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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

“YOU NEVER LEARN ANTHING WHILE TALKING.”

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THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We were very pleased to present to our membership an outstanding TRICARE Education Specialist at our meeting on October 2, 2013. She was very informative and was able to answer many questions from those that attended. We know you have many more unasked/unanswered questions. This is a vast and complicated program of great importance to us all. Please use one of the following links to access programs that may be of assistance to your well being. Cynthia Neme, the speaker for the night, substituted for Jody Taylor. Ms Taylor had been furloughed due to the "shut down" and was unable to attend.

87th Medical Group

(<http://www.jointbasemdl.af.mil/units/healthcareatjbmdl/index.asp>)

TRICARE (<http://www.tricare.mil/trs>)

We have extra pamphlets from TriCare that will help to get you started with answering your questions available for those who could not make the meeting.

The forms for the Ad Book for our Dining Out on March 1, 2014 are now available. Please make sure to pick these forms up as we need as many ads as we can get.

Nominations for Commander and Adjutant are now open. If you care to someone or wish to be considered for either of these positions, please let Warren Strumpfer know as soon as possible.

It is starting to work a lot better on hearing about members who are sick or hospitalized. Please keep this information coming and please let us know as soon as possible with any information. Go to our web site and the Contact tab to send an email or send to 112FA.CLA@gmail.com.

I am very pleased to see our meetings grow each month with our members attending and bringing in more new members. I want to take this time to thank everyone for supporting our organization.

LAST REQUEST

An elderly woman, who had never married, died recently. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she requested no male pallbearers.

“They wouldn’t take me out while I was alive,” she wrote, “so I don’t want them to take me out when I’m dead.”



TEXTING FOR SENIORS

Young people have theirs, now seniors have their own texting codes:

ATD – At the Doctor’s
BFF – Best Friends Funeral
BTW – Bring the Wheelchair
CBM – Covered by Medicare
CUATSC – See You at the Senior Center
DWI – Driving While Incontinent
GGPBL – Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA – Got Heartburn Again
LOL – Living on Lipitor
TOT – Texting on Toilet

THE WISHING WELL

A married couple walks up to a wishing well. The guy leans over, makes a wish and throws in a penny.

His wife decides to make a wish too, but she leans over too far, falls into the well and drowns.

The guy says, “Wow, it really works.”

RATTLESNAKE LOGIC

(Submitted by a former Marine)

The news media has spent lots of time trying to determine why those men did what they did at the Boston Marathon. They want to know what American did to make these brothers so angry with us. They want to know why these men were not arrested before they did something unlawful. The media was in a tizzy about the new era of homegrown radicals and about how they could live among us and still hate us.

Here in west Texas, I have rattlesnakes on my place. I have killed rattlesnakes on the front porch, back porch, in the barn, in the shop and on the driveway. I kill every rattlesnake I encounter. I kill rattlesnakes because a rattlesnake will bite me and inflict me with poison. I don’t stop to wonder why a rattlesnake will bite me. It will bite me because it is a rattlesnake and that’s what rattlesnakes do. I don’t try to reason with a rattlesnake. I just kill it. I don’t try to get to know the rattlesnake better so that I can find a way to live with the rattlesnake and convince them not to bite me. I just kill them. I don’t quiz a rattlesnake to see if I can find out where the other snakes are because (a) it won’t tell me (b) I already know that they live on my place. I just kill the rattlesnake and move on to the next one. I don’t look for ways that I might be able to change the rattlesnake to a non-poisonous rat snake. I just kill it. I know for every rattlesnake I kill, two more lurk out there. Do I fear them? No! Do I respect what they can do to me? Yes! And because of that respect I give them their fair justice. I kill them. Maybe as a country we should give more credit to the terrorist just being a rattlesnake!

I love my country; it’s the Government I’m afraid of.

PRAYER FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Lord, guard them as they march on land, shield them as they fly in air, watch over them as they sail on the sea, be at their side in the battle, keep them brave and pure for God and country.

If it is the will of God that some of them should be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice, then please strengthen them and bring them into eternal life in Heaven.

But, with all our confidence in Thy powerful intercession, we beg of thee to place their sacrifices and our prayers before the throne of God, that in His infinite mercy, He will end all our wars, grant us peace, and very soon bring our dear one's home safe and sound. AMEN.

SUMMARY OF THE 2 OCTOBER 2013 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Adjutant at 1903 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Powell, followed by the invocation and sick call by the Chaplin. It was reported that Irene and Joe Logeren were sick and get well cards were signed by the members. The Commander welcomed some new guests – Joe Diggs and Ed Rivera.

Motion was made to approve the Sept. 2013 minutes. The Treasurer's report was listed as \$3,202.29 presently on hand as donations were made to "Homes for Vets" and Colonel Able Fund. Commander reports that Ad Book Forms are now available for our Dining Out on March 1, 2014.

Our Brunch on September the 14th was a success and over 32 people attended. A good time was had by all.

Gun Club reported that their next meeting at Ft. Dix will be October the 12th.

Nominations for Commander and Adjutant are now open.

All requests for St. Barbara and Molly Pitcher Awards should now be turned into the Executive Officer.

We still have some of our logo blankets for sale at \$20. Winter is coming and they will keep anyone nice and warm while watching TV.

Correspondence Officer again requested for current or changed E-mail addresses.

The meeting was adjourned at 1932 hours and 50-50 and refreshments followed.

Our guest speaker was Cynthia Neme who is the TRI Care Educational Specialist who gave us answers to multiple questions and she was very informative. She also left several pamphlets which are very informative for anyone who is interested. You can contact Cynthia at 609-724-7516 or you may contact Jody Taylor, who is the TriCare for Life specialist at 609-754-9082. It was suggested that anyone may call and request to meet with them. They are with the 87th Med Group at McGuire Air Force Base.

THEY WALK AMOUNT US!

(True Story)

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Nancy Pelosi happened to appear. Ms. Pelosi took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease.

“Would you mind telling me, Doctor,” she asked, “how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?”

“Nothing is easier,” he replied. “You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track.”

“What sort of question?” asked Pelosi.

“Well, you might ask, Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?”

Ms. Pelosi thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, “You wouldn’t happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don’t know much about history.”

AN ODE TO AGING

So what if you're Crabby,
a little bit Flabby,
or take the occasional Snooze?

So what if you're Gassy,
or prone to be Sassy,
or yell at some guy on the News?

So what if you're Addled,
your memory's Skedaddled,
you struggle to get out of Bed?

It's no bed of Roses,
what everyone Knows Is,

It sure as Hell beats
being **DEAD!**

PRAYER FOR THE AGED

Lord, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.





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

A NOTE FROM A GOLFER

"On Monday, I played the Disney, Lake Buena Vista course. As usual the starters matched me with three other players. After a few holes we began to get to know each other a bit. One fellow was rather young and had his wife riding along in the golf cart with him. I noticed that his golf bag had his name on it and after closer inspection it also said 'wounded war veterans'. When I had my first chance to chat with him I asked him about the bag.

His response was simply that it was a gift. I then asked if he was wounded and he said yes. When I asked more about his injury, his response was "I'd rather not talk about it, sir".

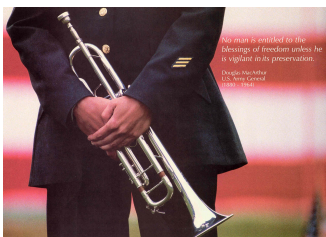
Over a few holes I learned that he had spent the last 15 months in an army rehabilitation hospital in San Antonio Texas . His wife moved there to be with him and he was released from the hospital in September. He was a rather quiet fellow; however, he did say that he wanted to get good at golf. We had a nice round and as we became a bit more familiar I asked him about the brand new set of Ping woods and irons he was playing. Some looked like they had never been hit. His response was simple.

He said that this round was the first full round he had played with these clubs.

Later in the round he told me the following: As part of the discharge process from the rehabilitation hospital, Ping comes in and provided three days of golf instruction, followed by club fitting. Upon discharge from the hospital, Ping gave each of the discharged veterans, generally about 40 soldiers, a brand new set of custom fitted clubs along with the impressive golf bag.

Ping, whose products are made with pride here in America (Arizona), has the good judgment not to advertise this program. God Bless America, our brave veterans, Ping, Inc. and the game of golf.

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

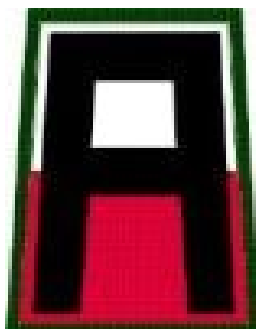
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I WAS A SOLDIER – I AM A SOLDIER – I WILL ALWAYS BE A SOLDIER

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- 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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