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WAVA NEWS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2004

Audit: Bill Guarino (504) 682-2885
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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

Other Appointments:

Executive Secretary: Russell Mayeur (228) 255-7689

Recording Secretary: Nelson Ardoin (504) 738-9634

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We will have a lot of activity this year, including the impending activation of the battalion Washington Artillery. They have no firm date, but key leaders and approximately ten percent of the unit have been called-up.

Some have attended specialized training at Camp Beauregard and the remainder of all battalions of the 256th Brigade will attend five days of training which will likely continue through April. The entire brigade begins a National Training Center rotation on July 4th. They anticipate deploying to their mobilization station, Fort Hood, Texas, during the October 4th through January 5th time frame

They are working hard to make major organizational changes and complete their new training requirements. You will note that some of the information provided in the January newsletter by the commander, Jordan Jones, has been overcome by recent events to which they must again adjust.

Charlie and Alfa batteries will become motorized rifle companies. Service will merge with HHB. Bravo Battery will remain as artillery. The regimental colors will be housed by WAVA during their absence.

We will do whatever we can to assist the unit and their families for, and during, this activation. The remainder of the brigade is also on alert. Members are reminded to keep WAVA informed of your activation mailing address.

The day of departure will be a family day. Members of WAVA are urged to attend. As a minimum, please wear your red caps. Coats will be optional.

Please read the article on the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts on page 2. Their agenda is being adjusted due to the Washington Artillery activation. We need to fully support their visit with our attendance. Mark your calendar for the period of 2-3 October. You will be informed in the next newsletter of the times, dates, events and their locations.

We have communicated with the 5th Company Washington Artillery Reenactment Group through their Colonel, Chris Becker, and 1st Sgt., John Fleming. This group of patriots gives their time, money and energy to perpetuate the history of the Washington Artillery. They participate in and host reenactments throughout the state and nation. Their scheduled events include March 27, 28 at Port Hudson, April 2-4 for the Red River Campaign at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill,

starting gun for the Crescent City Classic on April 10th, reburial of the crew of the Submarine CSA Hunley in Charleston, SC on the same day, host unit at Fort Jackson on April 30th and May 1, 2 and a salute fire at the Slidell Marina on May 30th.

We are privileged to have two new associate members from this group: Roger F. Cannon and Reinhard J. Dearing. In addition, Jerome Perniciaro, is a new member and MAJ Jordan Jones, the active battalion commander, is now a Member in Perpetuity.

TAPS: The Last Camp

Irving Isaac (Buddy) Berglass March 13th

WE HEARD FROM:

Clifton J. Devillier, a Member in Perpetuity, who made a donation of \$150 to assist in the maintenance of our building. We thank Clifton for his generous donation.

NAME TAGS: Russell Mayeur is coordinating the purchase of WAVA name tags to be worn on special occasions. It will be artillery red with a miniature tiger crest, your name as you want it to read, either "Member" or "Life Member" and New Orleans, LA. The projected cost is about \$8.00. Call Russell to order.

CRAWFISH BOIL: To be held on May 18th, 2004. A form for confirming attendance is on page four. Last year we had an outstanding turnout of 137 members and guests. We need your active participation. This is a good opportunity to contact your family and friends for a night out with good food and ample beverages. Due to space availability, only the first 150 paid returns will be accepted. START NOW ON YOUR CONTACTS AND GET YOUR FORM IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BARBECUE DINNER: Mark your calendar for the evening of September 21st for an all you can eat dinner. More information will be forthcoming.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Meets at 7:00 P.M. at the WAVA building on April 20th. Members, please pass this information on and encourage your spouse to attend.



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

WAVA MEETINGS 2nd/3rd Quarter 2004

April 20th	Board Meeting
May 18th	General Membership/Social
June 15th	General Membership Meeting
July 20th	Board Meeting
August 17th	General Membership Meeting
September 21st	General Membership/Social

ANNUAL DUES

Please check your name label for the status of your dues. **ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY.** Membership/dues form is on page four. PLEASE CONSIDER A ONE-TIME INVESTMENT OF \$150.00 TO BECOME A MEMBER IN PERPETUITY. YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE PLAQUE WHICH IS DISPLAYED IN OUR BUILDING.

WAVA OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2004

Ed. P. Benezech, Jr. (Katherine)	271-5150
Melvin L. Hibbets (Helen)	283-6733
Rene' C. Jaques	282-8307
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Edgar D. Wragge Jr.	282-5811
Ray Zerling	278-8677

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Henry L. Pepper Jr. (Marilyn)	271-0634
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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

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSSETS

This organization was chartered in 1638 and has had among its members four Presidents and eight Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. They have scheduled their annual Fall Field Day Tour of Duty to coincide with the annual review of The Washington Artillery scheduled for October 3rd. Between 100 and 120 individuals are expected. With the impending activation of the artillery, the review will likely not occur until their return. They are also planning a wreath-laying at the Washington Artillery Park in which we are invited to participate. With the absence of the artillery for our wreath-laying we have invited their members to

**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 _____
CELLULAR PHONE _____

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

CHECK AS APPROPRIATE

PHONE _____

(Home) _____ (Business) _____
ANNUAL DUES (\$15.00)

SPOUSE'S
NAME _____

NEW MEMBER (\$15.00)

E-MAIL
ADDRESS _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$15.00)

DATES OF
SERVICE _____

**MEMBER IN
PERPETUITY (\$150) _____
UNIT (BN) _____
BTRY(S) _____**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DATE OF
BIRTH _____

RECOMMENDED
BY: _____
DATE _____ CHECK NUMBER _____

FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ONLY

APPLICATION
REVIEWED _____
APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____

CHAIRMAN'S
SIGNATURE _____
COMMENTS:

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