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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

“LIVE A LIFE TO REMEMBER”

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THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Cover Dish Dinner.

It was a great success this year and a group of members of the association contributed a lot of time and effort into getting the Club Room repaired, cleaned and decorated. We had 60 people attend this year and everyone brought a special dish or dessert. The food was outstanding and the room looked beautiful. I want to thank Ginny, Barbara, Pat C., Pat M., Phyllis and Ronnie for making all the phone calls. Without the Ladies of the CLA, this dinner would not have been the success we all enjoyed.

Thank you, again.

Reminder, if you have access to a computer, and need a copy of the Ad Book Forms, you may go to our website and download the forms that you need. If you do not have a computer you may contact Jack Elberson or me for them.

Reminder, our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 at 7:00 pm as the first Wednesday is New Year's Day.

On behalf of the staff and my wife and I, we would like to wish you a Happy Holiday, a Merry Christmas and a safe, good and healthy New Year. See you in 2014.



SUMMARY OF THE 4 DECEMBER 2013 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 6:15pm. All stood for the pledge of allegiance and all officers were accounted for except the Adjutant. Invocation was given by the Chaplain and sick call reported that Reuben Zamban is in the VA Hospital recovering from having both knees replaced and BG George Blysak is coping with pancreatic cancer. Keep all infirmed in your prayers.

CO welcomed our guests. We were pleased to have SSG Drew Lincoln and his wife along with two other recruiters and their wives from the recruiting office in nearby Haddonfield, NJ.

Motion was made and approved for the minutes of the November, 2013 meeting.

Finance Officer reported that there is a balance of \$3,236.23 in the association bank account. Motion was made and passed to approve the financial report.

CO reported that the Ad Book Forms are still available for our Dining Out on 1 March 2014. You may contact Ed Powell or Jack Elberson for copies. Deadline for sending in the ads for the Ad Book is 1 February 2014. You can look on our website for the ad book forms or at the end of this newsletter.

Nominations for Commander and Adjutant are still open for 2014. Anyone interested in running or wants to nominate anyone, please contact Warren Strumpfer.

CO thanked everyone who helped with the Christmas Cover Dish Dinner and Thanked everyone who attended. The evening was a great success and the decorations and food were excellent. Special thanks went to the Ladies who made the phone calls, everyone who cooked or donated a dish or dessert. Special thanks to the men who fixed, cleaned, set up and decorated the club room.

Reminder: Our next meeting will held on Wednesday, 8 January 2014 at 7:00pm as the first Wednesday is New Year's Day.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Then everyone who attended got to eat a great dinner.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON

"If everyone is thinking alike, then someone isn't thinking."

"A MOTHER'S WISDOM"

A little girl asked her mother, "Where did humans come from?" The mother thought for a minute and replied, "Well, honey, God made Adam and Eve, and they had children, and that's where we all began."

Two days later, the girl asked her Father the same question. He answered, "The human race evolved from apes over millions of years."

The confused girl returned to her Mother and said, "Mommy, you told me that God created people, but Daddy says they came from apes."

"Well, dear, it's very simple. I told you about my side of the family, and Daddy told you about his."



BUMPER STICKERS SEEN ON MILITARY BASES

Marine Sniper – You can run, but you’ll just die tired!

Artillery Brings Dignity to What Would Otherwise Be Just a Vulgar Brawl!

One Shot, Twelve Kills – U.S. Naval Gun Fire Support.

U.S. Air Force – Travel Agents to Allah.

When in Doubt, Empty the Magazine.



I BELIEVE

That a Birth Certificate shows that we were born, a Death Certificate shows that we died. Pictures show that we lived!

That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

That no matter how bad your heart is broken; the world doesn’t stop for your grief.

That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

WHY MEN ARE SELDOM DEPRESSED

The world is your urinal.
People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.
Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.
You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
You only have to shave your face and neck.
You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife.
You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24th in 25 minutes.

THE HAIRCUT

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.."

His Dad's reply was "And did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others."

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"

BLIND MAN IN A BAR

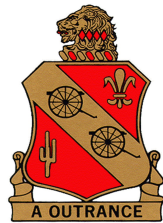
A blind man enters a Ladies' Bar by mistake. He finds his way to a barstool and orders a drink. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"

The bar immediately falls absolutely quite. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is just fair – giving that you are blind – that you should know five things:

- 1 – The bartender is a blonde girl.
- 2 – The bouncer is a blonde girl.
- 3 – I'm a 6 feet tall, 160 lb. blonde woman with a black belt in karate.
- 4 – The woman sitting next to me is blonde and is a professional weight-lifter.
- 5 – The lady to your right is a blonde and is a professional wrestler.

Now think about it seriously, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?"

The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head, and declares, "Nah, not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MARRIAGE

After 25 years of marriage, a husband took a long look at his wife one day and said: "25 years ago, we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car and I slept on a sofa bed, but I got to sleep every night with a sexy 25 year old blonde. Now, we have a nice house, a nice car and a big bed, but I'm sleeping with a 51 year old woman. It seems that you're not pulling your weight."

She replied calmly: "Then why don't you go out and find a sexy 26 year old blonde? And when you do, I'll make sure once again you'll be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car and sleeping on a sofa bed."

PRAYER FOR THE AGED

Lord, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked,
the good fortune to remember the ones I do,
and the eyesight to tell the difference.



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.



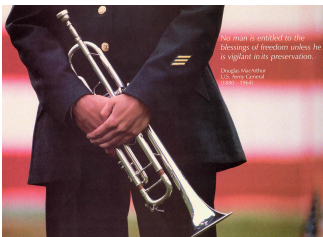
NEVER FORGET THAT

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.

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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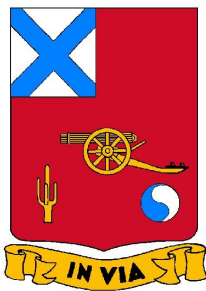
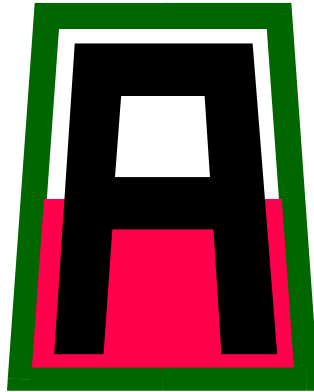
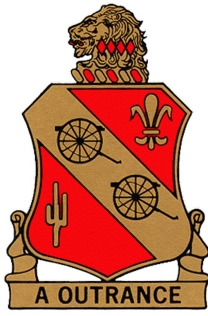
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- Bronze Sponsor - \$150.00 plus (Quarter page)
- Sponsor - \$50.00 plus

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