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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 cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure --- try to please everyone.”

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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

I want to first congratulate our new officers – Ed McCarty as Logistic Officer, Rich Tomasso as Executive Officer and Jack Elberson as Financial Officer. Looking forward to working with all of you.

At this time, I wish to thank Marc Kantor for the outstanding job that he has done as the Logistic Officer. Marc will continue to keep our website up-to-date and running. Also I would like to thank Rich Tomasso for taking over the Executive Officer's position and agreeing to continue for the next two years. Last but not least, thank you Jack Elberson for all you do.

I want to welcome Rich Zacamy back from his sick leave and wish him the best in his recovery over the next year. I also want to thank Larry Altersitz for agreeing to fill in when Rich cannot make a meeting.

Thank you to all who worked so hard in putting our Ad Book together and our Dining Out – Jack, Tony, Sue, and Ronnie. I know it will be successful.

We are still looking for new members and old members to come out to our meetings. New members may be any branch of the Arm Forces. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 1900 hrs. in the Cherry Hill Armory. So talk to friends and co-workers about our organization and try to get them to come to one our meetings.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Dining Out and Reunion on March 2nd at the Tavistock Country Club.



Caught Stealing

A woman is brought to court after stealing from a supermarket. “Mrs. Smith,” says the judge. “What did you take?” “Just a small can of peaches,” she answers. “There were only six peaches in the can.”

The judge says, “Hmm...six peaches, then I sentence you to six nights in jail, a night for each peach.”

The woman is crushed and about to collapse when her husband seated in the gallery shouts out, “Your Honor, she also stole a can of peas!”

New Year’s Resolution

New Year’s Day offers an opportunity for most of us to get caught up in a rather patterned ritual. We seek out crowded places from Times Square to a neighbor’s home. As the hands of the clock converge on the midnight marker, we shout and sing, toss firecrackers and saturate our world with the dins of horns and noisemakers. A year has ended and a new one begun. Hopes and resolutions are renewed. Mistakes are relegated to the year now ended.

Can the hands of the clock effect change? The ancients used loud noises to scare away evil spirits. Is this what we are attempting?

Another year has begun - - - a new beginning for all of us. Our noisemakers are silent now. Will we need them for the same reasons again next year? Or can we be quiet then in the warmth of hopes realized and the peace of resolutions fulfilled?

*Chaplain (CPT) M. Dwight Sweezy
50th Armored Division
January 1987*

Making Promises

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn’t find a parking place.

Looking up to Heaven he said, “Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!” Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, “Never mind, I found one.”

Arlington National Cemetery

The latest innovation at the cemetery is an interactive map available through the Cemetery's website (www.arlingtoncemetery.mil) and a free smart phone app, uses geospatial technology to locate graves. Users can search for specific graves and see the Veteran's dates of birth and death plus photos of the front and back of the headstone. The smart phone app guides user's right to the grave they are searching for, and can be downloaded at the Cemetery's visitor center.

Hacked Husband

Happy Husband: I get along great with my wife.

Hacked Husband: Mine is the demanding type. Buy me this, get me that, take me there. It's murder. For three months she kept hounding me to buy her a Jaguar. "Get me a Jaguar, I want a Jaguar." That's all I ever heard from her. Well I finally gave in and bought her a Jaguar, but I was lucky, it ate her."

Summary of the 6 February 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1915 hours. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Officers – all were present. Invocation and Sick Call was given by the Chaplain. There were none. Welcome a new guest Frank Martino former member of the BN. Motion was approved and second to accept the minutes of the January, 2013 meeting. Acceptance of the Financial report was moved and second. There is a balance of \$8,291.58. This balance is due to the Ad Book and Dining Out.

Commander's Report – Reminded everyone that the deadline for sending ads for the Ad Book is February 11, 2013. The deadline for the reservations for the Dining Out is February 25, 2013. As of tonight's meeting we only had 44 reservations but after the meeting a number of people signed up. We have asked The West Jersey State Artillery Re-enactment group to attend our Dining Out. Some of the members may be attending. We have a member from the Vineland Veterans Home attending our Dining Out. He is a WWII Navy Vet. A possible trip to Aberdeen Proving Grounds was mentioned but none seemed interested.

Chairman for the Nomination Committee, Warren Strumpfer, counted and verified all the absentee ballots. Since there were no write-ins on the ballots and no nominations from the floor,

a one-man motion was made by the Adjutant to accept the nominations for the offices of Logistics Officer, Financial Officer and Executive Officer. Motion was made and accepted by all present. The new Logistic Officer is 1stSgt Ed McCarty, the Financial Officer is CW4 Jack Elberson and the Executive Officer is MAJ Rich Tomasso. The terms of office are for two years.

Report on the Gun Club by Al Demasi – the next Gun Club shoot will be sometime in late March. Date and time will be given at the next meeting on March 6th.

Executive Officer reported if there were any recommendations for Awards, please see him or Jack Elberson.

Discussions followed regarding the storm damage at Sea Girt and the Military Museum.

Comment was made that since we have our own Museum we should make more use of it by bringing in outside groups to view it. 1st114thINF from Woodbury has brought outside groups in from local schools and organizations to view their Museum and giving out information on their Military history. Discussion followed for us to do the same thing. Also looking for someone to help Jack with the upkeep of our Museum.

Commander mentioned that a brunch will be looked into for May 18th, 2013 which is Arm Forces Day.

A long discussion pursued on the topic of changes and benefits from Tri-Care for Life. We are going to try and have the representatives from Tri-Care for Life again possibly in the Spring especially for those who could not make our November, 2012 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours. Refreshments and coffee followed

Retirees

You, our Retirees and Families, play a critical role in our Army's readiness role. Continue to tell your story to the generations of Americans that may soon choose to wear our uniform. Help our citizenry understand the challenges faced by our currently serving Soldiers and Families. As only those who have walked in our boots can do, continue generating support for our wounded warriors as well as those transitioning into the civilian sector.

Remember "Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier." The million-plus Retirees, surviving spouses and their families are a powerful force in support of our Army. You served our Nation in uniform, and you continue to serve today.

The Strength of our Nation is our Army; The Strength of our Army is our Soldiers; The Strength of our Soldiers is our Families. This is what makes us Army Strong!

*Raymond T. Odierno
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff*



Truths for Mature Humans

I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?

Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.

I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

I think the freezer deserves a light as well.

The first testicular guard, the "Cup" was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brains are also important.



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.

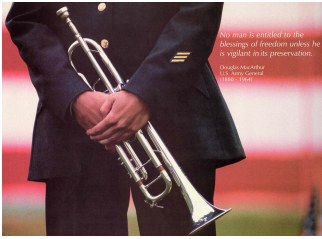
NEVER FORGET THAT

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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