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# **THE LAMPETTE**

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**Summer 2011 Issue**

## **1. THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:**

Welcome to the Summer Issue of *The Lampette*, and thanks in advance to those of you who have sent in articles. Our Editor appreciates correspondence from the membership and updates on happenings.

Also, be sure to check our website periodically for the latest information about the Association and its activities. Through the efforts of COL Lawrence M. Bellman, our Information Technology Chairman, we have expanded the website's capacity for more information and pictures. We also have increased our e-mail database for the electronic distribution of *The Lampette* and notification of activities, including membership meetings and memorial services. If you or someone you know has yet to submit an e-mail address, please do so ASAP. Each conversion from "snail mail" to e-mail saves us postage. Mr. Malcolm R. Schade has been doing a great job in refining our membership rosters and distribution programs so that we may reach out to our members and friends, whether it is to support a local function or to communicate with our national and international membership.

Regarding activities, we started the New Year with a delegation from the Association bidding a safe journey to Iraq to the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade at their deployment ceremony at Ft. Dix, NJ on 23 January. The delegation was led by MG George E. Barker, who addressed the Brigade and reminded them of their heritage with the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the importance of carrying on our traditions. I was privileged to present the Division's Headquarters and Headquarters Company Guidon, which was retired in 1965, to the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade Commander, COL Stephen Falcone. Also attending the ceremony were BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr., COL Edwin G. Logan, COL Halvor N. Adams, III ( a former commander of the brigade), CW4 Edward C. Grant, his son, and Malcolm Schade. Incidentally, CW4 Grant ensured that the 77<sup>th</sup> Division flag was prominently displayed during the ceremony. We also were able to extend our best wishes to MSG Chester L. Marcus, Jr., a former director of our Association and member of the brigade upon deployment to Iraq.

The Mid-Winter meeting at the Swan Club on 23 March had an excellent turn-out in spite of some wet snow falling outside. Several new members were welcomed into membership, including attendees CW5 Robert Neglia and SGT Frank J. Morea. SGT Morea is a veteran of WWII and perhaps our oldest active member at the age of 97. BG Bob Winzinger recruited the SGT from the

Rockland Co. area. COL Frank J. Koegl is a committee of one responsible for the sale of our 77<sup>th</sup> logo merchandise. He introduced the latest item for sale: 77th logo quality wine glasses. Through COL Koegl's efforts and the positive response from members and friends of the Association, we have raised approximately one thousand dollars from the sale of logo merchandise for the memorial fund. Detailed information is available on our website.

The Spring Luncheon at the Swan Club on 18 May also had excellent attendance. Conversation and the food were great pluses, and BG Harry Mott and Mary presented each lady with a special scented candle. CW5 Paul Silverman joined the Association and was presented with a logo wine glass and a lapel pin.

On 20 May COL Logan participated in the Convocation and Awards Ceremony at the US Military Academy at West Point, where he presented the Association's annual Award to the graduating cadet who ranked highest in National Security and Public Affairs.

The Association, along with the 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Veterans Society, hosted a Memorial Service in Central park on Saturday, 6 June. MG William D. R. Waff, Commander, 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, was the keynote speaker. General Waff also presented the French Jubilee of Liberty medal to two veterans of the invasion of Normandy. The former Statue of Liberty Band, now designated the 319<sup>th</sup> US Army Band, gave a tremendous performance in support of the ceremony. Our efforts to refurbish the Grove in Central Park are beginning to materialize with the agreement from the Central Park Conservancy for us to proceed with the replacement of three missing 307<sup>th</sup> Company plaques. This is the initial phase of the master plan.

The Association continues to support various projects, activities and the memorial services. Similar to other organizations, we are in need of resources, especially help on the various committees and continued financial contributions from the membership, which are appreciated. Please let us know if you have some time to help out. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer vacation period.

## **2. SPRING SOCIAL AT THE SWAN CLUB:**

On 18 May, the Spring Social was once again another rousing success and, as usual, a DDD (Delightful Dawson Day) at the Swan Club. The weather was bright and warm, the repast was sumptuous, and, of course, the cocktail hour helped to ensure the conviviality of all attendees. BG Mott led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the invocation by CHAP (COL) Joseph Orlandi. President COL Louis Sudholz welcomed the members and guests, and reviewed some of the Association's upcoming activities, including the West Point Graduation Awards Ceremony on 20 May and the 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Veterans Society memorial and awards presentation ceremony in Central Park on 6 June. New member CSM Walter E. Noller was a guest speaker. He made a short presentation about the Wounded Warrior program on Long Island and requested the Association's support of this outstanding program. This worth-while organization on Long Island provides especially equipped bicycles and other support for wounded veterans. He also conducted a Wounded Warrior golf shirt raffle to benefit the Wounded Warrior Program.

## **3. U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AWARDS CONVOCATION:**

Friday, 20 May, started as a cloudy, overcast day but, just as the parade commenced, the sun broke out for what became a beautiful day. Led by COL Logan, four members and guests attended the traditional graduation parade on The Plain and, later, the Awards Convocation in Eisenhower Hall. Members attending were COL Koegl; LTC and Mrs. John W. Peterkin and four guests; CW4 and Mrs. Grant and SFC Ronald I. Peters and guest. COL Logan presented our annual award to

Cadet Joshua E. Medow from Brookline, MA, for ranking highest in National Security and Public Affairs. Cadet Medow and his family joined us at the reception immediately following the ceremony. His initial assignment is The Infantry School at Fort Benning. Upon completion, he will join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade at Fort Lewis.

#### **4. MIDWINTER MEETING:**

It was a rough weather night, but 43 of our members braved the elements and enjoyed an evening of camaraderie at the Swan Club on 23 March. After the cocktail hour, COL Sudholz introduced MG Anthony R. and Mrs. Joanne Kropp and BG's Harry Mott and Robert Winzinger. General Mott led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then it was time for a sumptuous buffet dinner followed by a short summary of the Board's activities by President Lou Sudholz, who then introduced five new members: LTC's Ivan Cornielle, Mitchell S. Pickman, and Jay W. Yee, CW5 Robert Neglia and SFC Richard J. Conti. Each of the newbies received a welcoming gift of a wine goblet with a Liberty Patch etched on it. BG Bob Winzinger brought a special guest, Mr. Frank J. Morea. Frank was a SGT with the 304<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 77<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div., in WWII. Our 97 year old guest said a few words about his service and received a hearty round of applause. He later joined our Association. Welcome Frank! COL Frank Koegl spoke about the 77<sup>th</sup> memorabilia he has for sale. COL Larry Bellman described the changes made to our web site and requested submissions from the members for inclusion in the site. BG Mott requested contributions for *The Lampette*. As usual, the Swan Club did an outstanding job and thanks go to COL Martin Dawson for making the arrangements. The evening meeting is held so that members who are working have an opportunity to enjoy meeting with former associates. Next year ladies and significant others will be invited. Bring a friend.

#### **5. COLONEL "MANNY" SCHECHET REMEMBERED:**

(Thanks to BG Russell C. Wright.)

COL Manuel (Manny) M. Schechet passed away on 15 December 2010 of heart failure. He was 93 years old and leaves Virginia, his wife of 62 years. COL Schechet was a member of the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from 1946 until his retirement in 1971. Manny was born in July 1918 in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, but was essentially a native of New York City, having arrived there at a very young age. He graduated from City College of New York in June 1939 with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree, *cum laude*. In 1957, after his active duty during World War II, he received a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering, *cum laude*, from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

From February 1942 to March 1946, he served with distinction in the 81<sup>st</sup> Infantry (Wildcat) Division and rose in rank from 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel. In his latter rank he commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 132<sup>nd</sup> Infantry through the Palau Island campaign, Philippine campaign and the occupation of Japan. His decorations and awards included the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge. Upon his release from active duty in 1946, he continued his service in the U.S. Army Reserve as a member of the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, attaining the rank of Colonel and the position of Division Operations Officer G-3, from which he retired.

#### **6. 77<sup>TH</sup> STORIES:**

a. WWI – Recently we were contacted by Mr. Edwin Prach who wanted to donate some WWI memorabilia of his father, SGT Frank J. Prach. Among the papers he sent was the following excerpt from G.O. 48, 77<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div.:

“HEADQUARTERS 77<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
AMERICAN E.F.

December 18, 1918

GENERAL ORDERS No. 48.

1. I desire to record the General Orders of this Division’s tribute to the valorous conduct of the following Officers and Enlisted Men who have distinguished themselves by their splendid courage, service and sacrifices: -

Sergeant Frank J. Prach, #1705246, Co. I, 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry – on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1918, Sergeant Prach under heavy shell and machine gun fire and with complete disregard of his own personal safety, went to the aid of two wounded comrades, bound them up and helped carry them to a place of safety, there-by displaying remarkable devotion to duty. He also materially assisted his platoon leader in leading the men through heavy machine gun fire to a place of safety.

ROBERT ALEXANDER  
Major General, USA.,  
Commanding

OFFICIAL:  
LOUIS B. GEROW,  
Adjutant General,  
Division Adjutant.”

Mr. Edwin Prach is himself a veteran of WWII.

b. From MSG (Ret.) Ed Miller:

“Dear COL Logan,

It was a pleasure to hear from you. Sorry not to have answered sooner but I have been running like crazy. I joined Co. E, 307<sup>th</sup> Inf., 77<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. in October 1942. I stayed with that company until approx. 1 Dec.1945 when I departed Japan to come home. I had an absence of 30 to 45 days in 1945 when I was wounded on Ie Shima. I was talking to Ernie Pyle and our Bn Cmdr when he was killed by a machine gun and I was hit with a mortar. I went back to Saipan and was there until about the middle of May when I returned to the Company on Okinawa and never left again until I came home from Saporro Japan. My listing in the Div. history book is on page 527, right hand column 11 down from the top. I had a name change when I was in Korea in 1959 because of a problem of a lawyer with the same name in the same bank. I retired on 31 Dec 1971 at Ft. Myer Va. My company aid man received the CMH on Okinawa. I was proud to call him a friend. He was Desmond Doss. He passed away several years ago at home. Thanks for taking the time to contact me. I truly appreciate it.

MSG (Ret.) M. Edward Miller”.

**7. MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

Two of our Board members, COL’s **Bob Braverman** and **Bob Brenner**, suffered heart attacks in early December 2010. Both are recovering with the help of their children. **Beverly**

**Wilke**, wife of Board member, **CPT Doug Wilkie**, is seriously ill. These folks need our prayers and well wishes.

**COL Bob Bunch** writes that two nieces conned him into having a family reunion. His daughter was also going to lend a hand. When the time came to do the work, they all disappeared and he and wife, Provi, did all the work (sound familiar?) They plan on going to Turkey this year and Provi expects to retire later this year. Pat Smith Holzel, sister of **Chaplain (COL) Wesley Smith**, wrote that the Chaplain now lives in Santa Fe. She also mentioned she enjoyed Mr. Scatterday's story in the last issue, about finding the book on the history of the 77<sup>th</sup>.

**COL Bart Rovins** thanks us for remembering his father **COL Leonard Rovins** in the last Memorial Service. He said, "Dad always held his military service and time with the 77<sup>th</sup> in the highest regard, as evidenced by his influence on my military service and that of my son, **CPT Mike Rovins**, an Army aviator and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran." He also expressed his regrets about learning of BG "Jumping Joe" Conlon's passing. Joe was his battalion commander. Thanks Bart, and all the best to you and CPT Mike. **COL Louis Sudholz** informed us that **Irene Patane**, the wife of **CWO Donald Patane**, passed away on 28 October 2010 after a long illness. CWO Patane was the Assistant to the Adjutant General of the Division until the time of its deactivation. He was a former director of the Association. Don and Irene were familiar attendees at Association events throughout the years. We extend our deepest sympathy to Don and the family.

**COL Bruce Castka**, writes, "What an outstanding issue. I certainly appreciate being kept in the loop." Thank you Bruce. **MAJ Walter McEnaney** informed us he would like to receive correspondence via email (<wmcenaney@gmail.com>) and that he goes back to the activation of the 77<sup>th</sup> with MG J. O. Adler, as CG and his service in the 302<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Bn. **COL Otis Brown** sent the following about the 23 March mid-winter meeting: "Hello Mr. Schade, It was great meeting you last night and seeing some long lost friends and acquaintances. Let me know how I can be of service to the Association. Thanks for everything". We sure will Otis!

Congratulations to **MSG Mary Lou Bornmann**, the Board's Executive Administrator. She has been asked to be the Grand Marshal of the Floral Park Memorial Day parade. She says "What a hoot! I can't wait!" Enjoy Mary Lou, you earned it. **Mr. Edwin Prach**, of Whitefish, Montana, sent us WWI mementoes of his father and uncle. His father was in the 307<sup>th</sup> Regt. of the 77<sup>th</sup> and his uncle served in the 27<sup>th</sup> Div. Both were wounded. Some of these rare items will be used in our future display in Kaine Hall and the rest of the 77<sup>th</sup> material will go to the museum at Ft. Dix. The 27<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. memorabilia will be sent to their PAO. Thank you Mr. Prach, and thank you for your service in WWII. **MAJ Jim Healy** said he received the latest "*Lampette* (quite a production), but did not recognize a single name as being someone I knew." He also said, living in Pennsylvania, he cannot attend our activities. We wish you good health, Jim, and keep looking.

**LTC Tim Dyas** said he was honored to be the Association's Poet Laureate. You can read his latest effort in the next section. Thanks Tim, stay with it. **Charlie Muhs**, son of **SGT Charlie Muhs**, of the 305<sup>th</sup> Inf. WWII, writes a retiree newsletter for air traffic controllers of Alaska, called *Our Time*. Here is what he says about our publication. "Just a quick note on *The Lampette*. You do great work to keep the memory alive. It is more important today than ever. Every day a small part of our lives disappears and before long the memory of who came before us will be gone if we fail to tell their story. You do this work with *The Lampette* and I try to accomplish this with *Our Time*. I especially enjoyed H.W. Scatterday, Jr.'s story of the 77<sup>th</sup>. I know exactly how he felt. I too had that very experience when I received my copy of *Ours to Hold It High*. Thanks to our connection, I feel a part of the 77<sup>th</sup> and my father's part in this great Division." Thanks Charlie! Enjoy the fishing up there!

**COL Ralph Torino** complimented us on the 2010 memorial Service. He also said his son, Kenneth, a retired IBM Vice President, has invented two eco-friendly alternative power sources for

travelers – the Power Box and the Pocket Socket. Anyone interested can reach Ralph at 516 747-3701. **Chaplain (COL) Francis Midura** made a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine in Lourdes, France, last year. On a side trip to Spain, the tour guide arranged for the group to celebrate mass in Loyola, in the same room where St. Ignatius converted. He asks that we remember one another in our daily prayers. Thank you Monsignor. Stay well and God Bless.

**LTC Leo Petrover** wrote, “I first remember BG Mott from AT 1953 at Camp Drum. Also MG Ochs-Adler, CG, (NY Times) and BG Kaine ADC, as I was Division HQ’s Defense Platoon Leader with added duty as Division HQ’s Asst. Supply Officer, (go-fer) . I regularly infiltrated (in spite of the Liberty Patch and lowly 2LT butter bars on my uniform) our NYANG cousins for religious services and Kelly’s Kosher (Irish) kitchen of the 42’s Medical Battalion. Ah, those were the days! I was elected commander of Post 459 of the Jewish War Veterans of USA for 2011. We generally meet in Century Village (West), Boca Raton, Florida. Our Post volunteers and participates in twice monthly visits to those mobile veterans domiciled and in-patient at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, offering recreation, entertainment, bingo prizes and Jewish Holy Day support to one and all. In mid-March, my wife Debbie and I plan to visit our youngest son, his family, our extended families and Florida and New York friends in Jerusalem.” Sorry, Leo, BG Mott did not join the Division until 1963. However, your trip sounds wonderful. How about a follow up for the next issue?

**MG Bill Collins** and his wife Pat were expecting their first grandchild this past February. He now has a brand new grandson named William! They have been doing a bit of traveling to Albuquerque, Boston, Nashville and, of course, Golden, CO, where their children are. He kids that he is not sure “how much longer they can put up with TSA -- but they have a lousy but important job.” All the best to you and Pat. Another world traveler (in 2010) was **MG Michael Boyd**. Four trips to Florida, two to England, but the highlight of his year was a wonderful trip to Egypt and Jordan. (Good thing you did it last spring) In Jordan he visited Petra and Mount Nebo and floated in the Dead Sea. In Egypt he did a Nile cruise and, “marveled at the wonders of Ancient Egypt from the pyramids to the tombs in the Valley of the Kings to the temples in Luxor and Aswan to Abu Simbel.” Glad you’re back safely General, but try to visit some quieter places this year. A wonderful trip! Thank you for sharing.

While visiting friends in South Carolina, **BG Harry Mott** was asked to speak to their grandchild’s class at Brashier Middle College. (A General never turns down a chance to speak.) The class was studying WWII and the Korean War. The teacher, Mr. Mark Roberts, asks his students to complete an “exit pass” after each class. Mr. Roberts wrote, “When I read this comment I get a little choked up.” “General Mott has helped me to make a decision about what I am going to do next year. I have always wanted to be in the Army or Marines. I have thought about going to the Academy at West Point, but still wasn’t sure if I should go through with it. Now, I think I know that is what I want to do. Next year, I have a chance to go to West Point in December to experience what its like to be there as a cadet. I am making the choice now to do that. Thank you General.” We should all do something like this. It’s important for each generation to hear about what we do and have done for our country.

**SGM Vincent Smith**, long time SAA of the 800<sup>th</sup> MP Bde, passed away on 30 March. He was a dedicated professional and will be missed by many. **COL Larry Bellman** just completed acting performances at 9 different libraries and communities, playing the part of George Thomas, in a “Bloomin’ of Ivy.” He never slows down. **LTC Robert H. Saverese** wrote to COL Koegl saying, “I look back fondly on all the characters I met through the Army Reserve.” He remains in banking and makes good use of his free time. Last October he spent a week in Shanghai, visiting the World’s Fair – Expo 2010. In September he is booked for a horseback/wine tasting trip near Bordeaux, France. Sounds like fun Robert, enjoy, especially the tasting end of the trip!

**BG Robert Winzinger** and **BG Joseph Conlon** will be inducted into the Niagara University ROTC Hall of Fame on 8 October 2011. This prestigious honor was initiated by **COL Kevin Harrington**, already a member. All three are alumni of Niagara. **COL Leonard Draves**, a former CO of the 77<sup>th</sup> RTU, has been located through research by Malcolm Schade. He is deployed to Afghanistan. Good luck Colonel and be safe. **COL Al Nadler** reports **MAJ Ed Nemeth** is doing well. Continue on that course Ed. We miss you. **SGM Anthony Filosa** and several others just made a trip to Europe to visit the Normandy landing beaches on 6 June 2011. Hopefully we will get a write up on the trip for our next issue.

## 8. POTPOURRI:

### a. Quiz Answers:

Well, CW4 Lenny Polikoff was at it again and got the second and third questions right. Lenny wrote: “your questions are getting tougher and my computer was almost smoking to get the answers.” The answers are:

(1) By top three Purple Heart Medal recipients, I meant who had the most. The top three are: BG Robert Frederick (8), COL David Hackworth (8) and COL Robert Howard (8), all Army. MG James L. Day, USMC, had six Purple Hearts.

(2) CPT Bill Overstreet, 357<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, in a P-51C named “Berlin Express” pursued a German BF-109G and passed through the arches of the Eiffel Tower. Yes, Lenny, he did get that Fokker. (Sorry, it was a Messerschmitt.) His final victory tally was 10.

(3) The 27<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Infantry Regiment of Maine was the unit that had Medals of Honor presented to all 864 members for agreeing to extend their enlistments to defend Washington. In 1916, a Congressional review determined the medals were improperly awarded and the recipients’ names were stricken from the Medal of Honor list.

Thank you Lenny and, yes, you can get back to your job of being retired, but, not until you try the next three questions.

### b. New Questions:

(1) After the British captured Washington, what big mistake did they make in Bladensburg, Maryland?

(2) Who was the first woman to be executed by the Federal Government? Why, where, how and when?

(3) Who invented the ubiquitous P38 can opener?

c. COL Douglas Wheelock is the first Active Army astronaut to command the international space station. He took command on 22 September 2010 for a six month tour.

### d. Ever Wondered Why?

X’s at the end of a letter signify kisses because in the Middle Ages most people could not read or write and documents were often signed with an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document.

### e. ATM Warning:

Skimmers are devices thieves use to capture account information from your credit cards’ magnetic strips at ATM’s. Most ATMs have a flashing light at the card slot. If the light is obscured, it is a sign of tampering. Also, if a card slot is loose or a different color than the rest of the machine, don’t use it. Finally, cover the keypad when you put in your PIN to prevent a spy camera from picking it up.

f. Federal Government Does Not Set Interest Rates for Credit Cards: States where the credit card companies are chartered, or have their headquarters, may not have strong usury laws, so the companies can charge higher interest rates, e.g., Delaware.

g. COL Michael M. Jones:

COL Jones was awarded the “Minuteman” medal by Malcolm Schade for the fastest response ever to an inquiry in *The Lampette*, 71 minutes after our most recent issue was distributed by email. COL Jones provided information that CW4 Kenneth W. Vanderwater had passed away in about 2008. Unfortunately, we recently learned that COL Jones himself passed away on 3 June 2011.

h. Hospital Chart Bloopers (Actual Writings):

- (1) The patient refused autopsy.
- (2) The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- (3) Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
- (4) She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
- (5) Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.

i. ROA’s Executive Director, MG David Bockel, has suggested a reorganization of the 54 departments into six regional organizations for more effective control and administration. We’ll see.

j. Telephone Scam:

The phone rings and a recorded voice tells you to call a telephone number concerning a package. Copy these area codes and leave them near your phone: 284, 473, 649, 664, 784, 809, 876. They are all Caribbean codes. At a minimum, the scam may run up your telephone bill significantly for each call.

k. “Brevity Is the Soul of Wit”:

The term “flak” comes from the German word *flugerabwehrkanone*, which means “flier defense cannon.” That’s a little much to say when you are getting shot at, so fliers started abbreviating the cannon shots to FLAK.

l. Aphorisms:

- (1) Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- (2) Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

m. An old veteran, when asked about what he wanted done at his funeral, replied: “Don’t play Taps, play revelry.”

n. Questions for Grandchildren (answers at the end of this section):

- (1) What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards?
- (2) What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
- (3) Only three words in standard English begin with the letters “dw”, and they are all common words. What are they?

o. Safe Deposit Box Caution:

If your bank is taken over, look for a bill for your safe deposit box from the new bank, since these fees aren’t always deducted automatically from your account. If you don’t notice the bill or forget to pay, the new bank may turn over the contents of the box to your state’s escheat office, which typically sells the contents. Even though they kept their bank accounts active, some people have had a box escheated and lost family heirlooms forever.

p. From ROA:

(1) You’ve heard this before: Why are so many of the most talented officers now abandoning military life for the private sector? An exclusive survey of West Point graduates shows that it’s not just money. Increasingly, the military is creating a command structure that rewards conformism and ignores merit. As a result, it’s losing its vaunted ability to cultivate entrepreneurs in uniform.

(2) Bank robbery in reverse: One of the nation's biggest banks (JP Morgan Chase) admitted that it overcharged several thousand military families for their mortgages, including families of troops fighting in Afghanistan. The bank also told NBC News that it improperly foreclosed on more than a dozen military families. The admissions were an outgrowth of a lawsuit filed by Marine Capt. Jonathan Rowles. Rowles is the backseat pilot of an F/A 18 Delta fighter jet and has served the nation as a marine for five years. He and his wife say they've been battling Chase almost that long.

q. Currently there are 90 members in the U.S. House of Representatives who are veterans: 26 are Democrats and 64 are Republicans. The Speaker of the House, John A. Boehner (R), is a US Navy veteran.

r. Quotes:

(1) By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. -- Socrates

(2) I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. -- Groucho Marx

(3) I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. -- Bob Hope

s. U.S. Flag Protocol (Order of Precedence for Flag Display):

According to Department of Defense Directive 1005.8, the prescribed precedence of military flags is determined by service birthday. The appropriate order is as follows:

Army Birthday	14 June 1775
Marine Corps Birthday	10 November 1775
Navy Birthday	13 October 1775
	Abolished February 1781
	Reinstated 7 September 1781
Air Force Birthday	18 September 1947
*Coast Guard Birthday	4 August 1790
Army National Guard	
Army Reserve	
Marine Corps Reserve	
Naval Reserve	
Air National Guard	
Air Force Reserve	
Coast Guard Reserve	

\* According to the Institute of Heraldry, and in keeping with the order in which troops are listed in Department of Defense 1005.8, during peacetime the Coast Guard falls under the Department of Homeland Security. During wartime, if the Coast Guard comes under the control of the Department of Defense, then the Coast Guard flag would come before the Air Force flag in order of precedence.

t. Veteran Warning (from Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs):

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on the VA and gathering personal information on veterans. **This organization is not affiliated with the VA in any way.** Web sites with the name "vaservices" immediately after the "www." **are not** part of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Government agency. Do not go to them or if approached or called, do not offer them any information concerning yourself or data on other veterans. Keep in mind that the real VA website ends in ".gov". Also, be aware that the Department of Veterans Affairs

does not randomly call veterans, nor does it ask veterans for information which it does not already have – like Social Security Numbers. In particular, if you have not dealt with the VA previously – and in person – and all of a sudden, you receive a call from someone saying they are with the VA or something similar sounding, hang up the phone. Also, do not respond to emailings which suggest that they are from the VA. The VA never conducts official business nor asks for personal information by email.

u. From AARP:

(1) Your brain retains new stuff better if, after learning it, you get a good night's sleep or grab a nap, according to recent research by the Harvard Medical School.

(2) Frozen food doesn't stay tasty forever. The USDA says frozen entrees keep just three to four months.

(3) You can save on your electric bill by reducing the brightness on your high-definition TV.

(4) Get audio books for free from LibriVox.org. This is a worldwide digital library with more than 4,000 unabridged classics in the public domain. Free audiobooks are also available through literalsystems.org and audiobooksforfree.com. (You also can download .pdf file copies of millions of books in the public domain from the "Books" page at "More" on Google.com.)

v. Here's Why (from *Army Times*):

The popular phrase, "lock, stock and barrel," dates back to the Revolutionary War period. Here is why soldiers used it: American soldiers used the expression with new volunteers while issuing them a smooth-bore musket composed of a "lock" (*i.e.*, in those days, the combination hammer – also called a "cock", flint, frizzen, flash pan, springs and trigger), wooden butt stock and steel barrel. "It meant you received a complete functioning weapon, ready for battle," said Frank Hanner, a historian at the National History Museum, Fort Benning, Georgia. But over the years, he said, "the phrase has morphed into a generic meaning along the lines of, you get everything you were supposed to get."

w. From LTC Tim Dyas (77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ROA "Poet Laureate"):

**IN TUNE?**

And the anthems heard  
round the world  
reveal the best of  
every nation.

Would'st their actions  
be in harmony with  
the music!

x. The new logo of AAFES is a large X. The left side is red (for the Army) and the right side is blue (for the Air Force).

y. Postal Rate Increase for More than One Ounce:

There was a postal rate increase on 17 April. The first ounce is still 44 cents, but the cost of each additional ounce went up 3 cents, to 20 cents. They snuck that one in. Please send us your email address if you are not receiving this issue by that means.

z. *Army Echoes*:

Their first online issue can be found on the Army G-1 homepage at <<http://www.armyg1.army.mil/retire>> under "News You Can Use". Because of budget constraints, a hard copy will not be printed or mailed out to retirees at this time.

aa. Quotes for Speeches:

(1) "About one fifth of the people are against everything all the time." -- Robert Kennedy

(2) "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." -- G. K. Chesterton

(3) "Those who hammer their guns into plows will plow for those who do not...." -- Thomas Jefferson

bb. Answers to Questions for Grandchildren (See Paragraph "n" Above):

(1) Niagara Falls – about 2 ½ feet a year worn away by the water flow.

(2) The strawberry.

(3) Dwarf, Dwell, Dwindle.

**9. FLORIDA DETACHMENT:**

(Thanks to CW4 Leonard E. Polikoff.)

Thirteen members and their ladies of the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ROA (Florida Detachment) held their annual luncheon reunion at the West Palm Beach Airport Hilton Hotel in February. Attending were BG Russ and Mrs. Hilda Wright; COL Ron and Mrs. Doris Blau; COL Charlie and Mrs. Lora Sues; COL Roy and Mrs. Carol Conklin\*; CW4 Lenny Polikoff and Sophie Herman and Mrs. Virginia Schechet, the widow of the late COL Manuel Schechet. The Hilton, as they have in the past, extended to the group the use of their private dining room and we all enjoyed a delightful, deluxe buffet lunch. A prospective new member to our group, COL John Sullivan, former commandant of the 1163<sup>rd</sup> USARF School, was scheduled to join us but an injury from a bicycle accident the day before prevented him from doing so. We all wished him a speedy recovery and expressed the hope he will join us at our next reunion. BG Wright asked for a moment of silent meditation in respect to the memory of our departed comrade COL Manuel Schechet. Tentative plans were made for a Caribbean cruise for this coming December.

\*Editor's note: COL Conklin and I were in the same OCS class at Benning School for Boys, 1951-1952. Roy was awarded a Silver Star in Korea, in late 1953.

**10. UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FT. TOTTEN:**

On 6 November 2011, the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ROA will hold its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service, to honor former members who, in the past year, have answered the last roll call. Families of the deceased will receive invitations to the service, which will be held in the Fort Totten chapel at 1330 hours.

Upon completion of the service, all are invited to attend the wreath-laying service in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove, honoring those reserve soldiers who lost their lives in the twin towers on 9/11/01. Refreshments will follow and all are invited to join us in the Ernie Pyle Reserve Center drill hall. As of publication date, those being remembered will include: BG Bruce M. Jacobs; COL's Andrew "Andy" K. Bentley, Michael M. Jones, Ferdinand H. Flick, Robert L. McClean, Manuel M. Schechet, Doris Van Baalen; LTC's Joseph Saouter, Peter J. Walsh; MAJ's Henry H. Graelman, Frederick A. Herbst; CW4's Alfred L. Plessner, Kenneth W. Vanderwater; CW3 Ralph G. Cascardo; SGM Vincent F. Smith; and PFC Warren T. Sagerhorn. Please join us as we honor these great soldiers. Should you know of any other members who have passed on since our last service, please notify MSG Mary Lou Bornmann at <msgmlb@aol.com>.

**11. BOARD MEMBER PROFILE:**

COL Martin and Renee Dawson will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on this June 15<sup>th</sup>. Their three children, part of the scattered generation, live in southern California and Austin, TX. Marty was CO of the 77<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn and the last Division Signal Officer. Upon the formation of the 77<sup>th</sup> ARCOM at Fort Wadsworth on 1 February 1968, he was appointed AC of S G-2. He is the last survivor of that original General Staff. Despite sight in just one eye, he plays two sets of singles tennis a week. Marty will be 90 this fall. Keep moving Colonel!

**12. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**

Once again, we call the membership’s attention to our newly designed web site, <[www.77thindiv.roa.org](http://www.77thindiv.roa.org)>. The site features easy to use pull down tabs and is full of current Association news and events planned, as well as helpful information for our veterans. Please note the vacation trip section. We urge you to share with us your experiences, good deals uncovered and public vacation destinations for our membership. For example, notice the Space A tips. Please share your travel tips with us as well and any comments or information you wish to share with us on recent visits to MWR sites such as Shades of Green, Hale Koa, and other military recreation and installation locations. Additionally if you have any happenings that can be reported in *The Lampette*, as an alternative to postal mail, you can email this data to <[webmaster@77thindiv.roa.org](mailto:webmaster@77thindiv.roa.org)>, and we will make sure it will be reported in *The Lampette*.

**13. DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Business Luncheon – Swan Club	12 October 2011
Annual Memorial Service – Ft. Totten	6 November 2011
<b>Evening</b> Membership Meeting – Swan Club	14 March 2012
Spring Luncheon – Swan Club	16 May 2012

**14. TELEPHONE CONTACT:**

Should you wish to contact us, you can call Master Sergeant (Ret.) Mary Lou Bornmann at (516) 732-9705. She will pass along your message.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER.**

LOUIS H. SUDHOLZ, JR.  
Colonel, (USA) Ret.  
President

“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage,  
on imagination and on unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”

-- Harry S Truman