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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

"If you see a snake, just kill it. Don't appoint a committee on snakes." – Ross Perot

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THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Personally and for the Association, I extend our congratulations to my Executive Officer, Rich Tomasso, on the birth of his new grandchild.

Marc Kantor has been given a new position as Corresponding Secretary for our Association. He will be handling all computer operations and correspondence for the group. Thank you Marc for all you do.

We are looking forward for many of you to attend our Armed Forces Day Brunch which will be held on Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 am at Maritsas, 106 E. Main Street, Maple Shade, NJ. We usually hold our brunches on Sundays but due to a conflict, we have to hold this one on Saturday.

The Association is wishing Lum Harris a speedy recovery from his recent illness. Looking forward to seeing him again in the near future at our meetings.

For our May 1st meeting, we will have as a guest speaker, Arlene Baker, Vice-President of the 1st 114th INF REG who will talk to us about The Congressional Medal of Honor.

Due to what is happening in North Korea, I want to wish all of our active duty comrades in arms a peaceful settlement in the near future and I speak for all the members of our Association that all of these men and women will be out of harms way and will be in our prayers.



A Tribute – Mother’s Day – 12 May 2013

The child asked God. “When I go to earth how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?”

God said, “Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you.”

The child then asked, “How will I be able to reach you when I need to talk to you?”

God said, “Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray.”

The child asked, “Who will protect me?”

God said, “Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life.”

At that moment there was much peace in heaven, but voices from earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, “God, if I am to leave now please tell me my angel’s name.”

God said, “You will simply call her Mom.”

A Tribute - Memorial Day – 27 May 2013

Called by duty, gone to war, gone to flowers every one. On this day, we pause to mourn them – and all those who did not come home from the battlefields. The dead of this war. The dead of the last war. The dead of all wars past.

We honor their sacrifices. We humbly offer them our gratitude and our prayers. We assure their loved ones that we, the living, do not forget. Cannot forget. Must not forget!

Without the gallant likes of these men and women, the horrors visited upon the United States on a lovely early summer morning of 9/11/2001 might well have come again.

It is only through the struggle and sacrifice of America’s best that we exercise self-government free from the whims of a bloody tyrant. Even so, the measure or the success or our mission will be taken not today and not tomorrow. The measure of its success will be taken by the children. Your children. Our children. And their children. Loved ones who march in the Big Parade. Loved ones who live on eternally, in the aching hearts left behind.

Here, on another Memorial Day, in fields of flowers, we salute and celebrate our forgotten. They who donned the uniform and wore it dutifully while they lived. They who will surely wear it proudly for all the rest of time.

When Duty whispers low, Thou must, the youth replies, I can! - Emerson

Beginning Today

Beginning today...I will cherish each moment of my life. I value this gift bestowed upon me in this world and I will unselfishly share this gift with others. I will use this gift to enhance the lives of others.

Clothes Donations

I just had a call from a charity asking me to donate some of my clothes to the starving people throughout the world.

I told them to get lost! Anybody who fits into my clothes isn't starving!

Top 4 "Only in America" Observations

- 1. Only in America could politicians talk about the greed of the rich at a \$35,000.00 a plate campaign fund-raising event.**
- 2. Only in America could you need to present a driver's license to cash a check or buy alcohol, but not to vote.**
- 3. Only in America would they make people who want to legally become American citizens wait for years in their home countries and pay tens of thousands of dollars for the privilege while we discuss letting anyone who sneaks into the country illegally just "magically" become American citizens.**
- 4. Only in America could the rich people – who pay 86% of all income taxes – be accused of not paying their "fair share" by people who don't pay any income taxes at all.**



Summary of the 3 April 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1900 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. Roll call showed all officers and/or accounted for. Report on Lum Harris, he is recovering at home and doing well.

Minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting were approved. Motion by Chet Malick to approve the minutes, seconded by John Parvin.

Financial report given by Jack Elberson. There was a profit of \$1,708.13 from the Dining Out, leaving a balance of \$5,265.38. The financial report was approved.

The Gun Club held their shoot on March 23rd and 8 people were in attendance. It was a chilly day but all enjoyed the shoot. The next shoot is scheduled for May 4, 2013.

Armed Forces Day Brunch is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 19th, 11:00 am, at Maritsas' located at 106 E. Main Street in Maple Shade, NJ. CO asked for hands who would be interested in attending and 23 show of hands for the brunch. After the meeting in April, due to a conflict with Maritsas, the brunch will have to be held on Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 am. More discussion at the May 1st meeting.

The Dining Out for next year is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Tavistock.

1/114th INF REG and HQ and Line Companies to hold a Dining Out at the Aquarium in Camden, NJ on September 21, 2013. More information to follow.

CO is still trying to have Tri-Care for Life to come back with their presentation but the person in charge is retiring and will let CO know the person who will be taking over. Hoping for June 5th meeting.

Marc Kantor reported that he is looking into new program and printer for the Association so the Ad Book can be printed up. Marc also was given a new title of Corresponding Secretary in the Association. Marc requested that anyone with a new or corrected e-mail address to please send to him.

CO asked for any comments from the floor. There were none and asked for meeting to be adjourned. Chet Malick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tony Radice seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours.

Respectively submitted,
Richard Zacamy, Adjutant

Drunken Story of the Month

A drunken man walks into a biker bar, sits down at the bar and orders a drink. Looking around, he sees three men sitting at a corner table. He gets up, staggers to the table, leans over, looks the biggest, meanest biker in the face and says, "I went by your grandma's house today and I saw her in the hallway buck-naked. Man, she is one fine looking woman!"

The biker looks at him and doesn't say a word. His buddies are confused, because he is one bad biker and would fight at the drop of a hat. The drunk leans on the table again and says, "I got it on with your grandma and she is good, the best I ever had!"

The biker's buddies are starting to get really mad, but the biker still says nothing. The drunk leans on the table one more time and says, "I'll tell you something else, boy, your grandma liked it!"

At this point the biker stands up, takes the drunk by the shoulders, looks him square in the eyes and says, "Grandpa...Go home! You're drunk..."

The Truth about Italian Bread

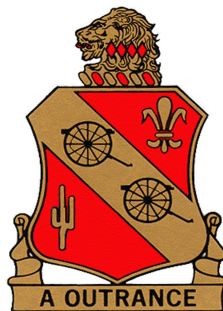
Two old guys, one 80 and one 87, were sitting on their usual park bench one morning. The 87 year old had just finished his morning jog and wasn't even short of breath. The 80 year old was amazed at his friend's stamina and asked him what he did to have so much energy.

The 87 year old said, "Well, I eat Italian bread every day. It keeps your energy level high and you'll have great stamina with the ladies."

So, on the way home, the 80 year old stops at the bakery. As he was looking around, the lady asked if he needed any help. He said, "Do you have any Italian bread?" She said, "Yes, there's a whole shelf of it. Would you like some?"

He said, "I want 5 loaves." She said, "My goodness, 5 loaves...by the time you get to the 5th loaf, it'll be hard."

He replies, "I can't believe it, everybody knows about this stuff but me!"



A Soldier's Tale

*There was a time when I was young
And pretty girls would be all a-swoon for me.
I'd pledge my love and win their hearts,
Under an August moon.*

*Oh there was one, who stood a stair step above the others,
Her smile was the sun, her eyes held the stars.
Wheat gold was her hair,
And dreams bound our souls as one.*

*The "Big War" came and I was called to stamp out foreign tyranny.
Through mire and mud,
Lonely days turned months apart –
Then too long for hearts to hold their fire.*

*I don't remember when or how that fateful round
Did cut me down – my leaden heart an ounce heavier became.
No poppy field, but a grassy knoll,
Above the sound of a rushing stream – I'm home.*

*Her golden hair has turned to grey, another's wife was she.
I'm not alone, I have a bride, and she holds me tenderly.
Wrapped in her strength, my eternity I'll spend,
Wed to a maple tree.*

*James W. Gilpin
September 7th, 1993*



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.



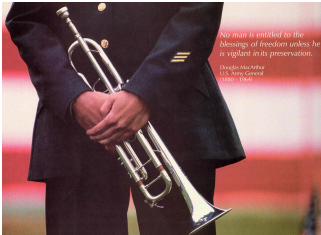
NEVER FORGET THAT

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!

I WAS A SOLDIER – I AM A SOLDIER – I WILL ALWAYS BE A SOLDIER

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.

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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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