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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

“Wise men talk because they have something to say; Fools, because they have to say something.”

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THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Our Dining Out this year on March 2, 2013 at Tavistock was very successful. We had over 100 members and guests. This year we also had the re-enactment group from The West Jersey State Artillery who bases their lineage on our history and we hope to have them back next year.

I would like to thank LTC Mike Mazzarella and his wife, Marci, for traveling from Kansas City, Missouri for making our Dining Out.

Mr. Ed Hunter was our guest of honor from the Vineland Veterans' Memorial Home. He served in WWII in the Navy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this Dining Out a success. Especially Jack Elbersen, Marc Kantor and his wife, June, Tony Radice and Sue Barrowman, my daughter Eileen and my wife, Ronnie. The tables were beautiful and I received many comments on how nice everything was.

Looking forward to our Arm Forces' Day Brunch on Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 am. Still looking into a place to hold it. More info later.

At this time, we are hoping Chet Malik, our Chaplain is recovering from the flu. He was unable to attend our meeting in March.

Also, our oldest member Jake Parvin, we all wish him well. Jake was hospitalized before the Dining Out but was able to make the dinner which surprised us all. Not feeling well, he was unable to attend our March meeting. Hang in there, Jake!

President and His Wife

The President and his wife were in the front row at the Yankees game. The row behind them was taken up with the Secret Service agents. One of them leaned over and whispered in the President's ear. The President paused then grabbed his wife by the scruff of her neck and heaved her over the railing.

She fell 10 feet to the top of the dugout, screaming obscenities. The President shook the hands of those near him and got high fives all around.

The secret service agent leaned over again and whispered, "Mr., President, I said it's time to throw out the first pitch."



Beginning Today

Beginning today...I will no longer worry about yesterday. It is in the past and the past will never change. Only I can change by choosing to do so.

Beginning today...I will no longer worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will always be there, waiting for me to make the most of it. But I cannot make the most of tomorrow without first making the most of today.

Beginning today...I will look in the mirror and I will see a person worthy of my respect and admiration. This capable person looking back at me is someone I enjoy spending time with and someone I would like to get to know better.

Three Couples Out

Three couples went to a restaurant. The women wanted to compliment the men with something that was on the table.

“Could you pass me the sugar, sugar?” said the first gal.

“Could you pass me the honey, honey?” said the second.

“Could you pass me the bacon, pig?” said the third

Just How Knowledgeable Are You? **(Answers at the end of the newsletter)**

1. What city is served by Dulles International Airport?
2. Who won the 1961 best actor Oscar for his role in *Judgment at Nuremberg*?
3. What army was founded by William Booth and his wife Catherine?
4. What's the largest satellite orbiting the earth?
5. What drink was invented by oilmen, who used their tools to stir it?
6. What does U.S.S.R. stand for?
7. Who signed Clark Gable's U.S. military service discharge?
8. What was the first U.S. consumer product sold in the Soviet Union?
9. Where is the human skin least sensitive?
10. How wide is baseball's home plate?

Thought for Today

Any conversation that begins with..... “Don't take this the wrong way, but.....”
has a 0% success rate

Summary of the 6 March 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1912 hours. Members and guests conducted opening ceremonies.

CO welcomed John Heimlich, a member of the 228th FA in the 1950's.

Motion to approve February 2013 minutes made by Lou Bovino, seconded by Dick Tomasso. motion passed.

Financial report presented by Jack Elberson. Association account has \$11,104.66 prior to paying bills from the Dining Out.

CO thanked everyone for their support and attendance at the Dining Out. It was great time with almost 102 members and guests. Thanks to all who contributed. The West Jersey State Artillery, a re-enactment group who came in colonial period garb, bases their background on our lineage. Pat Minchin thanked the Association for the roses given to her and Tina Ford in memory of their husbands' service and their service to the New Jersey Army National Guard. Pictures of the Dining Out are on the website.

Al Dimasi reported the Gun Club will hold a shoot on March 23 at 0900, Range 14, Joint Base. Ammo is a problem, people bring their own for their weapons and it would be nice if people who use members' weapons make a donation to defray ammo costs.

Discussion on where and date to have our Arm Forces Day Brunch – since the 18th is a Saturday, it was decided to have it on Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 am. At this time, looking into several places to hold it. More info at the next meeting.

Needing assistance to help with our Museum, Nate Widman volunteered to help.

CO is looking into bringing Tri-Care For Life Representative to come back to one of our meetings May 1st or June 5th. More info to follow.

Marc Kantor reported the trip to Aberdeen Proving Ground is a No.

Lou Bovino reported the Tri-Care reimbursement form is available on-line.

Warren Strumpfer noted that Sue Barrowman did a great job on the Dining Out ad book; the West Jersey State Artillery is a great addition to the Dining Out; Ed and Ronnie Powell do great work for the Association and we are all grateful for their efforts.

Jack Elberson reported Jake Parvin, our oldest, active member is slowing down but trying to stay active. The 119th Maintenance is no longer in the Armory. The only unit left is the 328th MP Company. Need to get some repairs done to the building very soon.

Tony Radice stated the Ad Book is very professional in its layout and design, and we need to maintain the high standard Sue has set; nice to get more ads to support our efforts. Discussion followed that we will be looking into a new printer and program to print the Ad Book in the future. Marc Kantor agreed to look into this for us.

No other business being presented to the CO, motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lou Bovino and seconded by Rich Tomasso. Meeting was adjourned at 20:15 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Altersitz, Acting Adjutant

Signs You Have a Hangover

- + You're convinced that chirping birds are Satan's pets.
- + Trying to gain control of the situation, you continue to tell your room to "stay still."
- + Looking at yourself in the mirror induces the same reaction as chugging a glass of fresh paint.
- + You'd rather have a pencil jammed up your nose than be exposed to sunlight.
- + You set aside an entire morning to spend some quality time with your toilet.
- + You replace the traditional praying on your knees with the more feasible praying in the fetal position.
- + The bathroom reminds you of a carnival barker shouting, "Step right up and give it a whirl!"
- + All day long your motto is, "Never again."
- + You could purchase a new bike just by recycling the bottles around your bed.
- + Your response to "Good morning," is "Shut up!"

Visiting Grandma

Last December, a grandmother was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife. "You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T."

She continued, "There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14T. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy," replied the grandson, "but why am I hitting all those buttons with my elbow?"

To which she answered, "You're coming in empty handed?"



Answers to the Quiz

1. Washington, DC
2. Maximilian Schell
3. The Salvation Army
4. The Moon
5. The Screwdriver
6. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
7. Ronald Reagan
8. Pepsi-Cola
9. The heel
10. Seventeen inches



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

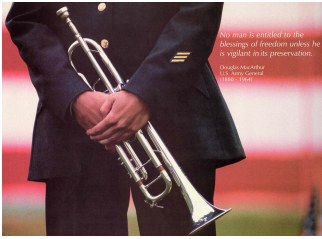
A Veteran – whether Active Duty, Retired, National Guard or Reserve – is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of “up to and including my life.”

“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 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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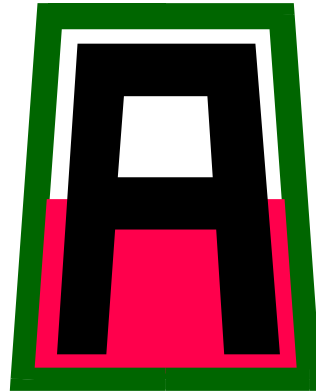
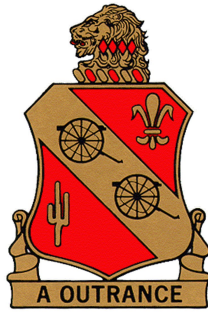
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