please call Ronnie Powell at 856-858-4704. We need to know the number of people attending, so please respond ASAP.

The Commander introduced our guest speakers TechSgt Jason Rice and Ms. Jody Taylor from Tri-Care for Life. Ms. Taylor gave a very informative presentation on all the in's and out's for Tri-Care for Life. There were many questions from the group and Ms. Taylor had informational pamphlets for anyone interested in reading them. They offered many phone numbers and people to contact with your concerns and questions. There are extra pamphlets at the armory for anyone who could not make the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:00 hours. Refreshments followed the meeting.



## **Wisdom from Senior Citizens**

**I finally got my head together now my body is falling apart.**

**Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.**

**All reports are in. Life is now officially unfair.**

**I went to school to become a wit, I only got halfway through.**

**Some day's you're the dog, and some day's you're the hydrant.**

## **Lower your Phone bill**

**In the last Retired Military Newsletter, one of the articles mentioned discounts for veterans that are available for cell phone service with the following companies:**

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| <b>Cingular</b> | <b>(19%)</b> | <b>800 319-6393</b>                                      |
| <b>T-Mobile</b> | <b>(15%)</b> | <b>866 646-4688 (Corp. Code for US Army is 503-0478)</b> |
| <b>Sprint</b>   | <b>(15%)</b> | <b>888 788-4727</b>                                      |
| <b>Nextel</b>   | <b>(18%)</b> | <b>800 639-6111</b>                                      |
| <b>Verizon</b>  | <b>(15%)</b> | <b>800 922-0204</b>                                      |

**The simplest way is to go to your local provider's office and show them you're ID card or it can be done on line if you have the patience and time.**

## **Think About It**

**A retired husband is a wife's full-time job.**

## **Parting Shots**

**A Wife suggested her husband try his hand at changing diapers. "I'll do the next one," he said. Later, when their baby needed another change, she asked for his help. "I didn't mean the next diaper," he replied. "I meant the next baby."**

**"I see these protesters in countries like Egypt, Afghanistan, and Tunisia. They're all burning American flags. Where are they getting all these flags? If you hate us so much, how do you have such a large supply of flags on hand?"**

## **The Little Rules of Life**

**Sing in the shower.**

**Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.**

**Watch a sunrise at least once a year.**

**Leave the toilet seat in the down position.**

**Never refuse homemade brownies.**

**Strive for excellence, not perfection.**

**Plant a tree on your birthday.**

**Learn 3 clean jokes.**

**Return borrowed vehicles with the gas tank full.**

**Compliment 3 people every day.**

**Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.**

## **Upside-Down Land**

**You can get arrested for expired tags on your car but not for being in the country illegally.**

**The government's plan for getting people back to work is to provide 99 weeks of unemployment checks to not work.**

**You have to have your parent's signature to go on a school field trip but not to have an abortion.**

**An 80 year old woman can be stripped search by the TSA but a Muslim woman in a burqa is only subject to having her neck and head searched.**

**Working class Americans pay for their own health care (and the health care of everyone else) while unmarried women are free to have child after child on the "State's" dime while never being held responsible for their own choices.**



## **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.**

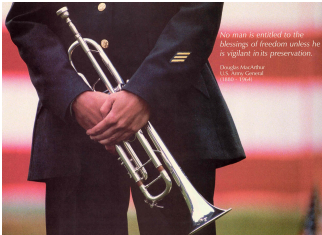
## **NEVER FORGET THAT**

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!

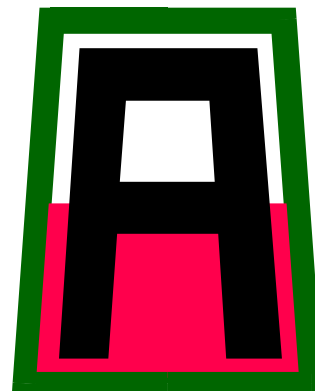
## **REQUEST YOUR INPUT**

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.



**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 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**

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