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**April 2013**

**WAVA NEWS**  
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**What's Inside!!!**  
**New start time for Meetings, see page 2**  
 Dates of Meetings, Socials & Reunion  
 President's & Commander's Message  
 Officers and Board Members  
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**What They Said...**

“A common mistake people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.”

Douglas Adams (writer, humorist and dramatist)

# Washington Artillery Veterans Association



## WAVA News

No. 13-1 To Perpetuate the Spirit of the Washington Artillery (The 1/141FA under many numeric designations). April 2013

### WAVA Officers

Jay Castagnetta	President
Ronald Besson	1st Vice President
Joseph Whitman	2nd Vice President
Russell A. Mayeur, Sr.	Secretary
James Copeland	Treasurer

### Board of Directors

#### TERM EXPIRES - DECEMBER 2013

Nelson Ardoin, Jr. (Charlene)	(504) 738-9634
Jay Castagnetta	(985) 285-8883
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MSG Errol M. Williams, Jr.	(985) 237-4136

#### TERM EXPIRES - DECEMBER 2014

MAJ John DeMartini (Sandra)	(504) 738-7472
James Copeland	(504) 669-9684
Russell A. Mayeur, Sr. (Eloise)	(504) 919-8577
Joseph Whitman (Nancy)	(985) 249-2255
LT Anthony LaNasa, III	(504) 452-0358
Fred Muhs (Pat)	(504) 236-3958

#### TERM EXPIRES - DECEMBER 2015

Ronald Besson (Barbara)	(504) 347-5026
Peter Breslin (Peggy)	(504) 810-6739
Joe Centanni (Lupe)	(504) 733-1141
Norvin Schexnaildre (Loyce)	(504) 889-0837
Ernest Guerra	(985) 661-1737
Russell Mayeur, Jr. (Judy)	(228) 586-1194

#### Annual Dues

Please check your mailing label for the status of your dues. Annual dues for 2013 and previous years are payable immediately. Consider becoming a member in perpetuity. Membership/dues form is attached herein.

#### WAVA Meetings & Special Events

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2013

April 16	Board Meeting
May 21	General Membership Meeting & Seafood Social
June 18	General Membership Meeting
July 16	Board Meeting
August 20	General Membership
September 17	General Membership

#### Please Mark Your Calendar for All Meetings

WAVA will hold its meetings at Jackson Barracks in the 1/141 Armory. Enter the north gate from St. Claude Avenue and drive toward, the now closed, N. Claiborne Avenue gate to get to the 1/141 Armory.

*1700 hours - WAVA Room opens for refreshments*

*1730 hours - Evening meal is served*

*1830 hours - Meeting starts*

Socials and special events will be held there also, unless noted otherwise.

#### New WAVA Members

Perpetual Member: SSG Jeffrey M. Bohne, Mario A. Suarez  
Joseph J. Airhart, Flemming T. Ragas, Sr.,  
Warren A. Leal

Member: Charles Bauer, Lt. Willis Johnson,  
Rudolph W. Mayer

Perpetual Associate Member:

Associate Member: Judith (Judy) C. Mayeur  
Patricia (Patsy) Guerra, Donald Schwarzebbach

#### Taps



Peter Hunter Breslin  
Ronald L. Bacon  
COL. Melvin L. Hibbets (Ret.)

#### What They Said...

“You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.”  
Will Rogers

## **President's Message**

### **To All WAVA Members and Associates,**

Well, a quarter of our year has passed and great things are happening with WAVA. Finances, membership drives, new food vendors. This is just normal business taken to the next level.

I am happy to announce we have finally taken a new approach to our financial strategies. After exhaustive research we've enlisted the expertise of Ameriprise Financial Management to help improve our investment strategies. We reviewed proposals from companies like Edward Jones, Transamerica, and LPL and believe Ameriprise will offer the best 'bang for our buck', pardon the pun. The Finance Committee has been at this process non-stop since taking over in January. We have high expectations our investments will work harder for us and look forward to better returns than what our strategies of old have provided. Additionally we have finally automated our budget and accounting processes. At our April board meeting the Treasurer will be providing our first Automated Quarterly Treasurer's Report and Current Net worth Statement. I'm sure this will be more than an interesting time.

In March we began a Membership Drive. It's not that we are a dying organization, at all. We just feel there are so many potential members for our organization that it was time to initiate a concentrated effort to get the word out to these potential members. We simply emailed to all of our members with an email address a letter from me asking for their support in finding new members and a membership application. We asked them to share this with a potential member and that was it. Ernie Guerra is our Membership Committee Chairman and is the point of contact for this effort. We have already recruited six new perpetual, two contributed to this effort, and a handful of annual members. Our recruiting goals for the year are one perpetual and twelve annual members per quarter. We'll keep you posted on how the drive is working.

Our Annual Seafood Dinner will be Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. It will be held in the 141 Unit Armory and the cost will be \$15.00 per person with children 12 and under eating free. The WAVA Room will open at 5PM and dinner will be served at 6PM. We have a new seafood vendor. They are B and J Seafood of Chalmette and we're looking forward to one of our best events yet. Contact myself or Ron Besson for reservations. We look forward to sharing a wonderful evening with both old and new friends.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Company, Washington Artillery, Reenactment contributed \$250.00 to WAVA in February and the late Pete Blackwell's family recently made a \$100.00 donation because of Pete's dedication to the organization. We can't thank both parties enough and are enriched ourselves just for being in the company of such. We recently lost both Mel Hibbetts and Hunter Breslin. Mel, the consummate gentleman and long time member of WAVA, who will be

missed dearly and Hunter, an active battalion member lost way too early in his life, and a legacy of the battalion with his grandfather, Thomas P. Breslin commanding the battalion and his uncle, Pete Breslin also serving as a commissioned officer in the battalion. Our condolences go out to their families.

As always my door is open to all. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or recommendations you'd like to discuss.

**Try Us!**

**Jay Castagnetta,  
President, WAVA**

## **Battalion Commander's Message**

Greetings from Fort Sill, home of the Artillery.

I have been here for the last three weeks participating in the FA Officer Conversion course. I am learning a lot and having a great experience.

As you know, the Battalion has been undergoing safety certification and training for the last two months and our Soldiers are looking forward to the scheduled shoot in April at Camp Shelby. I am anticipating a valuable training opportunity while our Soldiers get to do what they enlisted to do - send rounds down range. This shoot will end with many of our sections being certified and will be followed by another, larger shoot at Annual Training at Camp Shelby.

Also this past month we had a very successful Hail and Farewell during which we got the opportunity to say goodbye to many who have left our ranks because of retirements or transfers to other units. I want to thank WAVA for graciously allowing us to use the WAVA Room and for opening the bar during the event. We also took the opportunity to have Family Day during the March drill, which was very successful.

I remain excited and humbled to be a member of our great Battalion, and I remain grateful to be partnered with WAVA as we move forward in this next chapter in the ongoing history of the Washington Artillery.

**Try Us!**

**Kenneth T. Baillie  
MAJ, MI  
Commander  
1/141st Field Artillery Battalion**

## New Co-pays for Some TRICARE Pharmacy Customers

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – New co-payments for prescription drugs covered by TRICARE will go into effect February 1, 2013. The Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act requires TRICARE to increase co-pays on brand name and non-formulary medications that are not filled at military clinics or hospitals. There is no increase to copays for generic medications.

TRICARE Pharmacy co-pays vary based on the class of drug and where beneficiaries choose to fill their prescriptions. The co-pay for generic medications stays at \$5 when a prescription is filled at a network pharmacy. There is no co-pay when generic prescriptions are filled through TRICARE Home Delivery. The new co-pay for a 30-day supply of a brand name medication purchased at a retail network pharmacy will be \$17, up from the current \$12. Beneficiaries using TRICARE Home Delivery will pay \$13 for brand name drugs, up from \$9. However, the Home Delivery price is for a 90-day supply.

The greatest change in co-pays applies to non-formulary medications. The \$25 co-pay for these drugs increases to \$44 at retail pharmacies and \$43 through Home Delivery. The TRICARE Uniform Formulary is a list of all the medications TRICARE covers.

For fiscal 2014 and beyond, the new law directs that co-pays increase annually by the same percentage as [retiree cost-of-living adjustments](#). In years when a COLA increase would total less than a dollar, it will be delayed a year and combined with the next adjustment so increases will always be \$1 or more.

Pharmacies at military hospitals and clinics will continue to provide medications with no co-pays. Visit [www.TRICARE.mil/pharmacycosts](http://www.TRICARE.mil/pharmacycosts) for more details.

## Arlington National Cemetery: Honor Restored



Produced by the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), "Arlington National Cemetery: Honor Restored," is a 14-minute overview of the complete organizational evolution that has restored

Arlington National Cemetery to its rightful place of honor.

When issues were raised about Arlington in 2010, the United States Army brought a host of resources to bear to meet the challenge. Arlington's operations were modernized by geospatially mapping the cemetery, digitally archiving all records, upgrading grounds equipment, and overhauling training and certification of employees. In less than two years Arlington National Cemetery has been restored to its rightful place as a state of the art national treasure, well ahead of the timelines set by the president's Managing Government Records Directive.

Now recognized as the military's center of excellence for cemeteries, ANC's executive director was recently designated as the HQDA staff principal responsible for enacting the same level of operational excellence across all military cemeteries under Army purview.

As an advocate and supporter of the United States Army, AUSA is proud to help spread the good news about Arlington National Cemetery.

Link to video: <http://vimeo.com/51439393>

From Association of the United States Army website



## A Sharp Presentation to COL Finney

The out going commander of the Washington Artillery, COL Stephen Finney was presented a very special knife at the March WAVA meeting by WAVA President, Jay Castagnetta. The knife was in appreciation of COL Finney's support of WAVA and his friendship during the tenure of the out going President, Ronald Besson.

## WAVA Member - Norvin Schexnaildre, SGM-R Is Awarded Lifetime Achievement Award by Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association

At their 41st Annual Conference on 9Mar in Marksville, LA the Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association (LANGEA) presented Norvin Schexnaildre SGM-R with their first LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. The award acknowledged 41 years of continuous service to the LANGEA which was organized in 1972. Norvin is a charter member of LANGEA.

Norvin served as their third President (1974-1975) and as Treasurer several times. He was presented the award by LANGEA's President Donald Everett CSM-R (right) and their Executive Director John Harris CCMS-R (left)

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### 5th CO. WA Makes Donation to WAVA

At the February WAVA meeting, John Fleming, representing the 5<sup>th</sup> CO. WA presented a check for \$250.00 to WAVA as a donation.

Mr. Fleming offered the following explanation, “The Southeast Living History and Reenactment Association, the non-profit corporate entity of the 5th Company, Washington Artillery, makes annual donations to a number of worthwhile organizations. This includes support of the Washington Artillery Veterans Assoc. (WAVA), Camp Moore Historic Site, Confederate Memorial Hall and others. This support includes financial donations, volunteer work and membership. The recent donation of \$250 to WAVA is representative of our continuing support of the Active Battalion, the Family Readiness Group and the Veterans Organization. We hope that in the future our efforts will allow us to make larger donations. Try Us.”

V/R,  
John Fleming.  
1st.Sgt. 5th CO.WA

### Scale Model of 1838, 6 Pounder Cannon

This is the first cannon used by the Washington Artillery. These hand made 1/13 scale models feature solid brass barrel, 12 spoke wheels with metal trimmings, and a carriage assembly of solid wood with metal fixtures. The Limber comes with extra ammo in the chest. The Cannon and Limber combination is approximately 22 inches long (see picture).

The Cannon alone is offered for sale at \$200.00 each

The Limber alone is offered for sale at \$140.00 each

If you are interested in these models, please contact:

MSG Keith Black

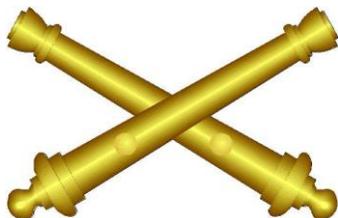
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[www.washingtonartillery.org](http://www.washingtonartillery.org)



### Guest Speaker

#### At WAVA Meeting

Ms. Virginia Urquhart, wife of Ken Urquhart was present at the February WAVA meeting and recounted Ken Urquhart’s early days in the Washington Artillery. Both Ken and his wife had a driving interest in history and as such kept a considerable family history chronicle. She encouraged everyone to make an attempt to document their family’s history so future generations will have an accurate record of their family history. She attracted everyone’s attention when she revealed the recipe for “Washington Artillery Punch” which was popular at the military balls and reviews in the early days of the Washington Artillery. Rest assured, it is a very potent “punch”.

### Artillery Punch

If the Benedictine is used, the punch is called Washington Artillery Punch and if the Drambuie is used, the punch is called Urquhart’s Artillery punch. If both are used, it is called napalm.

Use caution, temperance, and good judgment with either one.

½ pint Benedictine for Washington Arty Punch

½ pint Drambuie for the Urquhart Arty Punch

1 quart champagne

3 quarts plain cold tea

2 cups sugar

1 quart mixed lime, lemon and orange juice

1 quart brandy

1 quart bourbon whisky

1 quart sweet wine

1 quart rum

1 pint gin

Pineapple chunks

Cherries

Mix tea and juices together. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add liquors. Let stand for 24 hours, then place a lump of ice in a punch bowl and pour the mixture over the ice. Add one quart of chilled champagne to each bowl of mixture before serving. Bottoms Up!!

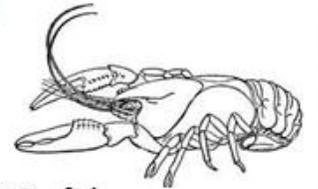
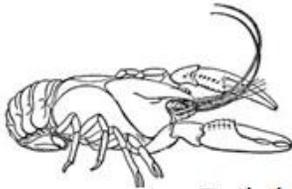
**Washington Artillery Veterans Association (WAVA) Membership Application and Renewal**

Name: <i>(Please print clearly)</i>			<b>Send form &amp; dues to:</b>	
Street address:  city state zip			WAVA - Secretary P. O. Box 7584 Metairie, LA 70010	
Home Phone:	Work:	Cell:	<b>Check as appropriate</b>	
Spouse's Name:		Annual <u>Renewal</u> Dues (\$15)		
E-Mail Address:		<u>New</u> Member (\$15)		
Unit (BN):	BTRY (s):		<u>New</u> Associate Member (\$15)	
Service Dates:		Member in Perpetuity (\$150)		
		Associate Member in Perpetuity (\$150)		
Date of Birth:		Change of Address		
Recommended by:		Date:	Ck. No.:	
<b>For Membership Committee Only</b>				
Application Reviewed:		Approved:	Disapproved:	
Comments:				
Membership Chairman's Signature:				

**WAVA Seafood Social - Tuesday, May 21st, 2013**

1/141<sup>st</sup> FA Bn Armory, Jackson Barracks

Doors open at 5 pm - Food served at 6:30 pm



Menu

Boiled Crawfish, Corn, & Potatoes  
Jambalaya, Potato Salad, & Bread Pudding  
Cost: Adult - \$15.00

Fried Shrimp, Oysters, & Catfish  
Cocktails, Beer & Soft Drinks  
Children under 12 - Free

Number of people in your party: \_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to WAVA. Please send check as early as possible to facilitate planning.

Parties of 10 or more may request a reserved table.

I/We will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer seating with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form and check to:** Ronald Besson  
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