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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

**“Anybody can give advice –
the trouble comes in finding someone interested in taking it”**

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

For some of the more active members in the Camden Light Artillery we know that there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. Whether we admit it or not we will always be a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

When we were active artillerymen, "Fire Missions" were something that we accomplished with proficiency and energy. Time, age and health have changed "Fire Missions" into "Mission Impossible." This is why we are sending out an urgent message to our membership to help us "fight one more round" and not dissolve what we have tried so hard to hold together since our inception in 1995. We are certain that there is a warrior out there with enough energy and determination to accept a handoff and run with the ball for a little while longer.

Col (Ret) Tony Radice

SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1900 hours in the Association Museum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was offered in memory of our fallen comrades and those on sick call. Both Col Gerry Minchin and LTC Jake Parvin were especially remembered and commented on.

Commander's Report: We had a large and enthusiastic turn-out for our monthly meeting as a result of a recent letter mailed to our membership regarding the future of our association. It was very gratifying to see faces we have not seen for some time and faces of younger soldiers that we hope will carry our Association forward. Issues of why there has been a lack of support and attendance were discussed. No issues surfaced that everyone was not already aware of. What was accomplished was to generate enough positive attitudes in some of the younger members so as to have them realize that the future of the Association is indeed in peril of dissolving if someone with energy and determination does not volunteer to carry it forward. CPT Kantor, through our web site, has generated additional contact power through Facebook and commented how successful it has been in the short time it has been in existence. You can access the Facebook through our web site (www.112FA.org). We are confident that this additional means of

communication will wake up some of the dormant talent we have in our midst. AD's for the 2012 AD Book has begun and we have received \$600.00 to date. Please help us make the 2012 Dine Out a memorial one by taking out an AD and attending the event on March 3rd, 2012 in the Tavistock Country Club. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

Museum Report (CW Elberson): Good news! A lot of rain – still no leaks.

Financial Review: CPT Strumpfer reported that the audit report was completed and the association is operating within the financial guidelines as required.

There being no more items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours. Our next meeting is October 5th.

TRUISMS

- 1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.**
- 2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.**
- 3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.**
- 4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.**
- 5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.**

WORKING OUT IN THE GYM

An old guy (not in the best of shape) was working out in the gym when he spotted a sweet young thing. He asked the trainer that was nearby, "What machine in here should I use to impress that sweet thing over there?"

The trainer looked him up and down and said, "I would try the ATM in the lobby."

MILITARY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

1941 – The Military Police Corps is established.

1945 – Japan formally surrenders (V-J Day).

2001 – The Global War on Terrorism begins.

DID YOU KNOW

- 1. Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.**
- 2. The words “racecar”, “kayak” and “level” are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.**
- 3. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.**
- 4. A “jiffy” is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.**
- 5. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don’t appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.**
- 6. Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.**
- 7. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.**
- 8. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.**
- 9. The cruise liner, QE 2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.**
- 10. There are more chickens than people in the world.**

IF YOU LIVE IN NEW JERSEY

You have the second highest per capita income in the U.S.

You were the first State to ratify the Bill of Rights on Nov. 20, 1789.

You have more race horses than Kentucky.

You have more Cubans in Union City than Havana, Cuba.

You have the densest system of highways and railroads in the U.S.

You have the highest cost of living.

You have the highest cost of auto insurance.

You have the highest property taxes in the nation.

FEEL BETTER NOW?

HAVING A BABY

The room was full of pregnant women and their partners, and the class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the plan.

The teacher then announced, “Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. And, Gentlemen, it wouldn’t hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner!”

The room really got quiet. Finally a man in the middle of the group raised his hand. “Yes?” replied the teacher. “Is it all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?”



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.

THE KOREAN WAR

(This is the ninth of a twelve part set of short comments on Wars fought beginning with the American Revolution through the Iraq War)

As World War II drew to a close, Korea had been under Japanese control for 40 years. The United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, ostensibly still allies, agreed to divide it at the 38th parallel; a Communist government was soon in place in the north and a corrupt but anti-communist government in the south. The USSR and China suggested to North Korea that U.S. military intervention resulting from an invasion was unlikely, and in 1950 the North invaded, quickly overrunning Seoul and much of the South. The newly formed United Nations Security Council condemned the action, and troops from the United States and 16 other nations were dispatched to the area. As UN troops under General MacArthur approached the Chinese border late in the year, the Chinese entered the fray with limited Soviet air involvement. Armistice talks

broke down in August 1951, and during the war's final two years both sides became entrenched near their original borders.

THE BEST STORY OF THE YEAR

The Pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers. Suzie Smith stood and walked to the podium. She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Tom, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed...The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him." You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagine the pain that poor Tom must have experienced.

"Tom was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain..." We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Tom's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place." Again, the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Tom. "Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Tom is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely." All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium. He said, "I'm Tom Smith." The entire congregation held its breath. "I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

1. There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
2. A Hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside.
3. Thomas Edison, the light bulb inventor, was afraid of the dark.
4. During your lifetime, you'll eat about 60,000 pounds of food. That's the weight of about 6 elephants.
5. Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep him cool. He changed it every two innings.

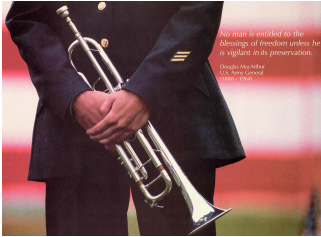
NEVER FORGET THAT

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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