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# **THE LAMPETTE**

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

As we go to press with this issue of *The Lampette*, we want to keep in mind those members, relatives, friends and the many others who have suffered significant losses as a result of Hurricane Sandy. While we are aware of MAJ (P) Thomas P. Sullivan's loss of his home in Breezy Point, the flooding of COL Allen J. Nadler's home in Howard Beach, along with COL Seymour Kaplan's sister's home in Massapequa and my daughter Debbie's home in Seaford, there may be others out there whom we are not aware of at this time. If anyone is or knows of a member who may still need help, please contact us and let us know.

A number of members started off the early fall schedule by participating in the Annual MG Francis Donohue Golf Tournament at West Point. The event is sponsored by the Armed Forces Reserve Family Assistance Fund, of which MG Evo Riguzzi is a director. All of the proceeds from the tournament are allocated to family assistance. While 77<sup>th</sup> members did not win any of the skill prizes this year, it was a good day for a great cause.

On 8 September the cadre at Fort Totten organized a Memorial Service honoring the six 77<sup>th</sup> soldiers who lost their lives in the World Trade Towers on 9/11/01. The Service was held in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove adjacent to the Ernie Pyle USAR Center. Representatives from the Department of Army; MG William D. R. Waff, Commanding General, 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command; MG George E. Barker, BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr.; directors of our Association and soldiers who were drilling that day, were in attendance. MG Richard S. Colt, former commander, 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command, eulogized the six soldiers who were in his command on 9/11.

The 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade hosted a "dining out" at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on 22 September. A small contingent of directors led by BG Bob Winzinger and his wife Marie, attended the function. Other directors in attendance were COLs Ivan Cornielle and Louis H. Sudholz, Jr., MAJ (P) Tom Sullivan, MSG Chester L. Marcus, Jr. and his wife Odetta, and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade. BG Winzinger was the main speaker and presented an abbreviated history of the 77<sup>th</sup> which included some very interesting comments about many of the luminaries who were assigned to 77<sup>th</sup> units at various times since the organization of the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The

information was of particular interest to the younger soldiers who were in attendance. This occasion also provided us with the opportunity to meet COL Joyce B. Junior, who recently assumed command of the Brigade when she replaced COL Stephen J. Falcone upon his completion of command tenure with the Brigade.

The Association's Annual Meeting was held on 10 October at the Swan Club. After a brief business meeting, the assembled group honored COL Martin and Renée Dawson for their many years of service in the Association. Marty became a member when the Association was organized in 1957 and served as a director for more than thirty-five years.

COL Dawson had previously announced his retirement from the board due to driving restrictions. COL Sy Kaplan spoke about COL Dawson's military career and other accomplishments and contributions throughout the years, including the presidency of our Association in the mid-1980s. As tokens of our appreciation, COL Dawson was presented with a miniature Statue of Liberty and Renée was presented with an arrangement of fall flowers.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service in the Fort Totten Chapel and the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove were held on 4 November. Due to the damage from Hurricane Sandy and gasoline shortages, attendance was understandably less than expected. However, we made the decision to hold these services as scheduled based on existing commitments of the various supporting elements, and the difficulty we would have experienced communicating any decision to postpone. While the details of the services are mentioned in another section of *The Lampette*, we would like to thank MG George E. Barker; COL Andrew A. R. Burns, Command Inspector General, 99<sup>th</sup> RSC; COL Lawrence M. Bellman, COL Seymour Kaplan, COL Edwin G. Logan, Chaplain (LTC) Murray E. Stadtmauer, Dr. Pam Phillips, Mr. Malcolm R. Schade, the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, the 389<sup>th</sup> Combat Service Support Battalion and the 319<sup>th</sup> US Army Band for their participation.

Looking ahead to 2013, the board has established three primary goals:

1. Continued coordination with the Central Park Conservancy for the next phases in refurbishing the 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Memorial Grove, which hopefully will include the addition of a WWII component to complete the recognition of the fallen soldiers of that regiment.

2. Resumption of the plans for the refurbishment of the MG John W. Kaine memorabilia and the 77<sup>th</sup> wall in Kaine Hall, Ernie Pyle USAR Center. Now that the construction project in the Center has been completed, we will be presenting details for the completion of the project which were previously initiated and then placed on hold during the construction period.

3. Develop an effective liaison with the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade which will result in better communications, sharing of information and increased participation in mutual activities. A longer range goal is to promote membership of 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade soldiers in our Association so that they may eventually assume leadership positions and carry-on the traditions of the 77<sup>th</sup>. In this regard, COL Ivan Cornielle has been designated liaison officer and will work with the Brigade to explore the various areas of mutual interest.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for your support through attendance at our various activities throughout the year, your participation where possible and contributions of financial support for our memorial programs. Please be sure promptly to notify us of any changes in your postal or email addresses, so that we do not lose touch with you. Please also keep us posted as to your activities by submitting articles to our Editor, MSG Mary Lou Bornmann, for subsequent editions of *The Lampette*. She will appreciate hearing from you, as will your fellow members. As a reminder, the next Association function is our "Mid-Winter" meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening, 27 March 2013, at the Swan Club. We hope to see many of you there.

## **2. FUND RAISING:**

**77<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. Logo Items For Sale!** The 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ROA is offering for sale 77<sup>th</sup> Division wine glasses etched with the 77<sup>th</sup> "Liberty" patch. The wine glasses are one for \$8, two for \$15, and four for \$25. Also available are Memorial Bricks, at \$125 each, installed in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove at Fort Totten. Each brick can be engraved with up to three lines. Order forms are available on our web site: [www.77thinfdivroa.org](http://www.77thinfdivroa.org) . A limited number of baseball caps, embroidered with the Liberty patch, are available for sale at \$15 each.

## **3. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:**

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the September appointment of COL Ivan Cornielle to the board to fill the vacancy created by BG Harry J. Mott, III's departure for Texas. COL Cornielle subsequently was elected to a regular term (until 2014) by vote of the membership at the annual meeting in October. The rest of the slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors for that two year term was approved by the membership present at the luncheon. Following that event, the Board of Directors met and unanimously reelected the existing officers of the Association to continue to serve another year.

## **4. ANNUAL MEETING AND FALL LUNCHEON:**

The 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ROA Annual Meeting and Fall Luncheon were held at the Swan Club on 10 October 2012. All of the 45 attendees enjoyed the Swan Club's open bar, sumptuous buffet and served luncheon. COL Sudholz opened the luncheon program with a brief business meeting, which included the annual election of directors. A special tribute was accorded to COL Marty Dawson, who announced his retirement after more than thirty-five years of faithful service to the Board of Directors and the Association. The luncheon was concluded with a raffle for various gifts, for the benefit of the Memorial Fund. Photos of this event can be viewed at our web site, under the "News and Events" tab.

## **5. BATTLE OF GUAM COMMEMORATION PLANNED:**

A request for assistance by any 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division WWII veterans who participated in the Guam invasion is reprinted below. Any veteran who might be interested in participating in this project is encouraged to contact Mr. James Oelke, at his address below, for further information.

"The 77th Infantry Division is commemorated and appreciated daily at our War in the Pacific National Historical Park on the island of Guam out here in the Pacific (<http://www.nps.gov/wapa>). Due to the efforts of the division in World War Two, the people of Guam are full citizens of the United States of America and the island is the gorgeous home of 170,000 people. The names of the brave soldiers of the 77th who fell in battle here on Guam are engraved in a memorial that is visited daily by those interested in remembering their sacrifices. The battlefields they fought upon are preserved as part of our national park.

So I am writing for several reasons, as the park's museum curator - it is to announce the opening of our new museum exhibits and to ask if the 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers Association, Inc. has contact with any surviving veterans of the Pacific Theater of World War Two campaigns. We are also interested in locations of their oral histories or any artifacts/ documents/ etc. from their experience at Guam. We have a large amount of the photos from their fight here on Guam as well they would love to share with your organization.

The second reason is as the park's historian -- we are preparing to commemorate the 70th

anniversary of the Battle of Guam which will be on July 21, 2014. We would like the 77th Infantry Division to be involved.

At this point, we are in the "thought" process of the early planning. We are in discussions with the USO about doing a 70th anniversary USO show on the invasion beach (now the Asian Beach Unit of our park). The local military will be involved heavily - Navy, Air Force, SeaBees, Coast Guard, etc. and as we have a Marine Corps base in the works here, we have no doubt they will be well represented (as they are annually when their veterans return to the battlefields of Guam, Saipan, and Iwo Jima). The only Army we have on Guam are the Guam National Guard members and while I have no doubt they will be involved - I wanted to contact the lineage of the 77th and find out who we should speak to so we can all brainstorm together.

So...if any of you have ideas with how we can ensure that the 77th is included in the discussions -- we are all ears!

Take care of each other there on the East Coast. I understand this is a challenging period so I do not expect any immediate response.”

The foregoing request for assistance is from: Mr. James Oelke, Cultural Resources Program Manager, War in the Pacific N.H.P., Guam, USA; Tel. Nos. (671) 477-7278, Ext. 1008, (671) 483-9453 -- Cellular.

## **6. 77<sup>th</sup> SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE DINING OUT 2012:**

On 22 September 2012, members of our Association attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dining Out (77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade Profession of Arms Liberty Ball 2012) at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey hosted by COL Joyce B. Junior, Commander, 77<sup>th</sup> STB. BG Bob Winzinger, a NY USAR Ambassador, and COL Terrance R. Holliday, USAFR (Ret.), NYC Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, were guest speakers. COL Stephen J. Falcone, Commander, 316<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), and former Commander, 77<sup>th</sup> STB, and his wife were in attendance. CPT David N. Rodriguez, Jr., HHC Commander, 77<sup>th</sup> STB, served as the master of ceremonies.

Following his remarks, which interspersed anecdotes about famous members of the 77<sup>th</sup> with advice about the importance of professionalism in military service, BG Winzinger was presented with a Statue of Liberty award on behalf of the 77<sup>th</sup> STB, which now carries on the lineage of the 77<sup>th</sup>.

Besides BG Winzinger (and Mrs. Winzinger) and CPT Rodriguez, the other members of our Association who were in attendance included: COLs Ivan Cornielle and Louis H. Sudholz, Jr.; MAJ (P) Thomas P. Sullivan; MSG Chester L. Marcus, Jr. (and Mrs. Marcus); and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade. Photos of this event can be viewed at our web site, under the “Sustainment Bde” tab.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

**LTC John A. LaRocca**, of Holmdel, NJ, passed away on 27 November 2012, at the age of 66. Our condolences go out to his widow, Kathleen, and the rest of his family. John, who was a veteran of the Vietnam War, served as senior civilian for many years with the 8<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade.

**COL Daniel P. O'Neill**, of North Massapequa, passed away on 2 December 2012. His last assignment was with the 318<sup>th</sup> Transportation Unit. LTC LaRocca and COL O'Neill will be remembered at our next annual Memorial Service at Fort Totten, in November 2013.

**The Most Reverend Msgr. (COL) Francis S. Midura**, 67 years of age, died on 30 July 2012. Born in Locust Valley, Msgr. Midura studied for the priesthood at Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY and was ordained in 1970. In 1980 he joined

the Army as Chaplain and served in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. He served with the 411th Engineer Brigade and HQ, 77 RSC.

**COL Richard Cochrane** passed his test to achieve a black belt in karate. Congratulations, Rich!

**MG William Terpeluk** has relocated from St. Louis back to the east coast. He now resides in Rockville, Maryland and hopes to attend our functions now that he is within traveling distance again.

**MG William J. Collins** sends his regards as he is eagerly awaiting the birth of his second grandchild. Congratulations, General!

## **8. ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN:**

**History of the 77<sup>th</sup>.** As previously mentioned, BG Bob Winzinger, Association Historian, gave a speech at the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade's Dining Out on 22 September. We are publishing excerpts from it in order to remember our lineage and the important contributions the 77<sup>th</sup> made to the defense of our country. It highlights some of our more notable veterans.

"The 77<sup>th</sup> Division, National Army, was organized at Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York on August 25, 1917. It was nicknamed the 'Metropolitan Division' because its personnel came almost entirely from New York City. During their 68 days in combat, the division fought in four campaigns: Baccarat, Oise-Aisne, Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne.

Most notable were the exploits of the 'Lost Battalion' with elements of the 306<sup>th</sup>, 307<sup>th</sup> and 308<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalions who for three days repulsed repeated German attacks. The battalion was not in fact lost but advanced into German territory far beyond any other American unit. When asked to surrender by the Germans, Major Charles S. Whittlesey responded 'Come and get us' or words to that effect. I have heard about other, stronger words. Of the 679 men in the unit, only 252 survived. If the 77<sup>th</sup> ever had a mascot, it would 'Cher Ami' (Dear Friend). Cher Ami was a carrier pigeon who brought a message from the unit to higher headquarters despite being shot in the chest and wing, and losing a leg. Cher Ami is on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

At the end of World War I, the division counted 2,375 men killed or reported missing, 4,934 wounded and 2,368 gassed. Captain Eddie Grant, an attorney and professional baseball player for the New York Giants, was among those killed while serving with the division.

The unit was deactivated in May 1919 and reactivated in the spring of 1942 for service in World War II. The unit was nicknamed the 'old bastards' this time around because of the ages of many of its members. During its five operations in three campaigns, the 77<sup>th</sup> spent 200 days in actual combat. The 77<sup>th</sup> never fought in a losing campaign. It fought most often with the US Marines and was held in such high esteem by them that it was referred to as the '77<sup>th</sup> Marine Division'.

At the end of World War II, the division counted 2,140 men killed and 5,737 wounded. Most sadly, Ernie Pyle, renowned war correspondent and beloved Pulitzer Prize winner who wrote primarily about the GIs, was killed by sniper fire at Ie Shima while covering the 77<sup>th</sup>. The Reserve Center at Fort Totten is named in his honor. The division was deactivated in 1946.

During the postwar period, from 1947 to 1965, the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was one of six combat divisions in the Army Reserve and became known as the 'Liberty Patch Division'. The single most notable member during that period and up through March 2000 was CW4 Morris (Mickey) Goldman. He served with distinction, honor and grace from 1942 until his retirement in 2000 after 58 years of federal service and 53 years with the 77th. He was without a doubt my best friend and mentor, and I assure you countless others would say the same. He served as the Chief Executive Officer starting with the Division, ARCOM and RSC. There was one constant in the 77<sup>th</sup> -- and it was Mickey. One could travel anywhere in the world and when people saw the Liberty

patch, they asked, 'how is Mickey?' There were twelve 77<sup>th</sup> Commanders from 1946 to 2008 and Mickey served eight of them. I beg each and every one of you to never forget his name and all he means to the 77<sup>th</sup>.

The 77<sup>th</sup>'s units served with distinction with five units and countless soldiers serving in Vietnam. Under MG Francis Donohue, Desert Shield and Desert Storm saw 28 units and some 3,500 soldiers mobilized. Among the units were four major commands -- the 301<sup>st</sup> Area Support Group, the 318<sup>th</sup> Transportation Command, the 411<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade and the 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade. Most noteworthy was the 800<sup>th</sup> MP Brigade who processed over 80,000 POWs without a single complaint registered to the International Red Cross or Red Crescent. Units also served in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo.

Six soldiers (five firemen: CPT Mark Whitford, CPT Michael Mullan, WO Ronald Bucca, SSG Frederick Ill, III and SGT Shawn Powell, and one attorney: LTC William Pohlmann) died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Since the 9/11 attack, over 80 units have been mobilized for Operations Joint Endeavor, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The 77<sup>th</sup> continues to support the Global War on Terrorism as evidenced by your recent very successful deployment during Operation New Dawn as 'Liberty Warriors'.

Numerous people were members of the 77<sup>th</sup> over the years. Mickey had a never ending set of stories connected to each one of them. In the early years, these included: MG Ochs Adler (CG of the 77<sup>th</sup> and C.E.O. of *The New York Times*), COL Winthrop Rockefeller (one of John D. Rockefeller's sons and Governor of Arkansas) and COL John Lehman (one of the founders of Lehman Brothers on Wall Street).

One Admin night, COL Lehman was looking for a report he had left for typing and Mickey had to advise that due to the fact they only had one typewriter, the report wasn't ready. COL Lehman proceeded to give a sergeant some money and send him to Abercrombie and Fitch to buy four typewriters. What a supply system! John Lehman was also known to bring Ginger Rogers or Marilyn Monroe to meet him and the staff for drinks after the Admin night at '21' or the Stork Club.

Other famous members of the 77<sup>th</sup> included: Hugh Carey (Governor of New York), LT Alphonso Joseph D'Ambruzzo (a young Gunnery Officer from Fordham College ROTC, a/k/a Alan Alda of MASH), ... actor Roddy McDowell (who while serving in the division starred in 'No Time for Sergeants' on Broadway and wore the Liberty patch on his uniform on stage), Anthony Perkins (actor in Psycho), Mario Puzzo (author of 'The Godfather') ..., COL Eileen Bonner (Head Nurse at the 8<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade and the first and only woman President of the National Reserve Officers Association) ..., COL John W. Pershing (grandson of General of the Armies John J. 'Blackjack' Pershing and Commander of the 77<sup>th</sup> Reserve Training Unit) ..., two Chiefs of the Army Reserve: MG William F. Ward (former 77<sup>th</sup> CG and CAR during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm) and BG Harry J. Mott, III (former CG of 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade), and MG George E. Barker (C.E.O. of the American Cancer Society of New York, 77<sup>th</sup> CG and ADCSPER of the Army).

And then there were the baseball players. In the 60s, when the military draft was still in existence, the New York Mets played at Shea Stadium right down the road. The 77<sup>th</sup> counted among its soldiers: Bud Harrelson, Ken Boswell, Dave Kingman, Wayne Garrett, Bruce Bosclair, Danny Friscella, Mike Jorgenson, Tim Foley, Tug McGraw and of course Nolan Ryan. It was not uncommon to have the manager, Gil Hodges, bring the players himself to the 77<sup>th</sup> when they were first traded to the Mets, to meet -- of course -- Mickey.

You men and women in the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade and America's Army serve in a proud profession. A unit and profession rich in history and tradition, and one of the oldest known to history."

## **9. 2012 MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FORT TOTTEN:**

Our Association's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service was held on 4 November 2012 in the Post Chapel at Fort Totten. Family members of those honored expressed their deep appreciation for the service. The ceremony was led by COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr. and CHAP (LTC) Murray E. Stadtmauer provided chaplain services. The formal speakers also included MG George E. Barker and COL Andrew A.R. Burns, USAR, Command Inspector General, 99<sup>th</sup> RSC.

COL Lawrence M. Bellman gave the eulogies for the recently departed 77<sup>th</sup> members and friends, while COL Edwin G. Logan gave the eulogies for the 307<sup>th</sup> members being remembered. At the Chapel service, Dr. Pam Phillips' vocal renditions of "The Lord's Prayer" and Schubert's "Ave Maria" were beautiful and extremely moving. She also sang "God Bless America" at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony which was held in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove immediately following the Chapel service.

Attendees, who came to honor our longtime Chaplain (COL) Francis S. Midura at the chapel, included relatives, friends, and parishioners from his church, and members of the Hauppauge Fire Department. Monsignor Midura was a volunteer fireman and chaplain for the fire department.

Unfortunately, due to Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath, several people listed in the Program were unable to attend, as well as family members and friends of some of those deceased members being honored. Special thanks are due to Chaplain (LTC) Murray Stadtmauer, who filled-in for all of the religious segments.

The names of the 77<sup>th</sup> soldiers and friends who were honored in the Chapel service are: COL Vincent M. Araneo, COL Eileen Margaret Bonner, MAJ Arthur P. Conkling, MAJ Michael J. Figa, CSM Roland Hirsch, CPT Kasmir Lukas, CH (COL) Francis S. Midura, LTC Harry W. Richardson, USAF, LTC William H. Siegmund, COL Ralph Anthony Torino and LTC Neil T. Wasserman.

The names of the 307<sup>th</sup> soldiers who were honored are: SSG James F. Boylan, LTC Edward Daniel Buckley, SSG Hugh R. Hilborne, SGT James Alcuin McCarthy, SGT Bernard Resnick, SGT Henry J. Schuessler and SGT Thomas U. Warren.

In the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove, a memorial wreath donated by the Association was placed by COL Edwin Logan and 2LT Sylburn Van Peterkin, the son of LTC John W. and Ngoc Peterkin, at the monument dedicated to the six members of the 77<sup>th</sup> who perished at the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001. Photos of this event can be viewed at our web site, under the "News and Events" tab.

## **10. POTPOURRI:**

a. **Quiz for Bright People.** There are only nine questions. This is a quiz for people who know everything! These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers. (The answers appear at the end of this potpourri.)

- (1) Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
- (2) What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
- (3) Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
- (4) What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
- (5) In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way.

How did the pear get inside the bottle?

(6) Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.

(7) There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

(8) Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

(9) Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S".

**b. CAN YOU SPOT THE THE MISTAKE?**

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

(Hint: reread the instructions.)

c. U. S. Army Christmas Operations Order: 12-25-12CE (submitted by BG Harry J. Mott, III):

Subject: Christmas

(1) An official visit by General Santa (NMI) Claus is expected at this headquarters 25 December 2012. The following instructions will be in effect and govern the activities of all personnel during the visit.

(a) Not a creature will stir without official permission. This will include indigenous mice. Special stirring permits for necessary administrative actions will be obtained through normal channels. Mice stirring permits will be obtained through the Office of the Surgeon General, Veterinary Services.

(b) Personnel will settle their brains for a long winter nap prior to 2200 hours, 24 December 2012. Uniform for the nap will be: Pajamas, cotton, light, drowsing, with kerchief, general purpose, camouflage; and Cap, camouflage w/ear flaps. Equipment will be drawn from CIF prior to 1900 hours, 24 December 2012.

(c) Personnel will utilize standard field ration sugar plums for visions to dance through their heads. Artificially sweetened plums are authorized for those in their unit weight control program. Specifications for this item will be provided by the servicing dining facility.

(d) Stockings, wool, cushion sole, will be hung by the chimney with care. Necessary safety precautions will be taken to avoid fire hazards caused by carelessly hung stockings. Unit Safety Officers will submit stocking hanging plans to this headquarters prior to 0800 hours, 20 December 2012, ATTN: G4, for approval.

(e) At the first sign of clatter from the lawn, all troops will spring from their beds to evaluate noise and cause. Immediate action will be taken to tear open the shutters and throw open the window sashes. G4 Plan (Saint Nick), Reference LO No. 3, paragraph 6c, this headquarters, 2 February 2012, will be in effect to facilitate shutter tearing and sash throwing. Division chiefs will familiarize all personnel with procedures and are responsible for ensuring that no shutters are torn open or window sashes thrown open prior to start of official clatter.

(f) Prior to 2400 hrs, 24 December 2012, all personnel will be assigned "Wondering Eye" stations. After shutters are torn open and sashes are thrown, these stations will be manned.

(g) The G4 will assign one each Sleigh, miniature, M-66, and eight (8) deer, rein,



tiny, for use of General Claus' driver who, IAW current directives and other applicable regulations, must have a valid SF 56 properly annotated by Driver Testing; be authorized rooftop parking and be able to shout "On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer and Vixen, up Comet, up Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen".

(2) General Claus will enter quarters through standard chimneys. All units without chimneys will draw Chimney Simulator, M-6, for use during ceremonies. Chimney simulator units will be requested on Engineer Job Order Request Form submitted to the Furniture Warehouse prior to 19 December 2012, and issued on DA Form 3161, Request for Issue or Turn-in.

(3) Personnel will be rehearsed on shouting "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night." This shout will be given on termination of General Claus' visit. Uniformity of shouting is the responsibility of division chiefs.

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CHRISTOPHER K. RINGLE

Colonel,

OIC, Special Services

d. Shop at Sears: Why? How does Sears treat its employees who are serving in our military? *By law*, Sears is required to hold their jobs open and available, but nothing more. Usually, people experience a big pay cut and lose benefits as a result of being on active duty. Sears is *voluntarily* paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs, for all employees who are serving. If you find yourself shopping at Sears, be sure to find a manager to tell them why you are there, so the company gets the positive reinforcement and feedback it so well deserves.

e. Puns: (GROAN!)

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

PMS jokes aren't funny; period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

When you get a bladder infection urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pointless.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.  
I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.  
All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.  
I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

f. Answers to Quiz for Bright People:

- (1) The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: boxing.
- (2) North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
- (3) The only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: asparagus and rhubarb.
- (4) The fruit with its seeds on the outside: strawberry.
- (5) How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
- (6) Three English words beginning with dw: dwarf, dwell and dwindle.
- (7) Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
- (8) The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: lettuce.
- (9) Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with "S": shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

## **11. COL MARTIN DAWSON:**

The retirement of COL Martin Dawson from our Board of Directors was recognized at our Association's luncheon meeting on 10 October 2012 held at the Swan Club. At the well-attended function, COL Dawson and his wife Renée were praised and honored for their contributions to the military. We also thanked Marty for the more than 35 years that he served on our Board as a director. In the mid 1980s, Marty also served as the President of our organization.

COL Dawson began his military career with his enlistment into the U.S. Army in 1942. He was commissioned a Signal Corps officer in WWII, in which he flew the Burma Hump. Post WWII, he joined the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, was assigned to the 99<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion and served as the commanding officer at the time the Division was deactivated in 1965. When the 77<sup>th</sup> ARCOM was activated, COL Dawson served as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 until his retirement.

During the luncheon, COL Dawson was presented with a miniature Statue of Liberty in recognition of his service to the 77<sup>th</sup> and Renée was presented with an arrangement of fall flowers. A sheet cake decorated to honor both Marty and Renée was served as dessert to those who attended this special day.

## **12. A TRIBUTE TO COL EILEEN M. BONNER:**

COL Eileen Bonner passed away on 12 July 2012, 13 days shy of her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. A native of Brooklyn, NY, she graduated high school at 15 and earned Master of Education degrees

from the University of Maryland and Columbia University, where she also was a doctoral candidate.

Her career in the Army Nurse Corps progressed from 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant to Colonel. She was a graduate of the Command and General Staff Course. She served as Chief Nurse of the 8<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade. Among her decorations are the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Over the past four decades, Eileen exhibited an uncommon level of dedication, leadership and respect for the Reserve Officers Association, and she remains the only female Past National President of the ROA. This took place after her presidency of local and state departments. She also was a member of the Association of the US Army, the Association of Military Surgeons of the US, the Red Cross, our own 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ROA, the NYC Mayor’s Committee on Women, and many other nursing associations and charitable and fraternal organizations.

She was, above all, a person who touched the lives of others: a passionate and dedicated American who gave freely of herself and who loved to share her knowledge and experiences with others so that they might grow as a result.

### **13. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY HISTORY:**

#### **The Tradition of the Cannon or Gun Salute**

Like the handshake, the gun salute is said to have begun as a sign that the saluter is unarmed and means no harm. In gunnery's early days reloading was a lengthy process, and someone who had just fired all their cannon would not be able to repeat the performance for a quarter hour or more. Salutes ordinarily consist of an odd number of shots, following a naval tradition dating back at least to the middle 1600s. An even number of shots was considered unlucky, and sometimes used as a signal that the captain or master gunner had died on the voyage.

In the days when Britannia ruled the waves it compelled passing merchant vessels to salute its warships, firing first. Even British merchants complained of the expense. The British national salute was 7 guns, but those ashore (where powder was more easily come by) could return 3 shots for every 1, in other words, 21 shots.

As relations between nations became more egalitarian, it became customary to reply to a salute with the same number of shots. At the suggestion of the British, the United States adopted the international 21-gun salute and the principle of “gun-for-gun return” on 18 August 1875.

Some of the present entitlements in U.S. military usage are described below in simplified fashion. For example, the Secretary of Defense is entitled to 19 guns on arrival and departure, but other cabinet members only on arrival. Traditionally, and in the absence of a watch, the master gunner times the interval between shots by saying, “If I weren't a gunner, I wouldn't be here. Fire one” (two, three, etc).

<b>Number of guns</b>	<b>Who is entitled to this salute?</b>
<b>21-gun (royal salute)</b>	<p>U.S. Presidents, ex-Presidents, and Presidents-elect. Chiefs of State, heads of government, members of a reigning royal family.</p> <p>In the United States, a 21-gun salute is fired on Washington's Birthday and Memorial Day.</p>

Number of guns	Who is entitled to this salute?
	U.S. officers abroad may salute any dignitary in his or her own country with the number of guns with which that country salutes that person, up to a 19-gun salute -- but not a 21-gun salute, unless the person falls into one of the above categories.
<b>19-gun</b>	<p>U.S. Vice-President, Speaker of the House, President <i>pro tem</i> of the Senate, Chief Justice, Cabinet Officers, Governor of a U.S. state, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Director of Defense Research and Engineering.</p> <p>Prime Minister or Premier.</p> <p>Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Officers above the rank of admiral or general, i.e., Fleet Admiral, General of the Army or General of the Air Force.</p> <p>Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and others whose credentials are at least equivalent to those of an ambassador.</p>
<b>17-gun</b>	Governor General or Governor of a territory, commonwealth, or possession of the U.S. or an area under U.S. administration; Committee of Congress, Assistant Secretaries of Defense, General Counsel of the Department of Defense, Under Secretaries of the Army, Navy, or Air Force; Admiral, General.
<b>15-gun</b>	Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary; Vice Admiral, Lieutenant General.
<b>13-gun</b>	Minister resident. Rear Admiral, Major General.
<b>11-gun</b>	Charge d'Affaires, Consul General, Consul, or Vice Consul when in charge of a consulate-general; Brigadier General.
<b>7-gun</b>	Consuls accredited to the U.S.; Vice-Consuls when in charge of a consulate.
<b>5-gun</b>	Vice-Consuls and consular agents.

Certain special salutes are traditional in some countries. In the United States, on July 4th a salute is fired consisting of one gun for each state in the Union. (One-gun-per-state was for many years the United States' national salute, John Paul Jones having returned a 13-gun salute to the French salute to the *Ranger* at Quiberon Bay in 1778, the first time a United States warship was saluted as that of a sovereign state.) The one-gun-per-state salute was officially adopted by the United States in 1810, but it became increasingly cumbersome as more states joined the Union. In 1841, the U.S. national salute was reduced to 21 guns. During the period of British rule in India, the King-Emperor received a salute of 101 guns.

**14. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Our fiscal year ended 8/31/12 saw a small increase in our financial position. As you can see in the report below, we replaced the funds in the CD account that were moved to the cash account the preceding fiscal year. Also note that our primary sources of funds were excess funds over expenses from social functions, and raffles held at those functions. BG Winzinger has set new records with those raffles. Unfortunately, donations to both the Memorial Fund and the General Fund declined in comparison with previous years.

As stated in the past, we are a non-dues paying organization and have no intention to change that policy. Looking forward, however, we can foresee that our regular, ongoing activities will continue to incur significant expenses each year. Therefore, we hope that donations will at least return to former levels, and we express thanks for all your other support for our activities.

77<sup>th</sup> INF DIV ROA  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING 8/31/2012 VS 8/31/2011

	Y/E 8/31/12	Y/E 8/31/11
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Hudson City Savings Bank		
Checking	2,857.74	3,207.66
CD's*	<u>11,350.92</u>	<u>10,681.66</u>
TOTALS	14,208.66	13,889.32
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
General Operating Fund	10,424.54	10,111.28
Memorial Funds	<u>3,784.12</u>	<u>3,778.04</u>
TOTALS	14,208.66	13,889.32
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Interest	69.26	83.50
Memorial Funds	280.00	324.00
General Fund Donations	30.00	830.00
Raffle	851.58	N/A
Social Function Excess Funds	917.00	696.00
Initiation Fees -- New Members	475.00	1,225.00
Merchandise Sales -- Net	<u>58.00</u>	<u>499.75</u>
TOTALS	2,680.84	3,658.25
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Rental -- P.O. Box	96.00	92.00
Mailing Expense	745.69	768.78
Web Site	359.33	588.22
Memorial Service	1,150.50	628.66
77 <sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove	N/A	51.00
Misc. Supplies	9.98	69.88

LIAFR Medals	<u>N/A</u>	<u>80.00</u>
TOTALS	2,361.50	2,278.54
NET RECEIPTS (EXPENSES)	<u>\$319.34</u>	<u>\$1,379.71</u>

\* Transferred \$600 to CD from checking account.

**15. TRAVEL SITES:**

COL Larry Bellman suggests checking out the following three government travel web sites: [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com) , [www.govarm.com](http://www.govarm.com) , and [www.govacationrewards.com](http://www.govacationrewards.com) . These sites offer very competitive rates for vacation spots worldwide and you can request hotel only, hotel and air, or a complete vacation package. Also, if you ever get to the Hale Koa hotel in Oahu, Hawaii, check out a little known gem only 30 minutes from there: Bellow Air Station. The beach there is gorgeous and you can rent a cabin right on the beach very reasonably. The facility has a PX and cafeteria along with a golf driving range. (This information is also posted on our web site under “Travel Tips”.)

**16. NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE ASSOCIATION:**

Effective 15 December 2012, there is a new email address for the 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers Association: [77thinfdivroa@gmail.com](mailto:77thinfdivroa@gmail.com) . Please use this for any inquiries, requests, information posting, and general email correspondence to the Association. There has been no change in the address of the Association’s web site.

**17. VET BURIAL RECORDS:**

Veterans Day genealogy website: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) launched online a searchable collection of the burial sites of more than 500,000 members of the military. The project, a partnership with the Veterans Affairs Department and the National Archives and Records Administration, allows people to search by name -- for a fee -- through an online collection of military burial sites at the site. The collection includes burial information for prominent figures in history, including President Abraham Lincoln and Gen. George Armstrong Custer, who died in 1876 with more than 200 of his men in the Battle of the Little Bighorn against a coalition of Native American tribes.

“We are excited to be able to share this wealth of primary documentation,” Steve L. Muro, the VA’s undersecretary for memorial affairs, said in a statement. “With the help of Ancestry.com, we have opened the doors to thousands of service members’ histories through the information contained in these burial ledgers.”

The National Cemetery Administration has overseen U.S. military burial documents for 82 national cemeteries since 1973. Concerned for the fragility of the documents and wanting to expand public access to the contents, the administration scanned about 60 handwritten ledgers to produce more than 9,344 pages of high-quality digital images. Originally, those scanned images could not be searched, making it difficult to find records. However, in 2011 the administration partnered with Ancestry.com to index the pages so that users can search them more easily. Ancestry.com spent close to 3,000 hours indexing the records to make them searchable by name, at no expense to the government or taxpayers, the company said in a statement.

The project includes two new, searchable collections of U.S. burial registers, military posts and national cemeteries from 1862-1960 and of U.S. headstone applications from 1926-1963. Ancestry.com operates a website for researching family history and has more than 2 million paying subscribers. The company develops and acquires systems that digitize handwritten historical documents, and it works with government archives, historical societies and religious institutions around the world. The company says that more than 10 billion records have been added to its site during the past 15 years. (Source: Associated Press article dated 12 Nov 2012.)

## **18. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:**

A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present “Seven Wonders of the World”. Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt’s Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Panama Canal
4. Empire State Building
5. St. Peter’s Basilica
6. Stonehenge
7. China’s Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, “Yes, a little. I couldn’t quite make up my mind because there were so many.” The teacher said, “Well, tell me what you have and maybe we can help.” The girl hesitated, then read, “I think the ‘Seven Wonders of the World’ are:

1. To See
2. To Hear
3. To Touch
4. To Taste
5. To Feel
6. To Laugh
7. To Love.”

The room was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and what we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder that the most precious things in the world cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

## **19. AARP DISCOUNT:**

AARP members can download new coupon offers each month for Kellogg’s cereals, including Corn Flakes, Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies, All-Bran and Smart Start. For information call Kellogg’s at 1-800-962-1413 or visit [www.kelloggs.com/aarp](http://www.kelloggs.com/aarp) .

## **20. THE VALUE OF CLARITY OF EXPRESSION:**

A New York plumber wrote to the Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC, saying that he had found hydrochloric acid to be fine for cleaning drains, and asking, was it harmless? Washington replied: “The efficacy of hydrochloric acid is indisputable, but chlorine residue is incompatible with metallic permanence.” The plumber wrote back that he was mighty glad the Bureau agreed with him. The Bureau then replied with a note of alarm: “We cannot assume responsibility for the production of toxic and noxious residues with hydrochloric acid, and suggest

that you use an alternate procedure.” The plumber was happy to learn that the Bureau still agreed with him. Whereupon, Washington finally exploded: “Don’t use hydrochloric acid; it eats the hell out of the pipes.” (From: Howard M. Carlisle, “Management: Concepts, Methods, and Applications”, SRA 1982)

**21. 77<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION ROA WEB SITE:**

[www.77thinfdivroa.org](http://www.77thinfdivroa.org) Try it -- you will like it! View photos of our recent events.

**22. DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Membership Meeting: 27 March 2013 (Evening)  
Spring Luncheon: 15 May 2013  
Central Park 307<sup>th</sup> Regt. Memorial Service: 8 June 2013  
Fall Luncheon: 16 October 2013  
Annual Memorial Service: 10 November 2013

**23. TELEPHONE CONTACT:**

Should you wish to contact us, you may call Master Sergeant Mary Lou Bornmann (Ret.) at (516) 732-9075. She will pass along your message.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

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