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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2004

Audit: Bill Guarino (504) 682-2885
Awards: Pete Blackwell (504) 242-5625
Beverage: Pete Blackwell (504) 242-5625
Budget: Norvin Schexnaildre (504) 889-0837
Building Manager: Rene Jacques (504) 282-8307
Building Rental: Bill Guarino (504) 682-2885
By-Laws: Henry Pepper (504) 271-0634
Financial Advisor: Rene Jacques (504) 282-8307
Fraternal: Mel Hibbets (504) 283-6733

Other Appointments:

Executive Secretary: Russell Mayeur (228) 255-7689

Historical/Americanism/Active
Bn. Liaison: Jacques Walker (985) 882-9973
Legal: John Gniady (504) 454-1515
Legislative: Donald Burgess (504) 682-6441
Meetings: Bill Guarino (504) 682-2885
Membership: Anthony Pizzolato (504) 467-7036
Dennis Showalter (504) 251-0669
Parliamentarian: Henry Pepper (504) 271-0634
Social: Russell Mayeur (228) 255-7869
Telephone: Joseph Centanni (504) 733-1141

Recording Secretary: Nelson Ardoin (504) 738-9634

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PLEASE STAY UP-TO-DATE AND REMAIN ACTIVE IN WAVA.

WAVA LADIES' AUXILIARY

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WAVA OFFICERS

Russell A. Mayeur, Sr.	1 st Vice President
Rene' C. Jacques	2 nd Vice President
Nelson Ardoin, Jr.	Secretary
Norvin Schexnauldre	Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2004

Ed P. Benezech Jr. (Katherine)	271-5150
Melvin L. Hibbets (Helen)	283-6733
Rene' C. Jaques	282-8307
Russell A. Mayeur Sr. (Eloise)	(228) 255-7689
Edgar D. Wragge Jr.	282-5811
Ray Zeringue	278-8677

TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2005

Joe Centanni (Lupe)	733-
1141	Bill
Guarino (Rita)	682-2885
Dennis Showalter (Jan)	254-
0809 Henry L. Pepper Jr. (Marilyn)	
271-0634	
Norvin Schexnauldre (Loyce)	889-
0837	
Jacques Walker (Jill)	(985) 882-
9973	

TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2006

Nelson Ardoin, Jr. (Charlene)	738-9634
Roger A. Bacon (Betty)	454-3481
Donald G. Burgess (Emily)	682-6441
Jay Hotard (Betty)	488-3121
Russel R. Madere, Jr. (Melissa)	831-8062
Anthony Pizzolatto (Monica)	467-7036

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March 16th	General Membership Meeting
April 20th	Board Meeting
May 18th	General Membership Social
June 15th	General Membership Meeting

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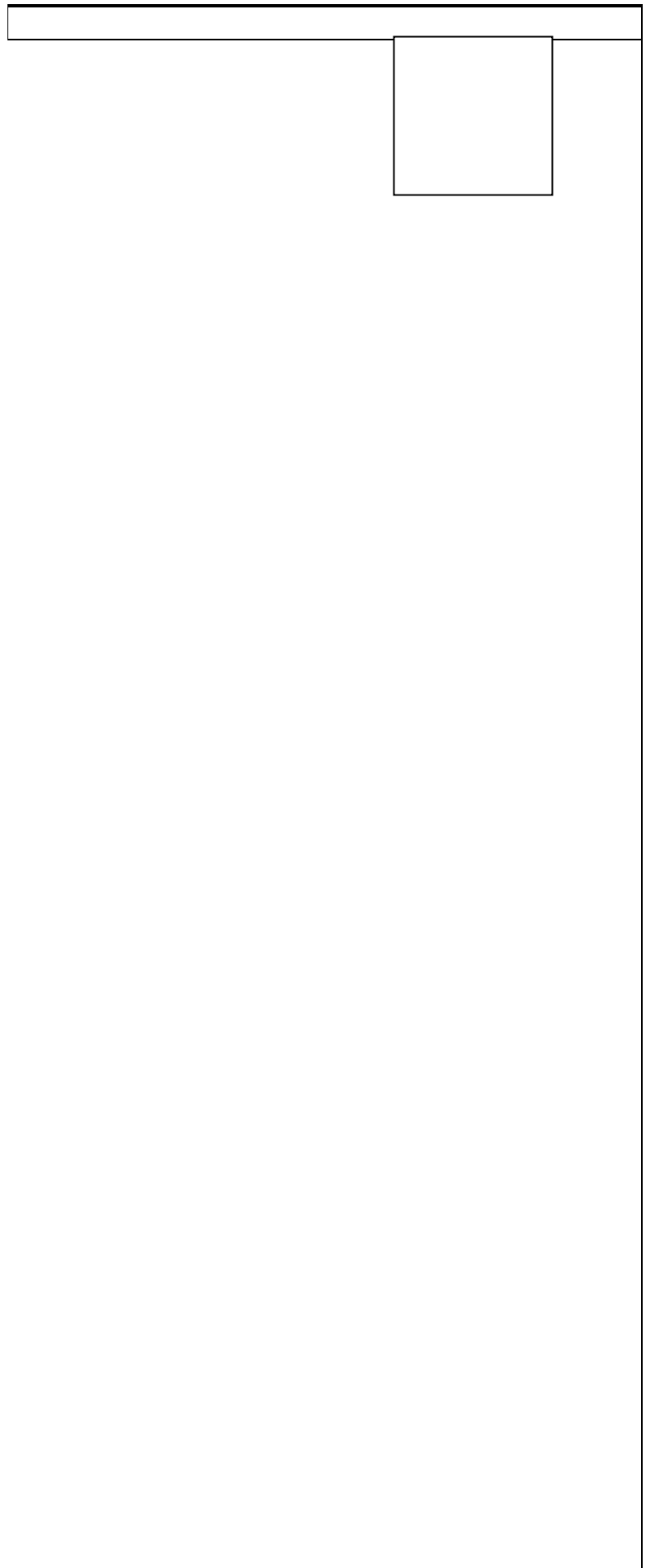
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The annual election for a third of our Association Board of Directors took place on December 1st. I am pleased to announce that three new board members were installed on that date: Nelson Ardoin, Donald Burgess and Russel Madere. The election was very close, with one and two votes separating the next two nominees.

The Board of Directors met On December 16th to elect officers for 2004. They are also listed on page two.

Committee assignments for 2004 are shown on page one. There are a few new committee assignments and one, the membership committee, has co-chairmen. Membership will be a high priority. We plan to be proactive in the pursuit of new membership. You can help by making contact with your former comrades and asking that they consider becoming a member of WAVA.

We are planning two socials at our home on May 18th and September 21st. Our annual reunion of active WAVA members and former and current active battalion members, is tentatively scheduled for November 16th. Please mark these and other special activity dates on your calendar without delay.

Harry McEnery III and William Crockett, new Members in Perpetuity, are being added to our plaque. Lewis Bonner and Harry Bartlett are new associate members. We welcome you to WAVA.

Please share this newsletter with your spouse or any other person you may want to sponsor to become part of a ladies' auxiliary unit of WAVA. See page two for information and page four for the information form to be sent in for planning purposes. We hope to see them at the January meeting.

For GOD and country, Roger Bacon

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE: EMBRACE IT AND SUCCESS IS YOURS by MAJ Jordan Jones, Cdr., 1/141

Since the last WAVA meeting I attended, the 1/141st FA BN has experienced a few changes that I'm sure WAVA would like to know about. As the saying goes, "the only thing constant in the Army is change." That couldn't be any truer today.

One week prior to my first drill as the new commander I learned that our plan to conduct a live-fire exercise at Camp Shelby had to be changed due to the Chief of Staff's requirement that every soldier be provided the opportunity to vote in the gubernatorial election Saturday morning. Going to the field to fire didn't make much sense considering the distance traveled, the time required to properly perform pre-combat checks (PCC) and inspections (PCI) and the reduced time actually spent firing. There were a number of other logistical factors that also needed to be considered, but ultimately, I didn't want to chance a safety violation or accident or reduce the quality of training to standard simply for the sake of pumping rounds down range. With that said, our leaders did an excellent job of immediately adjusting the training plan and executed the new one like the true professionals they are.

The December drill wasn't much different. We had to make more changes to the training schedule and in the process tasked battery leadership to prepare for a totally revised additional training assembly (ATA) format on short notice. Once again, our leaders rose to the occasion and performed very well.

So, where are we now? Our entire '04 training schedule had to be revised because, like we anticipated, our battalion will participate in a Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotation at Ft. Polk June 6-20, 2004. The entire training schedule changed because we were planning to conduct a number of live-fire exercises in preparation for annual training. Due to us going to the JRTC instead, we probably won't fire a single round until November of 2004. We will still conduct our Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System

(AFATDS) new equipment training (NET) at the end of August, however, that fielding doesn't require firing.

The JRTC rotation will require the entire battalion's participation. The difference is that we won't be operating in the same configuration and performing the same missions you'd expect from an FA battalion. We'll be doing what our brothers in OIF are doing, mostly infantry tactics. Bravo will go as a pure PALADIN battery and Alpha and Charlie will go as Motorized Rifle Companies. They will be riding around in up-armored HMMWVs in contrast to Paladins. We'll probably take elements of HHB and SVC battery and plus-up the firing batteries.

Since the 30 BDE isn't quite sure how they are going to accomplish their mission in the JRTC "box," and we were originally suppose to model our preparation after their example, we'll end up determining our own template via lessons learned from units in OIF and from the Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL). More interestingly, the observer/controllers (OCs) tasked w/evaluating the 30th's performance don't know how PALADIN Battalions are employed.

There's nothing like a good challenge, and we've got plenty. In light of all the personnel changes and major change in mission, our soldiers and leaders have demonstrated an unrepentant desire to excel and learn skills not previously available. Worst case scenario is that we'll have to use lessons learned from our JRTC rotation in the event that we'd get called to active duty in the future. The best case scenario is that we'll never have to use these soon to be newly acquired skills anywhere, but are just that much smarter and better prepared!

However the scenario unfolds, I can say without hesitation that our soldiers and leaders will rise to meet these challenges and excel with an unwavering success for which they are well known. TRY US! Thunder 6

WE HEARD FROM: John Wilkinson, a Member in Perpetuity, who has given an annual donation to WAVA for many years. This year John sent in a \$100 check. This will help in defraying rising operating costs and decreasing investment income. We thank John for his generosity.

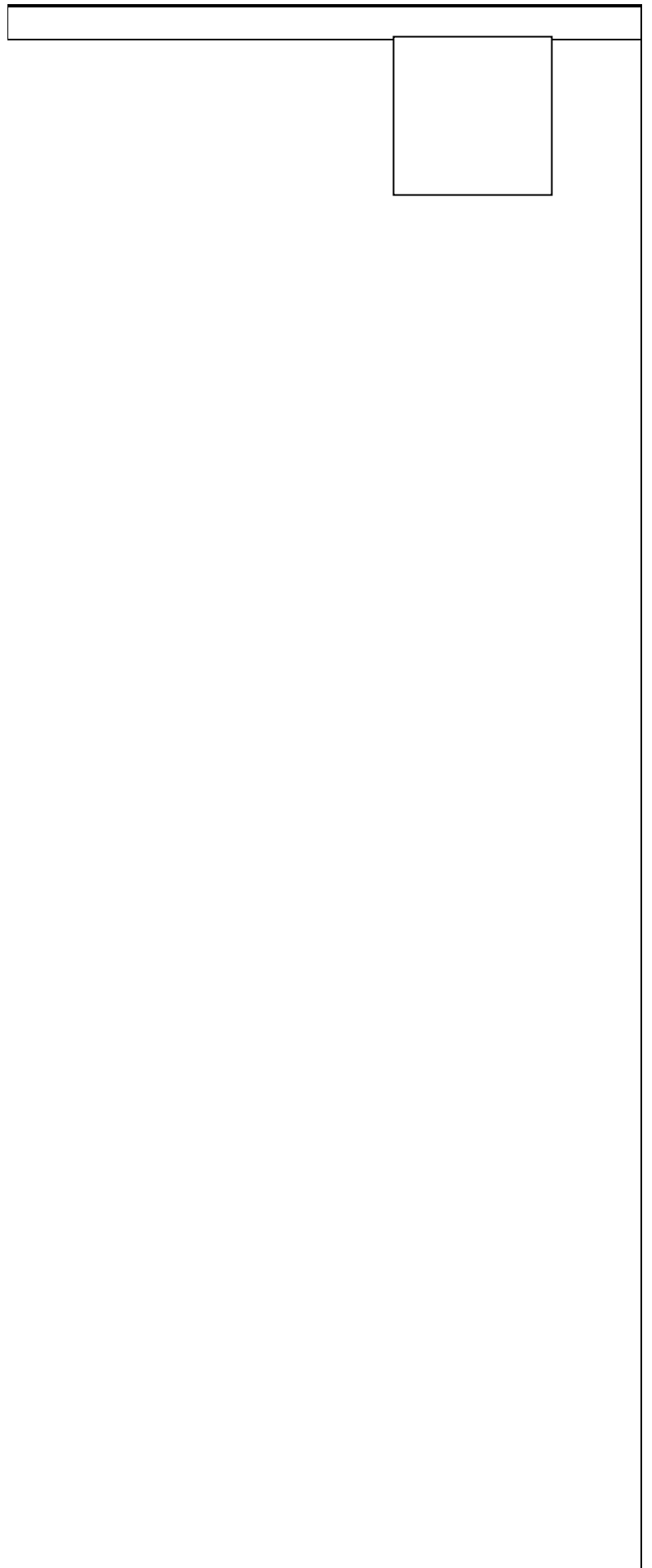
RENTAL OF WAVA FACILITIES

The WAVA hall is available for rental with the sponsorship of an active WAVA member at extremely low rates. If you have a need for a facility for yourself or friend for a wedding, meeting, party, dinner, etc., please consider our home. In addition to the social rental, the Board of Directors has authorized a search for a permanent lease of the approximately 5,400 sq. ft. on the second floor of our building. The area is in good shape and upgrade requirements are negotiable. Point-of-contact for building scheduling is William "Bill" Guarino, (504) 682-2885.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On May 29, 2004, fifty-nine years after the war, the citizen soldiers of "The Greatest Generation" will finally be recognized with the dedication of the WWII Monument on the Mall in the Nation's Capitol. Some members of WAVA, including Russell Mayeur and Mel Hibbets, are planning to attend. Other official events will be on May 27th and 28th, with the dedication on the 29th. It is free and open to the public. If interested, contact either Russell at 228-255-7689 or Mel at 504-283-6733 ASAP for information on hotels and room rates.

REMINDER: Artillery red sport coats are available at The Smart Set, 536 Oakland in Metairie. Contact Beverly Hailey at 504-833-1757. The cost is \$75 plus shipping charges. Larger sizes may cost slightly more.



**WAVA LADIES' AUXILIARY INFORMATION: Mail to: WAVA, 9037 W. Judge Perez Dr.,
Chalmette, LA 70043**

NAME _____

SPOUSE OF OR SPONSORED BY:

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

BUSINESS PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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Please check appropriate spaces below:

____ I am interested in becoming active in the "WAVA LADIES' AUXILIARY."

____ I am willing to serve on an elected board and/or work on committees

____ I (will) (will not) be able to attend the meeting on January 20th. (Please circle one.)

WAVA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES FORM

NAME _____

SEND APPLICATION TO:

ADDRESS _____

SECRETARY: WAVA
P. O. Box 7584, Metairie, LA 70010

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ANNUAL DUES (\$15.00) _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

NEW MEMBER (\$15.00) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$15.00) _____

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MEMBER IN PERPETUITY(\$150) _____

UNIT (BN) _____ BTRY(S) _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

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FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ONLY

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