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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

“It’s not the size of the man in the fight that counts, it’s the size of the fight in the man”

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THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I want to take this time to thank our John Parvin for a very informative and interesting talk on his experiences in WWII at our recent meeting. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the history attached to it.

Our guest speaker for November 7, 2012 meeting will be TSgt Rice and a representative from the 87th Med Group from McGuire Air Base to give us a presentation on Tri-Care for Life and Dental. Members of the 1/114INF are invited to attend.

Our trip to Lakehurst, NJ on Saturday, October 27, 2012 has been planned and we will be meeting at the Cherry Hill Armory at 9:00 am. We will travel up to Lakehurst and meet the guide tour at the Cathedral of the Air parking lot around 10:00 am. Directions to Cathedral - take Rte 70 East at about 45 miles and then turn left onto Rte 547 (gulf station and McDonald's on opposite corners) continue down about 600 feet and turn left into Cathedral parking lot.

Just a reminder, all the women are invited to attend the November 7th meeting to plan for our December cover-dish dinner. Anyone who cannot attend, please contact my wife, Ronnie, at 856-858-4704 if you are going to attend the December meeting and would like to bring a special dish or dessert. Thank you in advance, ladies.

Prayer for Service Men & Women

Lord, guard them as they march on land, shield them as they fly in the air, watch over them as they sail on the sea. Be at their side in battle, keep them brave and pure for God and country.

If it is the will of God that some of them should be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice, then please strengthen them and bring them into eternal life in Heaven.

But, with all our confidence in Thy powerful intercession, we beg of thee to place their sacrifices and our prayers before the throne of God, that in His infinite mercy, He will end all wars, grant us peace, and very soon bring our dear ones home safe and sound. AMEN.



Letter of Recommendation

1. Trevor Adams, my assistant programmer, can always be found
2. hard at work in his cubicle. Trevor works independently, without
3. wasting company time talking to colleagues. Trevor never
4. thinks twice about assisting other employees, and he always
5. finishes given assignments on time. Often he takes extended
6. measures to complete his work, sometimes skipping coffee
7. breaks. Trevor is a dedicated individual who has absolutely no
8. vanity in spite of his high accomplishments and profound
9. knowledge in his field. I firmly believe that Trevor can be
10. classified as a high-caliber employee, the type that cannot be
11. dispensed with. Consequently, I truly recommend that Trevor be
12. promoted to executive management, and a proposal will be
13. executed as soon as possible.

Addendum: *This idiot was standing over my shoulder while I wrote this report. Kindly re-read only the odd numbered lines.*

Think About It

Isn't it funny how all the people who hate the rich buy lottery tickets?

Government Job

A man applies for a job at the Post Office. The interviewer asks him, "Are you allergic to anything?" He says, "Just caffeine." The interviewer says, "Just caffeine, huh? Have you ever been in the service?" "Yes," he says. "I was in Vietnam for a year." The interviewer says, "That will give you five extra points towards employment," and then asks, "Are you disabled in any way?" The guy says, "Yes, a grenade exploded near me and blew my private parts off."

The interviewer tells the guy, "Ouch! That had to have hurt. That will give you ten extra points toward employment. The good news is, I can hire you right now. Normal hours are from 8 AM to 4 PM. You can start tomorrow at 10 – and plan on starting at 10 AM every day."

The guy is puzzled and asks, "If the hours are from 8 AM to 4 PM, why don't you want me to be here before 10 AM?" "This is a government job," the interviewer reminds him. "For the first two hours we stand around drinking coffee and scratching our nuts. No point in you coming in for that."



What Is A Veteran?

A veteran is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

A veteran is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

A veteran is the POW who went away one person and came back another – or didn't come back at all.

A veteran is the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

A veteran is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket – palsied now and aggravatingly slow – who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

A veteran is a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others could not have to sacrifice theirs.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say, **"THANK YOU"**

Worst Things To Say On A First Date

I used to have a real bad bedwetting problem... but the last couple of weeks I've gotten it under control.

I know we just met and this might seem a little sudden, but could I borrow five hundred dollars?

Something tells me that you're very special...but with medication I can usually ignore it.

I don't see my ex-girlfriend that much...thanks to the U.S. Department of Justice.

I had a good time tonight. I'd love to see you again in six to eight months with good behavior.



Memory Test

(Answer's at the end of the newsletter)

1. **What builds strong bodies 12 ways?** A. Flintstone Vitamins
B. Milk
C. Wonder Bread
2. **Good Night David.** A. Good night Chet
B. Sleep well
C. Until tomorrow
3. **Liar, liar...** A. You're a liar
B. Your nose is growing
C. Pants on fire
4. **I'm strong to the finish...** A. Cause I eats my broccoli
B. Cause I eats me spinach
C. Cause I lift weights
5. **Name the Beatles...** A. John, Steve, George, Ringo
B. John, Paul, George, Ringo
C. Jay, Paul, George, Ringo
6. **What do M&M's do?** A. Come in colors
B. Melt in your mouth, not in your hand
C. Melt in your mouth, not in your pocket



Summary of the 3 October 2012 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1901 hours by the Adjutant, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Roll Call - all officers present and/or accounted for.

Sick Call – none was reported at this time.

Arlene Baker from the 1/114th INF REG was a guest at our meeting along with Allen Seedman and Richard Exacum, Jr.

Motion was made to accept the September, 2012 minutes.

Financial Report – showed a balance of \$4,329.09 in the association’s bank account – report accepted.

Bus trips on individual basis – Monday, October 29, 2012 Constitutional Center show and casino trip.

Trip to Lakehurst Naval Station was set for Saturday, October 27, 2012 – whoever is interested please sign up with the Commander.

The last meeting of the Gun Club – 8 people showed up – the next meeting will be the end of October or beginning of November.

Guest speaker, John Parvin, delighted us all with his history in WWII.

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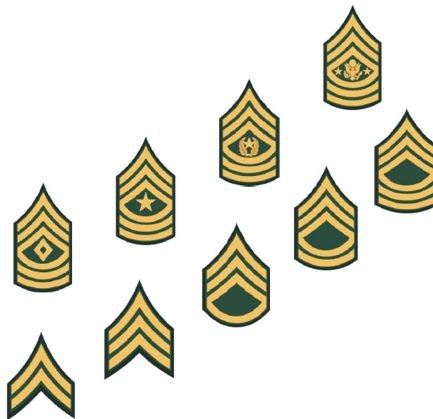
A group calling themselves The West Camden Light Artillery will be doing a dedication of a bronze cannon at National Park, NJ on October 20, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Open to everyone.

Col Radice mentioned that Verizon phones give a 15-20% military discount. Radice also mentioned he attended a stone dedication for a Civil War Soldier, and the Governor’s Review at Sea Girt, NJ was very impressive.

Commander read the report from Logistic Officer, Marc Kantor, who could not make the meeting and it was reported that all is well with the E-mail. Also reported was that the M54 (5 ton) truck is up and running and made its first debut at a parade in Pennsylvania. The truck may be possible used for recruiting and parades.

Commander also reported that the forms for the Ad Book for the Dining Out are available. The Dining Out will be held on March 3, 2013 at Tavistock Country Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:28 followed by refreshments.





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.

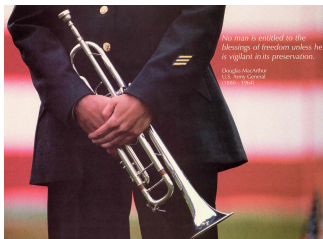
NEVER FORGET THAT

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 Memory Test

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| 1. C | 4. B |
| 2. A | 5. B |
| 3. C | 6. B |



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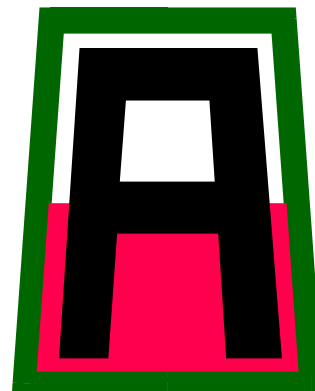
I would like to remind you that this is your newsletter. You are cordially invited to submit any information you think appropriate for the good of the command to the Commander (e-mail address on the first page of this newsletter) to be edited for inclusion in the following month's publication.

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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