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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*

**“Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance”**

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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**Adjutant: SFC (RET) Richard Zacamy**  
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## THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since taking over as Commander of the Camden Light Artillery. It has been a good year.

This year the starting up of the 112FA Gun Club that meets at Ft. Dix was a great example of our members getting together as friends and not as Officers and NCO's. One of the best things that happened this year was seeing more of our comrades coming to our meetings and having a good time along with business at hand. I hope this coming year will even be better.

The sad part of the past year was the loss of some of our oldest members – some of whom had a part in forming the Camden Light Artillery. They all will be missed.

As Commander, I could only do the best I could because of our members, staff and comrades who form the Camden Light Artillery – In other words, a Commander is only as good as the people who back him. Thanks for a job well done.

Just a reminder, all ads for the Dining Out Ad Book must be received no later than February 11, 2013. Thank you in advance for all who back this great event.

Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dining Out and Artillery Reunion will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at the Tavistock Country Club. Invitations have been sent out and if you have not received your invitation, please call or write Jack Elberson or come to our next meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 7:00 pm at the Cherry Hill Armory. [112FA.CLA@gmail.com](mailto:112FA.CLA@gmail.com)

Just another reminder that our next meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, is also our Annual Meeting and Election night.

### When Insults had Class

“He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire” *Winston Churchill*

“Thank you for sending me a copy of your book: I'll waste no time reading it” *Moses Hadas*

“I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here” *Stephen Bishop*

“He is a self-made man and worships his creator” *John Bright*

“I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it” *Groucho Marx*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights??

**“This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient and the world will follow our lead into the future” - Adolph Hitler, 1935**

## What it Means to be part of an Irish Family

**You will never play professional basketball.**

**You swear very well.**

**At least one of your cousins is a fireman, cop, bar owner, funeral home owner or holds political office. And you have at least one aunt who is a nun or uncle who’s a priest.**

**You think you sing very well.**

**You have no idea how to make a long story short.**

**There isn’t a big difference between you losing your temper and killing someone.**

**Many of your childhood meals were boiled. Instant potatoes were a mortal sin.**

**You have never hit your head on a ceiling.**

**You spent a good deal of your childhood kneeling in prayer.**

**You’re strangely poetic after a few beers.**

## Did You Know...?

**The words “racecar”, “kayak”, and “level” are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.**

**A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.**

**If the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.**

**The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.**

**All the Ants in Africa weigh more than all the elephants in Africa.**

## Police Exam

**A young man was in the process of taking a verbal exam to join the local police force. “If you’re driving a police car, alone on a country road at night, and are being chased by a group of criminals driving 60 mph, what would you do?” he was asked. Without hesitation, the young man replied, “Seventy!”**

## **Summary of the 9 January 2013 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1920 hours. Pledge of Allegiance was led by the CO and roll call was taken. All officers were present except for Adjutant who is home recovering from treatments.

Invocation was given by the Chaplain and the following persons were mentioned due to illness – Rich Zacamy and Steve Reinis and recently the passing of John Scocechio who passed away in October, 2012.

We welcomed Tina Ford back and two of our members from the American Legion who are not able to make our regular meetings – James Lorenz and James Conley.

Motion was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 2012 minutes.

Financial report – we have a balance of \$5,286.83 in the association bank account. Motion was moved and seconded to accept the financial report.

CO thanked all those who helped in the Christmas covered dish dinner especially the Ladies of the association who helped cook, set up and clean up.

We have received several dining out selection forms for our Dining Out on Saturday, March 2, 2013.

Our Ad Book is coming along nicely and we have received \$500 ad book from Inglesby's and USA Payroll. Our deadline for the ad book is February 11, 2013.

The February meeting is designated as our Annual Meeting at which time we will be electing an Executive Officer, Finance Officer and Logistics Officer. All members are encouraged to attend. Absentee ballots were sent out in December. Just as a temporary position, I asked if there is anyone who would fill the Adjutant position while Rich Zacamy is having medical treatments. Larry Altersitz volunteered to fill for Rich during this difficult period of time.

It was mentioned that the 112FA History Book that Jack Elberson put together is a wonderful addition to everyone's library. Jack said he was able to make just a few more. If you want a book, please contact Jack.

For the Dining Out it was discussed to invite The West Jersey State Artillery re-enactment group where their group was started and based on our history.

CO thanked Al Demasi for taking charge and running The 112FA Gun Club out of Ft. Dix. Watch your emails and the unit web site for the next outing to Ft. Dix.

Bob Constantine inquired about another trip to the Battle Lab at Ft. Dix, could be possible? This will be investigated. The CO brought up possibly taking a trip to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds along with the 114thInf out of Woodbury. We will look into this trip as well.

Jack Elberson brought up that they are keeping the Cherry Hill Armory but the 119<sup>th</sup> is moving to Vineland leaving only the 328thMP unit in the armory.

Marc Kantor advises that all items listed on the SUPPLY ROOM tab of the unite website are available. You may contact him through the CONTACT page on the unit website. [112FA.CLA@gmail.com](mailto:112FA.CLA@gmail.com)

The Meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours.

### The Water Pistol

When my three year old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink.

I was not so pleased. I turned to Mom and said, “I’m surprised at you. Don’t you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?”

Mom smiled and replied, “I remember.”



### 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.

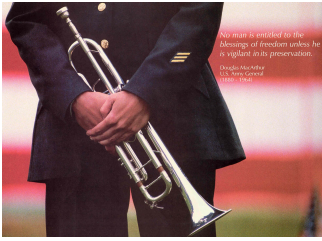
### NEVER FORGET THAT

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!

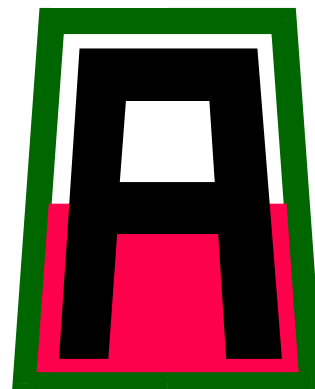
## REQUEST YOUR INPUT

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.

## *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 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.

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