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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

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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

We've been busy lately and the fall season is just starting. After taking some time off in July, we planned and/or participated in board elections, sports club shows and Ft Dix visits, a Pentagon trip to Washington DC, a Patriot Day Brunch, upcoming meetings and next year's Dining Out affair. Unfortunately, we didn't get a chance to be in Washington for Tom and Loretta Monaghan's son's promotion to Lt. Colonel, but they were there and enjoyed the time they were able to spend with him. The October 5th meeting may be the last time you get a chance to pay for your bus trip to the Pentagon, we have some seats still available. Don't get left out, please bring a check with you to the meeting if you have not already paid. Please continue to participate in the activities of your organization and enjoy the fall season. Stay healthy and see you on Wednesday, 5 October 2016.

SUMMARY OF THE 7 SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of The Camden Light Artillery was held on 7 September 2016 at 1905 hours and called to order by the Adjutant. The pledge of allegiance was said by Commander McCarty and invocation was given by the CO.

ATTENDEES

Roll call of officers called; all present except for Logistics because this position remains vacant at this time.

SICK CALL

Bill Sink- had quadruple bypass and is doing well.
John Coleman- recovering after a hospital stay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the September 2016 meeting were accepted as reported.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No outstanding bills.

NEW BUSINESS

Sunday, September 11, 2016 Patriots Day breakfast at the Lamp Post Dinner 1393 Little Gloucester Road at 10AM.

Monday, 12 September, 2016 114th Infantry Golf Outing at Valley Brook Country Club (a Ron Jaworski property). 110 golfers have signed up for the event. Start time is noon. Last minute

registrants will be accepted. The outing will benefit many organizations associated with the military.

Saturday, 17 September 2016 Armory Gun Show

Friday 23 September 2016 Stand Down, 8:30am to 1:00pm Cherry Hill Armory

Saturday, 24 September 2016 Sports Club meeting at Range14 at Ft Dix, 9:00am

Saturday, 24-25 September 2016 Soldiers weekend Fort Mott Pennsville, NJ

Sunday, 23 October 2016 - Ed Powell spoke about the Revolutionary War Displays to be held at National Park, NJ

Saturday, 7 October, 2016 Oaks, PA Gun Show

Saturday, 26 November 2016 Philadelphia Gun Show

Saturday, 16 December 2016 Oaks, PA Gun Show

OLD BUSINESS

The finance officer reviewed the order of restoration of the armory per the minutes of 3 August, 2016. No work will start until November or December of this year. Contracts have not been awarded on submitted bids yet.

CO reviewed the Pentagon trip scheduled for October 25, 2016. In order to have a meal it will require that an additional 2-3 hours of travel time will be added due to beltway traffic. It may be a good idea to bring our own food to eat on the bus. We could make arrangements to eat when we return from the trip. Eating in the Washington area could bring the cost of the trip to \$5000.00 with meals for 56 people. The cost of the bus is \$1900.00 divided among the number of passengers. As of this date we have 31 signed on. Cost will be announced at next meeting.

Warren Strumpfer asked for nominations for the following positions:

Executive Officer

Treasurer

Logistics

Marc Kantor (by way of his friend Reuben Rosenthal) - on a personal level recommended to all present to read the new Steven Coonts fiction "Liberty's Last Stand". This is an excellent read in particular before you cast your vote in November.

VIETNAM 50TH COMMERATIVE PROGRAM



During the August 2016 meeting, we were pleased to have in attendance many Vietnam Veterans from our unit and welcomed four veterans from the general public to whom we presented the VVCP label pin and additional information. We all Thank them for their service and wish them well for a long and healthy life.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2008 hours after which Bob Constantine was presented with a Challenger Coin. Refreshments were then served.

2017 ANNUAL DINING OUT AND ARTILLERY REUNION

Our 2017 Dining Out will take place at Tavistock Country Club on
Saturday, 3 June 2017

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN QUOTE

Al DeMasi, Franklin Historian



"A child thinks 20 shillings and 20 years can never be spent."

112FA PHYSICAL FITNESS

Brian Strecker, Chairman

BALANCE



You can do this exercise while waiting for the bus or standing in line at the grocery. For an added challenge, you can modify the exercise to improve your balance.

1. Stand on one foot behind a sturdy chair, holding on for balance.
2. Hold position for up to 10 seconds.
3. Repeat 10-15 times.
4. Repeat 10-15 times with other leg.

Repeat 10-15 more times with each leg.

112FA SPORTS CLUB

Ed McCarty, Chairman

The 112FA Sports Club meets at Range 14 (<http://shootnj.com/ftdixdirect.html>) at Ft Dix, NJ throughout the year. Outings and events will be posted on the web site and sent to the membership via email. The 112FA Sports Club held their Summer Outing at Range14 at Ft Dix, NJ on Saturday, 27 August 2016 and 24 September. The next trips to Ft Dix will be Saturday, 22 October 2016 and Wednesday, 16 November 2016. Watch your emails and the web site for additional Outings.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

<http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/new-jersey-state-veterans-benefits.html>

The online information contained at this site can be very important to the membership. Please visit the link above and review your options. You may wish to subscribe to the "military.com" web site. It always has interesting and current information on the country and all branches of the military.

TRICARE FOR LIFE

To learn more about TRICARE FOR Life, please visit their webpage at <http://www.tricare.mil/tfl>
(Military.com by Amu Bushatz)

"The new Defense Department budget proposal for 2017 sent today to Congress drastically increases the cost of healthcare for military retirees under 65 and reorganizes the current Tricare system, but otherwise includes few other major military family program reforms.

Under the new proposal the primary three Tricare options -- Tricare Prime, Tricare Standard and the services used by retirees -- would be combined into two basic plans. Like the current Tricare Prime and Standard options, the newly minted Tricare Select and Tricare Choice would continue to offer free services at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and require co-pays for services from in-network civilian providers. Like Tricare Prime, Tricare Select would require users to receive referrals for specialty care, while Tricare Choice would operate like Tricare Standard, allowing users to self-refer.

Active duty families and retirees could choose between the two plans and pay graduated fees between \$20 and \$250 for non-MTF care, depending on the service provided. As in the current Tricare Prime system, active-duty families stationed in remote areas far away from an MTF would be permitted to see in-network civilian providers without paying additional fees.

The major price changes are reserved for retirees. Under the new plan those users would be forced to pay a yearly enrollment fee through an open-enrollment type process regardless of which Tricare option they choose. Currently, retirees using Tricare Prime pay \$282.60 per year for a single person or \$565.20 for a family, while Standard requires no enrollment fee. The new system,

however, would require retirees pay a \$350 enrollment fee for individuals or \$700 for families for Tricare Select, and \$450 for individuals or \$900 for families for Tricare Choice."

TRICARE FOR LIFE PHARMACY

Walgreens will soon rejoin Tricare's pharmacy network for users nationwide, officials announced Friday, while CVS pharmacies will leave. That means Tricare users will now be able to fill their prescriptions off-base at Walgreens pharmacies without paying out-of-network rates, and CVS users will need to find a new pharmacy or pay unsubsidized rates for their medications. The change takes effect 1 December 2016, officials said. It will impact all beneficiaries, including Tricare for Life users and military retirees. The network will add about the 8,000 Walgreens stores and lose more than 9,600 CVS pharmacies.

"Starting Dec. 1, 2016, Walgreens pharmacies will join the Express Scripts, Inc. network serving Tricare beneficiaries across the United States," Tricare officials said in a news release.

"Additionally on Dec. 1, CVS pharmacies, including those in Target stores, will leave the network."

Poll: How will the Tricare pharmacy change impact you?

More than 59,000 pharmacies are in the Tricare network, Express Scripts officials said. As of Dec. 1, that number will drop to 58,000, they said. Tricare currently serves about 9.4 million beneficiaries. Despite the switch and drop of about 1,000 Tricare network pharmacies nationwide, about 98 percent of users will continue to have access to at least one in-network pharmacy within a one to five mile radius of their home, officials said. The change came after a series of recent contract negotiations with retail pharmacies, officials said.

"As part of our contract with Tricare, Express Scripts helps the Department of Defense maintain an affordable pharmacy benefit by continuing to secure competitive rates with retail pharmacies," Jennifer Luddy, an Express Scripts spokesperson said in a statement. "This change is intended to provide better value to Tricare and maintain convenient access for beneficiaries." The switch will also impact users who rely on Coram for specialty medications provided by mail-order since that service is a part of CVS. "When CVS leaves the network, beneficiaries currently using Coram/CVS to fill their prescription will need to switch their prescription to another specialty network pharmacy," Tricare officials told Military.com. Officials said Kroger, which is a current retail pharmacy provider, as well as Walgreens will both become specialty network pharmacies starting Dec. 1, and may carry the medications previously supplied by Coram. "Beneficiaries filling specialty drugs will receive additional outreach to ensure they are able to move their prescription to a new network pharmacy with no disruption in their prescription therapy," Tricare officials said. Walgreens had previously been a Tricare in-network pharmacy. But a 2011 contract dispute over reimbursement rates from Tricare's drug contractor Express Scripts resulted in the store leaving the network. At the time, Walgreens brought in an estimated \$5.3 billion in annual revenue from the system. And although they later resolved the overall dispute with Express Scripts, the decision to exclude Tricare's business from the retailer did not change. "Walgreens is very proud to partner with Express Scripts to serve the Department of Defense and Tricare beneficiaries," company officials said in a statement Friday. "We will work closely with Express Scripts in the next two months to ensure a smooth transition to Walgreens." Officials with CVS did not respond immediately to requests for comment.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

"Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but Talent recognizes Genius"



HOW TO REQUEST A COPY OF YOUR DD214 or NGB22

The process starts at the National Archives website:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

**Simply follow the directions found on the website for online application or click on the SF 180, complete the 'fillable' Adobe version, sign the document and mail to the appropriate location.
(suggested by Frank Brown)**

HOW TO REQUEST NJ RIBBONS AND AWARDS

<http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/>

NJ Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs

ATTN: DVS-VBB(Medals)

PO Box 340

Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

For additional information contact:

Telephone: (609) 530-6868/7035

Fax: (609) 530-6970 State of New Jersey

WHY WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD

When my Dad wanted sex, my Mom would show him a picture of me!

Steak and sex my favorite pair. I have them both the same way, very rare.

My wife said she wanted to try S&M...I started to get pretty excited until I realized she meant salesmen and mechanics.

My love life is terrible, my wife has cut way back on sex. Although, I guess it could be worse, she stopped seeing two of her boyfriends completely.

I was making love to my wife, and the dog was on the bed. The dog yawned. I said to him, "I'm soooooo sorry I'm boring you." My wife said "That's OK."

I remember the first time I had sex, I was so afraid, it was dark and I was all alone.

With me, nothing goes right. My psychiatrist said my wife and I should have sex every night. Now, we'll never see each other!

My psychiatrist tells me I'm crazy. I says, alright doc, but I want a second opinion, he says ok, you're ugly, too.

JUST SOME OF REASONS WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD **MORE NEXT MONTH**



NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

**1 Memorial Lane
Holmdel, NJ 07733
(<http://www.njvvmf.org/>)**



The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and the Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center are located within sight of each other near the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, NJ. The Memorial brings to New Jersey a fitting acknowledgment of the valor displayed by the New Jersey residents who never returned from Southeast Asia. It commemorates the courage shown by all who served in America's armed forces during the years of the Vietnam conflict. Its companion project, the Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center, provides a means to present factual and unbiased information about the era. Using exhibits, audio/visual presentations, structured programs and guest speakers, visitors are provided with a forum for ongoing discussion and an opportunity to gain a better understanding of America's most divisive period since the Civil War. Supplemental programs, such as veterans' biographies, are intended to recognize and document the contributions made by New Jersey's veterans so that their service to our nation will be preserved for future generations.





3-112FA MORRISTOWN, NJ

**LTC Robert Hughes
Commanding Officer**



Live fire exercise Ft Dix, 2016

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328 MP COMPANY, CHERRY HILL, NJ

CPT Domenico Lazzaro

Commanding Officer



The unit is back from their deployment and in residence.

2016 Monthly Meeting Dates

**All Meetings are at the
Cherry Hill Armory
2001 Park Boulevard
Cherry Hill, NJ
7:00pm**

Wednesday, 5 October 2016

Wednesday, 2 November 2016

Wednesday, 7 December 2016 Christmas Party and Dinner

**See your emails and our web site
for additional events and dates of the
1-112FA and 1-112FA Sports Club**

REQUEST YOUR INPUT

We 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 months' publication.

Dues are only \$30 per year and are payable 1 January of each year. Please send your dues to:

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National Guard Armory
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The 1-112FA Camden Light Artillery Association is proud to be a Commemorative Partner. We held our first event earlier this year and are planning future events for the summer and fall seasons. Please watch for the announcements in your emails and on our website.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) conducted hundreds of events in VA facilities across the nation on March 29, 2016 to recognize, honor and thank U.S. Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices as part of the national Vietnam War Commemoration. VA, along with more than 9,000 organizations across the country, has joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner to help Americans honor our nation's Vietnam veterans. By presidential proclamation issued on May 25, 2012, the Commemoration extends from its inaugural event on Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025. To learn more about the Vietnam War Commemoration, visit the U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration website."

(<http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>) by military.com 4 April 2016



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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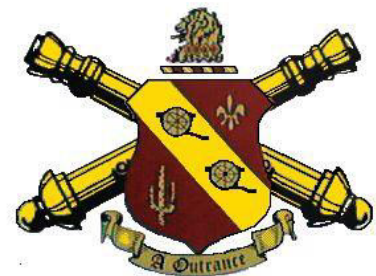
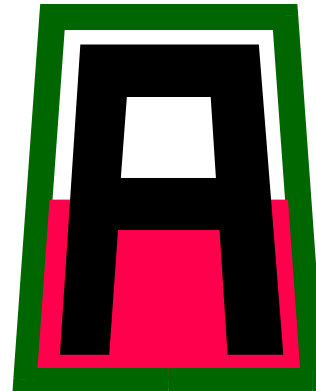
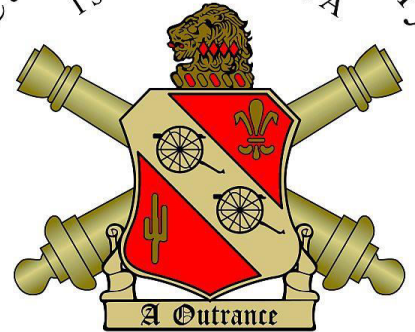
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