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The Washington Artillery

WAVA NEWS

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	Mike Escudier	(504) 455-1939
	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
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	Joe Centanni	(504) 733-1141
	Joseph Whitman	(504) 249-2255

What's Inside!!!

President's & Commander's Message

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WAVA Website

Officers and Board Members

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Members

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No. 10-2 To Perpetuate the spirit of the Washington Artillery (The 1/141FA under many numeric designations). Mar 2010

WAVA OFFICERS

Jim Ledet	President
Ron Besson	1 st Vice President
Joseph Centanni	2 nd Vice President
Russell Mayeur	Secretary
Norvin Scbexnauldre	Treasurer

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TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2010

Nelson Ardoin, Jr. (Charlene)	(504) 738-9634
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TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2011

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Jordan Jones (Richelle)	(985) 331-2093
Russell A. Mayeur, Sr. (Eloise)	(228) 255-7689
Joseph Whitman (Nancy)	(985) 249-2255

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Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302

Annual Dues

Please check your label for the status of your dues. Annual dues for 2010 and pervious years is payable immediately. Consider becoming a member in perpetuity. Membership/dues form is on page 4.

WAVA MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS

1st-3rd Quarters 2010

March 16th	General Membership Meeting
April 20th	Board Meeting
May 18th	General Membership Meeting/Seafood Social
June 15th	General Membership Meeting
July 20th	Board Meeting
August 17th	General Membership Meeting
September 21st	Barbecue Social

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

Meetings will be held at the home of the Delta Lions, 1725 Hickory Ave., River Ridge, and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Socials/special event locations and times will be provided elsewhere in the newsletter as final arrangements are made.

NEW MEMBERS

Associate Member: Deborah Morrissey

TAPS/LAST ROLL CALL

Meade Willis January 13th

DEATHS IN THE WAVA FAMILY

Helen Hibbets Date Unknown

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As you know, the active battalion is preparing for their second tour of duty in Iraq. The Washington Artillery will be going without their guns. They, along with the remainder of the 256th Brigade, are training for their mission at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. We wish them well. Our prayers go with them.

We have the crawfish boil and seafood social coming up on May 18th. We assure you that there will be ample food. With the unusually cold weather there may be a shortage of crawfish. Ron Besson and his team are keeping me informed of the situation. They have signed a contract with the American Legion Hall located at Causeway Blvd. and River Rd., the same location as the last couple of socials. They have secured Dennis' Seafood of Metairie to prepare and serve the food.

I encourage you to send in the reservation form on page four, along with your check, as soon as possible to make sure we have enough food and everyone can have a good time. Cost is still \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children under twelve. You are encouraged to bring your friends.

We will pass on any information relative to the active battalion as it is received. Please keep our soldiers in your thoughts and prayers. We wish all of them Godspeed.

Jim Ledet
President
WAVA

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Redlegs,

The Washington Artillery again finds itself supporting the nation in the Global War on Terrorism. This is the second time in five years that the 1/141 Field Artillery has been mobilized to

deploy to Iraq. We completed a rigorous training regiment at Camp Shelby, Mississippi prior to deployment. The training was mission specific. As many of you know, we are not deploying as Field Artillery but as a Convoy Security and Force Protection Battalion. Our primary mission is to provide security for convoys as they move supplies into Iraq and retrograde equipment out of Iraq. We will be escorting fuel and food into Iraq and escorting military equipment out of Iraq.

Our first stop on the way to Iraq is Kuwait where we will spend some time acclimating to the climate and training. We will have our first real opportunity to operate our Mine Resistant Armor Protected (MRAP) vehicles in a desert environment. This is the latest and greatest type of vehicle that has been employed to counter the enemy IED threat. The battalion will also bore-sight our organic weapon systems. We will continue to hone our mission skills in preparation for assuming the mission in Iraq.

Morale remains extremely high in the battalion. The Soldiers are motivated and confident in their mission. For the veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom III (OIF III), this tour will provide a sense of closure. There was a sense of chaos on our last deployment. It was literally like the wild- west. From all accounts coming out of Iraq, the citizens of Iraq have taken charge of their country and are doing a fine job. I am looking forward to seeing the progress that has been made in Iraq since our last deployment. As always, the members of WAVA are in our thoughts and prayers. We truly appreciate your undying support of the active battalion.

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Try Us!
LTC Brian P. Champagne

WAVA MEMBERSHIP/DUES APPLICATION

NAME _____

Send to:

ADDRESS _____

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

PHONE _____

CHECK AS APPROPRIATE

(Home) (Work) (Cell)

ANNUAL DUES (\$15) _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

NEW MEMBER (\$15) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$15) _____

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 _____

Washington Artillery Veterans Association Website. We are using this venue for the next several newsletters to present the different functions of the website we believe you will find the most useful at this time. If you have any questions about the website please feel free to contact me at jcast324@netzero.net. First, and foremost, the website is kept relatively current. Sometimes a few months may pass before an update is completed, but for the most part it stays current. Since November, updating and correcting has occurred on the website and there is still more work being completed. The latest improvement is the addition of the photo gallery. If you have any photos you believe might be of interest please forward them to me, at the above address, with a description of each photo and I'll get them on the website, if appropriate. In this newsletter I'd like to explain how to navigate the calendar and RSVP form. On the Home Page (that's the page with the President's Message) there are some buttons on the left side of the page. Press the button which reads Calendar of Events. A drop menu appears with two (2) more buttons. One is the calendar itself and the second is an RSVP form which can be printed, filled in with relevant information and mailed back to WAVA. When you press the calendar button a user friendly calendar appears. On the top left and right of the calendar are the next or previous month's calendars. When you place your cursor over the name of the month and press your left mouse button you can open that month's calendar. You can review the whole year's calendar by repeating this step. The body of the main calendar in view is light blue. The current day is a darker blue. The relevant dates for WAVA have a green print in them. If you place your cursor over the printed information a general statement about that event will appear. If you click on the information a window opens with more detailed information about that event. You can print the calendar by clicking on the (Printer Friendly) button directly at the bottom left of the calendar in view. Again, if you have any questions about the calendar please feel free to contact me at the above email address.

CAJUN CRAWFISH BOIL ON May 18th

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON. Children under 12: \$7.50.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING-----

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

Please send in check as early as possible to facilitate planning.

I/WE WILL ATTEND: _____

**MAIL TO: Ron Besson
1500 Avenue F
Marrero, LA 70072-3748
504-347-5026**

(Would like to be seated with _____)