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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*

*“A reputation once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep their eyes on the spot where the crack was.”*

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## **THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

**Our Armed Forces Day Brunch was held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at Maritsa's Cuisine in Maple Shade, NJ. In observing this day in May, I have come across a little bit of history:**

**On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson who was U.S. Secretary of Defense announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the Armed Forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day.**

**The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense" which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government according to the U.S. Department of Defense. The day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military on civilian life.**

**Armed Forces Day was the day for the military to show "state of the art" equipment to civilians. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge all Americans in the Armed Forces. This years' theme is "Strong and Resilient – Prepared to meet any Challenge."**

**Regarding *Tri-Care for Life*, we are unable at this time to have the representative come to our June meeting. We will try again to have them come at a later date – possibly early fall.**

**Our bus trip to Gettysburg is still on – anyone interested may call 856-456-1121 to make a reservation – Trip #213212 – on Saturday, June 22, 2013 - \$98 per person which includes a dinner. We have several of our members who will be going on the trip already signed up.**



## **Appreciation**

If you can read this, thank a teacher. And since it's in English, thank a soldier.

## **Beginning Today**

Beginning today...I will take a moment to step off the beaten path and to revel in the mysteries I encounter. I will face challenges with courage and determination. I will overcome what barriers there may be which hinder my quest for growth and self-improvement.

## **Headlines**

Two boys are playing hockey on the pond on Boston Common, when one is attacked by a vicious Rottweiler. Thinking quickly, the other boy took his hockey stick and managed to wedge it down the dog's collar and twist, luckily breaking the dog's neck and stopping its attack.

A reporter who was strolling by sees the incident, and rushes over to interview the boy. "Young Bruins Fan Saves Friend from Vicious Animal..." he starts writing in his notebook.

"But, I'm not a Bruins Fan," the little hero replied. "Sorry, since we're in Boston, I just assumed you were," said the reporter and starts again.

"Patriots Fan Rescues Friend from Horrific Attack..." he continued writing in his notebook. "I'm not a Patriots fan either," the boy said.

"I assumed everyone in Boston was either for the Bruins or the Patriots. So, what team do you root for?" the reporter asked.

"I'm a Giant's Fan!" the child beamed. The reporter starts a new sheet in his notebook and writes: "Little Jerk from New York Kills Beloved Family Pet."

## **History Challenge**

**(Answers at the end of the Newsletter)**

1. The first African American four-star general in US history (1975) was Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. In what branch of the military service did he serve?
2. The first American in space rode inside a capsule atop a modified Redstone rocket. He landed in the Atlantic Ocean 15 minutes after takeoff. What was his name?
3. The average prices of a group of selected stocks and bonds tells whether a day is good or bad on the New York Stock Exchange. What is the average called?

4. The first atomic bomb was exploded near Alamogordo, New Mexico, in 1945. What is the name of the process that splits the atoms?
5. The Amish are a Protestant religious group that began in Switzerland. They farm, do not use electricity, and end their education at eighth grade. What religious group did the Amish split off from?
6. In the mid-1800's locomotives took a long time to stop. Then air brakes were invented. Who invented air brakes for locomotives?
7. A US citizen who is 18 years or older can volunteer for the Peace Corps, begun in 1961. Those selected help raise living standards of people in poor countries. How long does a Peace Corps volunteer agree to serve?
8. Hawaii was admitted to the Union in August 1959. The people of Hawaii voted 17 to 1 for statehood. Who was the president that signed the bill to admit Hawaii?
9. The first nuclear-powered submarine was built in Groton, Connecticut. It was the first to cruise under the North Pole ice in 1958. What was it named?
10. During his baseball career, Babe Ruth hit 714 home runs. What player hit more home runs in his career?

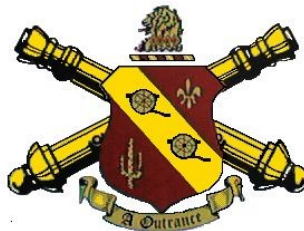
### **Blonde Double Joke**

A blonde female police officer pulls over a blonde gal in a convertible sports car, for speeding. She walks up to the car and asks the blonde for her driver's license.

The blonde convertible driver searches through her purse in vain. Finally, she asks, "What does it look like?" The blonde officer tells her, "It's that thing with your picture on it."

The blonde driver searches for a few more seconds, pulls out her compact, opens it, and, sure enough sees herself. She hands the compact to the blonde cop.

After a few seconds looking at the compact, the blonde cop rolls her eyes, hands the compact back to the blonde convertible driver and says, "If you would have told me you were a police officer when I pulled you over we could have avoided this whole thing."



## **Summary of the 1 May 2013 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the CO at 1910 hours. The pledge of alliance and roll call of the Officers followed. Not present were the Adjutant, the Logistics Officer, and the Executive Officer. On sick call were John Parvin, in hospital, and Siggy Honrychs and his wife Maria are recuperating at home.

Welcome to Joe Torre, a Naval Veteran and Arlene Baker our guest speaker for the night from the 1<sup>st</sup>114 INF Reg.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013 minutes was made by Chet Malik and seconded by Lou Bovino.

Financial report given by Jack Elberson – we made \$500 on the Dining Out after all bills were paid leaving a balance to date of \$5,527.18. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report.

The Commander, Logistic Officer and Corresponding Secretary attended a meeting on April 15, 2013 with the 3/112FA out of Morristown, NJ to discuss attending live artillery fire at Ft. Dix and also attend some of their drills. In doing so, we can help each other and have a working relationship with the only artillery Battalion left in the state. Ed McCarty will be our Liaison Officer.

Commander talked with Jodie Taylor the representative from *Tri-Care for Life* who had attended one of our prior meetings. At this time, we are working with her to get her back to attend our June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Still waiting to hear from her.

The 1/112FA Gun Club will be meeting again on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Range 14 at Ft. Dix.

Our Armed Forces Day Brunch will be held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Maritsa's Cuisine on 106 E. Main Street in Maple Shade, NJ. Thanks to Bob and Pat Constantine for making these arrangements.

We are planning a bus trip with the Senior Citizens United Community Services in Audubon, NJ to Gettysburg Historical Park and Museum which will be a guided tour to live a day in the shoes of a soldier from the Civil War on Saturday, June 22, 2013. Information was handed out at the meeting and will be on our website. The price is \$98 per person and you may call and make a reservation at 856-456-1121, Trip #213212. We will also be having a hot buffet dinner at the Farnsworth House Restaurant which is the only Civil War themed dining establishment in Gettysburg with period attired servers. The trip is open to anyone if you want to bring family or a friend. Several of the members showed interest at the meeting and it would be a fun time for all.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Arlene Baker who spoke on the Medal of Honor giving us a very informative presentation. It was interesting to find out how it got started and the many recipients over the years.

Corresponding Secretary, Marc Kantor, reported that he has been working on getting any member's new e-mail addresses and is asking any member to please contact him with their new e-mails as we still are missing a number of them. Also, please continue to look up our website as it is continually updated with unit information.

Warren Strumpfer suggested that since we have some excess monies in our treasury that we should look into making some donations to charitable organizations within the military.

The Commander said that he plans on meeting with his board to discuss some suggestions for donations to The Homes for Veterans and other military organizations and will be reporting back to the members. Anyone with any idea, please contact me by e-mail. REMINDER our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Motion was made by Lou Bovino to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Joe Scioli. Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours. Refreshments followed.

### **Moth Inspector**

A man walks into his bedroom after work and is surprised to find his wife lying naked on the bed. After careful examination, he spies a pair of bare feet sticking out from underneath the curtains.

He rips open the blinds to find a naked man standing there. "Who the hell are you?" he yells. The naked guy replies, "I'm the moth inspector." "Oh, yeah? What are you doing naked?"

He looks down and screams, "Oh my God, I'm too late!!"

### **Answers to the History Challenge**

1. The United States Air Force.
2. Alan B. Shepard, Jr.
3. The Dow Jones.
4. Fission.
5. The Mennonites.
6. George Westinghouse.
7. Two years.
8. Dwight D. Eisenhower.
9. Nautilus.
10. Hank Aaron with 755.



## **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.

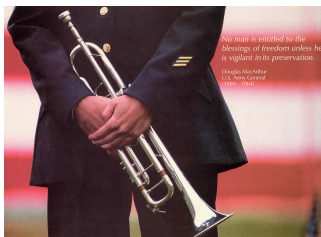
## **NEVER FORGET THAT**

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!

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

**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 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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