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The Washington Artillery

WAVA NEWS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2003

Audit: Bill Guarino (504) 682-2885
Awards: Pete Blackwell (504) 242-5625
Budget: Norvin Schexnauldre (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: E. J. St. Pierre (504) 885-5322

Meetings: Bill Guarino (504) 682-2885

Membership: Anthony Pizzolato (504) 467-7036

Parliamentarian: Henry Pepper (504) 271-0634

Social: Jeff Nelson (504) 469-4645

Telephone: Joe Centanni (504) 733-1141

Recording Secretary: Nelson Ardoin (504) 738-9634

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No 03-2 To perpetuate the spirit of the Washington Artillery (The 1/141st FA BN under many numerical designations)

March 2003

WAVA OFFICERS

Roger Bacon	President
Henry L. Pepper Jr.	1 st Vice President
Jeff Nelson	2 nd Vice President
Ray Zeringue	Secretary
Norvin Schexnaildre	Treasurer

WAVA 2nd Quarter 2003 Meetings

April 22	Board Meeting
May 20th	General Membership/Social
June 17th	General Membership Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2003

William A. Blackwell	242-5625
Jay Hotard (Betty)	488-3121
Jeff Nelson	(985) 507-6164
Anthony Pizzolatto (Monica)	467-7036
Emile J. St Pierre (Josie)	885-5322
Roger Bacon (Betty)	454-3481

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)	271-0848
Henry L. Pepper Jr. (Marilyn)	271-0634
Norvin Schexnaildre (Loyce)	889-0837
Jaques Walker (Jill)	(985) 882-9973

WAVA 2003 Social/Special Events Calendar

May 20 - Crawfish Party (Ladies' Night)
 August 19 - Barbecue Party (Ladies' Night)
 October (Date TBA) - Wreath Laying
 October (Date TBA) - 1/141 Review/Reception
 December 16 - Installation/Christmas Party (Tentative)

DELINQUENT DUES

There are many members who are delinquent for as many as three years. Please note on your mailing label the date for which your dues are paid. If it does not show "perpetual" or "31 Dec 03" then you are delinquent. Please forward amount due: \$5.00 for the years 2000 through 2002; \$15.00 for 2003. Or, consider a one-time investment of \$150.00 to become a Member in Perpetuity.

In order to cut administrative costs the Board of Directors have agreed that delinquent members will not receive future newsletters. PLEASE BECOME UP-TO-DATE AND REMAIN ACTIVE IN WAVA.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Keeping an organization such as WAVA operating smoothly and efficiently is only possible with the help of many individuals. These "workers" labor behind-the-scenes on behalf of an organization, often overlooked and without the knowledge of the general membership. WAVA is fortunate to have many such members who give freely of their time and talents.

On 17 December 2002 the Past President, Russell Mayeur, recognized a few individuals who have done much for our organization. Rene' Jacques was presented the Outstanding Member of the Year Award for 2002 for his work in maintaining our "home" and service on the Board of Directors. Dennis Showalter and Nelson Ardoin were presented awards for their service. Dennis has undertaken and completed numerous projects and is always available whenever he is needed on behalf of WAVA. Nelson has worked for several years as our appointed recording secretary. His work is always timely and accurate. Gerald Montgomery was also thanked for his many years of service on the Board of Directors.

William Blackwell recently completed an audit of the Members in Perpetuity by reconciling the information available in our data base against the existing names on our plaques. His efforts identified several members missing on the plaques and forty individuals listed who are not in our data-base as they likely pre-date the time when records were placed into the computer. We are indebted and thank him for his work.

I hope that everyone marks their calendars for the upcoming social and special events identified on page two. It is important that you remain active in your association. I know that those of you who participate regularly enjoy the camaraderie and food. Those of you who haven't been to a meeting, special event or social lately should make a special effort to participate at your earliest opportunity.

Don't forget to talk-up membership in WAVA and consideration of the use of our "home" for events by your family and friends. All of the groups using it have had an excellent experience and it is an important source of potential revenue which is needed to keep the building and equipment in top shape.

WE HEARD FROM:

Francis Berlin informed us that his brother, LTC Robert A. Berlin died in December, 2001. He donated to WAVA Robert's decorations which are in a shadow box. LTC Berlin enlisted 23 Dec 1934 in the 141st Field Arty., horse drawn. He was activated on 12 Jan. 1941 and assumed command of the 78th Armored Field Arty. Bn., 2nd Armored Div. He served throughout Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge. Decorations include two silver stars.

RENTAL OF WAVA FACILITIES

The WAVA hall is available for rental under the sponsorship of an active WAVA member at extremely competitive rates. This was a source of income in 2002. If you have a need for a facility for a wedding, meeting, party, dinner, etc., please consider our home. With your active support we can increase revenue so that we can keep the facility well-maintained and updated. Point-of-contact for building scheduling is William "Bill" Guarino, (504) 682-2885.

TAPS: The Last Camp

Anthony J. Margiotta
Robert A. Berlin

28 June 2000
Dec. 2002

WANTED: We can use an automatic ice-maker for our home. Having ice available will make the facility more desirable for rentals. If you know where one is available for donation or for a reasonable amount, please call Roger at 504-421-6358

CRAWFISH BOIL ON 20 MAY 2003 AT WAVA BLDG.

Our annual meeting will be combined with a crawfish boil. Over recent years this has been well-received by our members, spouses and guests. The Board has agreed that opening the socials to guests has been a success. It has had several benefits in addition to financial--a great opportunity to show off our "home" and to invite eligible individuals so they can meet old friends and, perhaps, join our organization. You are encouraged to bring as many guests as you can muster. Please let the co-chairmen, Jeff Nelson or Russell Mayeur, know how many to expect by mailing in the form on the last page as early as possible.

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CAJUN CRAWFISH BOIL

20 May 2003

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON. NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING_____

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____ CHECK NO. _____ (MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **WAVA**)

I/WE WILL ATTEND_____

(Member,/Spouse Names & Number of Guests)

MAIL TO: WAVA
C/O Russell Mayeur
5511 Kaiki
Diamondhead, MS 39525

WAVA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES FORM

NAME_____

SEND APPLICATION TO:

ADDRESS_____

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

PHONE_____

CHECK AS APPROPRIATE

WIFE'S NAME_____

ANNUAL DUES (\$15.00) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS_____

NEW MEMBER _____

DATES OF SERVICE_____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER _____

UNIT (BN)_____ BTRY(S)_____

MEMBER IN PERPETUITY (\$150) _____

DATE OF BIRTH_____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____

RECOMMENDED BY:_____

DATE_____ CHECK NUMBER_____

FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ONLY

APPLICATION REVIEWED_____ APPROVED_____ DISAPPROVED_____

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE_____

COMMENTS ON REVERSE:

