

# THE POWDER BAG

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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*

***“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”***

*Albert Einstein*

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## THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

At our May meeting we learned that two of our members had been hospitalized and no one contacted us until it was too late to respond. Thankfully, they have now recovered, but we would like to be kept current on any illness or hospitalization. It is important to our organization so we may take necessary and appropriate action. You may contact anyone at anytime who is in the organization and let the staff know as soon as possible.

As I look back over 2013, the attendance at our meetings has improved to the point that each month 30 or more people are attending. Thank you so much for everyone who takes the time to come out and supports our organization.

Also, I want to take this time and thank Bob and Pat Constantine for a very successful Brunch held at Maritsa's in Maple Shade on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We had an over flow group show up and had to expand the tables into another part of the restaurant. We plan to get the bigger room at Maritsa's for our next Brunch on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 11:00 am. If and when in the future you will be attending any of our gatherings such as the brunches and Christmas dinner, you need to notify me, Jack Elberson or Marc Kantor so we can plan accordingly.

We will not be having a meeting in July so on behalf of my wife and I, we wish all of you a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We will be away most of July visiting family in California. Looking forward to seeing all of you again at our next meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

If you need to notify someone during the month of July, you may contact either Marc Kantor or Jack Elberson. They will be able to help you.



## **Beginning Today**

**Beginning today...I will take life one day at a time, one step at a time. Discouragement will not be allowed to taint my positive self-image, my desire to succeed or my capacity to love.**

## **Why Italians Cannot Be Paramedics**

**Vinny and Sal are out in the woods hunting when suddenly Sal grabs his chest and falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing; his eyes are rolled back in his head. Vinny whips out his cell phone and calls 911. He gasps to the operator, "I think Sal is dead! What should I do?"**

**The operator, in a calm soothing voice says, "Just take it easy and follow my instructions. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence. And then a gun shot is heard.**

**Vinny's voice comes back on the line, "Okay....Now what?"**

## **Summary of Life**

- 1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.**
- 2. When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.**
- 3. If your Sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the 2<sup>nd</sup> person.**
- 4. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.**
- 5. The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.**
- 6. Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.**
- 7. It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but no one bothers to ask you any of the questions.**
- 8. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.**



### **Points to Ponder**

1. How important does a person have to be before they are assassinated instead of murdered?
2. Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
3. Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?
4. Why do banks charge a fee on “insufficient funds” when they know there is not enough money?
5. Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
6. Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
7. Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
8. How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed fixtures?
9. Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?
10. Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that’s falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

### **Summary of the 5 June 2013 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1906 hours followed by the pledge of allegiance and the invocation by the Chaplin. Roll call - all officers were accounted for and no report of sick call. We had two members that were hospitalized during the month of May – Rich Tomasso and Chet Malik but the organization was not informed until this meeting. They are recovered now and doing well. The guest for the evening was Major Frank Brown (RET). Also our guest speaker for the evening was Sgt. Drew Lincoln who is a full-time Army recruiter from the Haddonfield Recruiting Office. Motion was made by Chet Malik and seconded by Bob Constantine to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

The financial report was approved and we have over \$5,000 in our account. Everything is paid. Commander Report – CO said he needs someone to head up a committee to look into giving donations to organizations within the military of our excess funds in our treasury. Joe Scioli volunteered to head the committee and Warren Strumpfer, Ed McCarty and Larry Altersitz volunteered to help on the committee.

Tri-care for Life is unable to make one of our meetings until possibly sometime in the fall. CO is keeping communications with the one representative.

The next meeting of the Gun Club will meet the 29<sup>th</sup> of June at Range 14 in Fort Dix.

Bob and Pat Constantine were given thanks for finding Maritsa’s for the Armed Forces Day Brunch on Saturday, May 18, 2013. We had 30 members attend and a good time was had by all. Our next brunch will be September 14, 2013 at Maritsa’s for Patriots’ Day.

**Bus trip on Saturday, June 22, 2013 to Gettysburg historical Park and Museum is still available at this time. Several members have already signed up.**

**Our guest speaker for the evening was Sgt. Drew Lincoln who was deployed to Afghanistan three times during his Army career who is now a full-time recruiter for US Army out of Haddonfield, NJ.**

**Starting in August, 2013 we will be starting to accept nominees for the Saint Barbara and Molly Pitcher awards. All requests should be turned into the Executive Officer, Rich Tomasso by October 2, 2013 meeting.**

**Corresponding Officer, Marc Kantor spoke on the website of our organization and passed out address labels that he made up for the members of the organization.**

**Comments made from the floor:**

**CO mentioned that it is the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day on June 6<sup>th</sup> of this year.**

**CSM Blum Harris of the 1<sup>st</sup>114INF announced that their Dining Out will be held at the Camden Aquarium sometime in September. Invitations will be sent out soon.**

**USAA auto insurance was mentioned for military personnel.**

**Col Tony Radice mentioned that LTC Tom Hallowell of the 1<sup>st</sup>114INF out of Woodbury daughter Brooke was in a terrible auto accident and suffered some severe wounds that will require medical treatment for a long time. We are asking that our organization keep Brooke and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.**

**It was mentioned that the Commissary at Ft. Dix is now closed on Mondays starting July 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no meeting in July and our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 7th, 2013 at 7:00pm. Meeting was adjourned at 1951 hours.**

### **Retired Senior Leaders Briefing**

**On Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> the Adjutant General, BG Michael Cunniff invited retired senior leaders from the National Guard of New Jersey for an annual briefing. A summary follows:**

- 1. There are no anticipated NG unit deployments for next year due to an anticipated change in national policy at this time. Presently there are 67 NJANG soldiers presently deployed and 191 NJARNG soldiers deployed (164 soldiers are due to return this day at McGuire).**
- 2. The DMAVA presently conducts a monthly medal award program at various Malls throughout the State to present deserving soldiers and retirees with an appropriate award for their service.**
- 3. It was acclaimed that the NJNG performance before, during and after Hurricane Sandy was New Jersey's "finest hour." It not only pre-positioned 2300 soldiers for anticipated**

service in providing fuel, food, shelter, security, rescue (to include animal rescue), transportation and rebuilding operations, but also was instrumental in developing a national policy regarding dual status command and control during such an emergency.

4. Although there has been a 10% reduction in the 2013 budget, the following construction money has been appropriated as indicated:

Army Aviation Support Facility at Lakehurst: \$49,000.000 (130,000 SF)

Regional Training Facility at Sea Girt: \$34,000.000 (86,000 SF)

BG Doyle Cemetery: \$23,000.000 (130,000 SF)

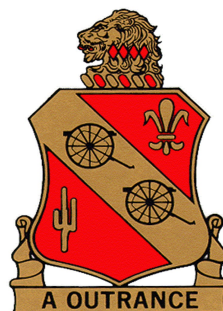
Disaster Repair: \$32,000.000

5. Other Information: NJ has the lowest military suicide rate in the nation. The Department was conducting Sexual Harassment training for all E-7's and above as the senior briefing was being conducted to help prevent an increasing national trend in the service.

### **Remember this Guy**

1. "Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose."
2. "Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the US was too strong."
3. "The taxpayer is someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination."
4. "It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."
5. "Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book."
6. "If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under,"

**RONALD REAGAN**





## **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.

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

On or about 10 April 2013, Brooke Hallowell, daughter of LTC Tom Hallowell, the Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 114<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Woodbury, NJ was in a terrible automobile accident and suffered some severe wounds that will require medical treatment for a long period of time. The 1/112 Artillery has, and will always be, the direct support battalion for the 1/114 Infantry. To this end we are asking our membership and readers to please keep Brooke and her family in your prayers and ask God to give them the courage, strength, love and compassion they will need to get them through this most difficult time. Thank You.

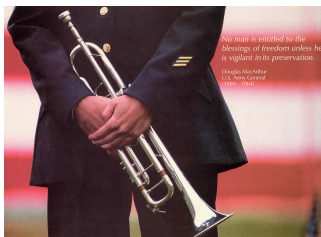
## **NEVER FORGET THAT**

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**

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

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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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