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## WAVA NEWS

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2011

Active Battalion:	John DiMartini	(504) 738-7472
	Ed Daigle	(504) 289-6965
Audit:	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
	Nelson Ardoin	(504) 738-9634
	Joe Centanni	(504) 733-1141
	Jay Hotard	(504) 339-2121
	Jim Ledet	(504) 887-2910
Budget/Treasurer:	Norvin Schexnaildre	(504) 889-0837
Charter Bylaws:	Peter Breslin	(504) 466-3929
	Mike Escudier	(504) 455-1939
	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
Secretary:	Russell Mayeur	(228) 255-7689
	Jay Hotard	(504) 339-2121
Financial Advisor:	Nelson Ardoin	(504) 738-9634
	Jay Hotard	(504) 339-2121
Fraternal:	Joe Centanni	(504) 733-1141
	Renda Besson	(504) 340-2987
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	Renda Besson	(504) 340-2987
	Joe Centanni	(504) 733-1141
	Ray Hartman	(504) 715-5704
	Joseph Whitman	(985) 249-2255
Historical:	Glen Cangelosi	(504) 391-1174
	Jacques Walker	(985) 882-9973
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	Mike Escudier	(504) 455-1939
	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302

### What's Inside!!!

President's & Commander's Message  
 Dates of Meetings, Socials & Reunion  
 Officers and Board Members  
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 5<sup>th</sup> Co. WA Events  
 Taps/Deaths in the WAVA Family  
 Insert: Meeting Location Change/Map  
 Need Help Locating Information on Members

Membership:	John DiMartini	(504) 738-7472
Newsletter:	Roger Bacon	(504) 421-6358
Nominations	Jordan Jones	(985) 331-2093
	Russell Mayeur	(985) 255-7689
	Joseph Whitman	(985) 249-2255
Parliamentarian:	Peter Breslin	(504) 466-3929
	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
Planning	Jordan Jones	(985) 331-2093
	Nelson Ardoin	(504) 738-9634
	Peter Breslin	(504) 466-3929
	Jay Castagnetta	(985) 285-8883
	Russell Mayeur	(985) 255-7689
Programs/Publicity:	Jordan Jones	(985) 331-2093
Recording Secretary:	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
Socials:	Joseph Whitman	(985) 249-2255
	Renda Besson	(504) 340-2987
	Ray Hartman	(504) 715-5704
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## WAVA NEWS



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### WAVA OFFICERS

Ron Besson	President
Joseph Whitman	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Joseph Centanni	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Russell Mayeur	Secretary
Norvin Schexnaildre	Treasurer

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2011

Edward Benezech, Jr. (Katherine)	(504) 341-2223
Edward Daigle	(504) 289-6965
John DeMartini (Sandra)	(504) 738-7472
Jordan Jones (Richelle)	(985) 331-2093
Russell A. Mayeur, Sr. (Eloise)	(228) 255-7689
Joseph Whitman (Nancy)	(985) 249-2255

#### TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2012

Ronald Besson (Barbara)	(504) 347-5026
Peter Breslin (Peggy)	(504) 466-3929
Joe Centanni (Lupe)	(504) 733-1141
Jim Ledet (Susan)	(504) 887-2910
Norvin Schexnaildre (Loyce)	(504) 889-0837
Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302

#### TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2013

Nelson Ardoin, Jr. (Charlene)	(504) 738-9634
Roger A. Bacon (Betty)	(504) 421-6358
Brian Champagne (Denise)	(504) 394-1913
Ray Hartman (Eva)	(504) 715-5704
Jay Hotard (Betty)	(504) 339-3121
Jacques Walker (Jill)	(985) 882-9973

#### Annual Dues

Please check your label for the status of your dues. Annual dues for 2011 and previous years is payable immediately. Consider becoming a member in perpetuity. Membership/dues form is on page 4.

#### WAVA MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS

##### 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd Quarters 2011

March 15th	General Membership Meeting
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
May 17th	General Membership Meeting/Seafood Social
June 21st	General Membership Meeting
July 19th	Board Meeting
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting
September 20th	General Membership Meeting

#### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

BEGINNING WITH THE APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

WAVA WILL HOLD ITS MEETINGS AT THE 1/141<sup>ST</sup> ARMORY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHBOUND ENTRANCE TO JACKSON BARRACKS ON N. CLAIBORNE AVE.

Socials/special events will be held there also unless circumstances dictate otherwise. In such a case the information will be found in newsletters as final arrangements are made. See insert for directions.

#### NEW MEMBERS

**Member in Perpetuity:** Anthony LaNasa

**DONATION:** Special thanks to Mel Hibbets for his generous donation of \$100.

TAPS  
ROGER A. BACON (SEE INSERT)

## Death Notice

Colonel Roger Arthur Bacon, age 75, on February 24, 2011 @ 1:20 am. Beloved husband of Betty J. Bacon for 55 years. Son of the late Ralph Bacon and Katherine Bacon Chadwick. Stepson of the late Carroll Chadwick. Father of Roger A. Jr. (former wife Cheryl Bacon), Ronald, and Randy Bacon, Sandra Adkins (Danny), Sharon Trosclair (Mickey), Susan Seely (Thomas) and the late Raymond Bacon. Grandfather of Courtney Barrilleaux, Brandy, Roger III and Christopher Bacon, Taylor and Alex Adkins, Tabitha and Mickey Trosclair Jr., Caitlyn, Brandon and Landen Seely. Great-grandfather of Dylan and Logan Trosclair and Claire and Lucy Barrilleaux. Also expecting twin Granddaughters in May, mother Beth Brockert. He was a native of New Orleans and lived in Jefferson Parish for 40 years.

Colonel Bacon was a member of the Louisiana National Guard for over thirty-seven years, retiring as Director, Plans, Operations and Training. Colonel Bacon served in various command and staff positions during his service, retiring in 1991. During his tenure Colonel Bacon served on committees at the Fifth U. S. Army in Fort Sam Houston, Texas and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. He was a graduate of the U. S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA. He was a 1961 graduate of the Officer Candidate Class #1 of the Louisiana National Guard and later served as Commandant of the Louisiana Military Academy. He was a member of the NOPD for seventeen years, retiring in 1975 as a Lieutenant and Director of the Department of Police Education. In this position he established a program with Loyola University which accredited the Academy's Recruit Training Program, providing twenty-five semester hour credits, the highest accreditation of any academy in the country at that time. He also taught for five years in the evening divisions of St. Mary's Dominican College and Loyola University where he earned his graduate degree. His civilian positions included Training and Safety Manager of Burns International Security, Naperville, IL and Manager, Wells Fargo Security, Metairie, LA. He was an independent contractor for FEMA and in this capacity worked to secure assistance to disaster victims throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Colonel Bacon was a member of Cross Keys National Honor/Service Fraternity, Fraternal Order of Police, National Guard Association of the U.S, past president of the National Guard Association of Louisiana and past president of the Washington Artillery Veterans Association.

Relatives and friends attended the funeral services at Greenwood Funeral Home, 5200 Canal Blvd., New Orleans at 1:00pm on Monday. Visitation preceded the service from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery.

IF YOU SEE YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST, OR IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE CONTACT INFORMATION, IE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS OR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANYONE ON THIS LIST, PLEASE FORWARD IT TO PETE BRESLIN AT [tpb@tbpreslinlaw.com](mailto:tpb@tbpreslinlaw.com) or 504 810-6739

Allen, John D.  
Balbon, Calixtro  
Benoit, Michael E  
Blancher, Alton R.  
Boecklemann, Ronald  
Bonner, Robert E.  
Bourgeois, Charles A  
Brown, Randal  
Esteves, Bert  
Faust, Louis B.  
Fox, Henry G  
Fritz, Lawrence J  
Gibbs, Patrick  
Grass, Frederick L  
Graves, Johnny  
Gutierrez, Rigoberto  
~~Harrison~~, Glenn  
Hennigan, John R  
Howard, John, III  
Hunt, Jody K  
Jackson, Bruce J., Sr.  
Jennings, Michael J  
Lanulle, Edward J., Jr.  
~~Lafaye~~, Brian F  
Laurent, Kerry  
LeClerc, Lloyd  
Lemieux, Paige  
Martin, Kenneth Wayne  
Martinez, Urban B., Jr.  
Meyers, Michael Jr.  
Mire, Ary J., Jr.  
Mix, George S  
O'Neill, Trantham P  
O'Rourke, William R

Parrino, Philip R  
Peralta, Norma T  
Perniciaro, Jerome J  
Peterson, John J  
Rancatore, Tony  
Rispoli, Charles, III  
Roehrs, Mrs Kurt D  
Roger, John  
Rome, Sidney  
Rotolo, Joseph A., Jr.  
Rotolo, Kerri  
Samuels, Karl M  
Schmidt, Mrs William C  
Schulin, John  
Schulz, William P  
Seaton, Robert  
Sellers, Norman G  
Squires, Malcolm H., Jr.  
Srofe, Joseph M  
Stephens, Ashton, III  
Tallaferro, John B., Jr.  
Thibodeaux, Bruce D  
Tracy, Jules H  
Tyrell, Eric  
Tyrell, Ms Elizabeth S.  
Tyrell, Pat, III  
Walker, John D  
Wellmeyer, Henry P  
Wells, Mrs Benton G  
Whaley, Gaylon O.  
Wigginton, Mrs Michael  
Williams, Brent  
Winfield, Barbara  
Wright, Robert Lee

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON FUTURE MEETING SITE FOR WAVA ACTIVITIES

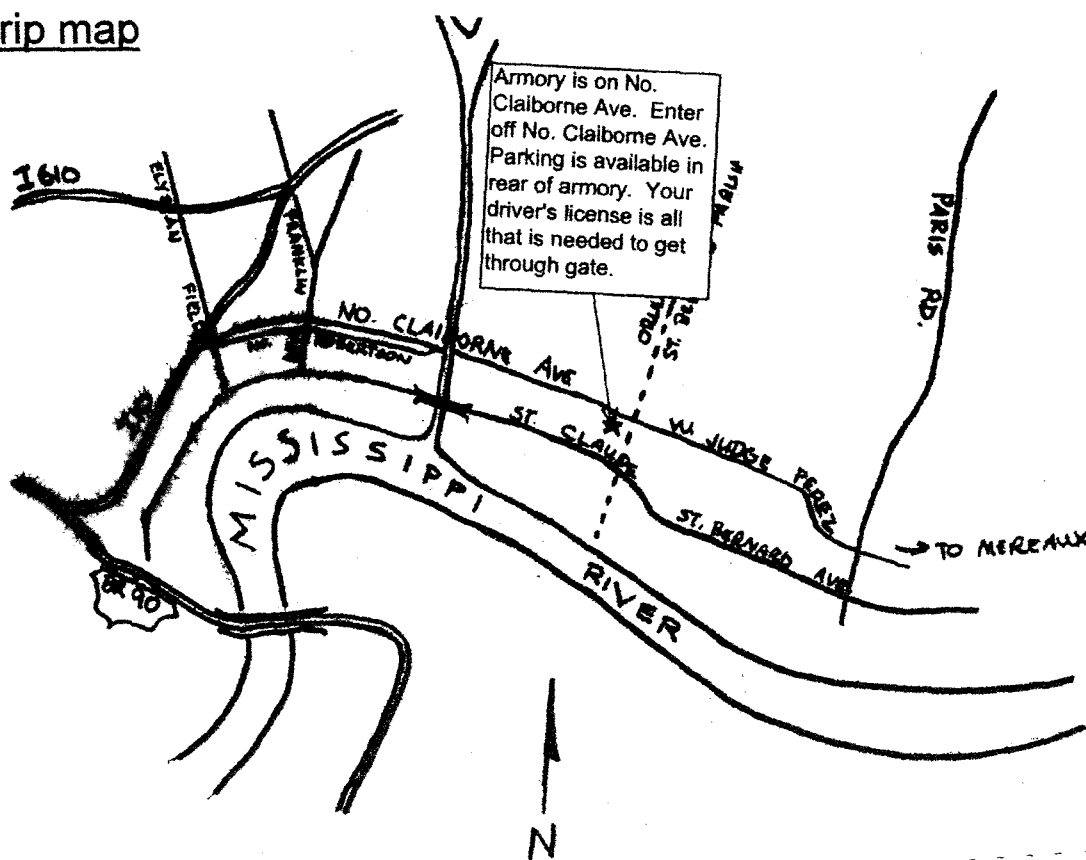
THE WAVA BOARD HAS DECIDED THAT FUTURE MEETINGS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE 1/141<sup>ST</sup> FA BN ARMORY LOCATED AT JACKSON BARRACKS STARTING WITH THE APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING. THE BATTALION HAS GRACIOUSLY SET ASIDE THE "WAVA ROOM" ON THE SECOND FLOOR FOR OUR USE. THE ROOM IS SPACIOUS AND EQUIPPED WITH TABLES AND CHAIRS. THE ROOM MORE THAN MEETS OUR NEEDS AND WILL PLACE US IN A POSITION TO HAVE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BATTALION AND ITS MEMBERS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE MANY ARTIFACTS THAT WAVA HAS ACQUIRED OVER THE YEARS.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGULARLY ATTEND MEETINGS AT OUR NEW FACILITY. YOU WILL BE AMAZED AND INSPIRED BY THEIR BUILDING WHICH IS EQUIPPED WITH AN ELEVATOR.

THE PLAN IS TO USE VARIOUS CATERERS FOR MEALS AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS AND FOR OUR TWO ANNUAL SOCIALS—THE SEAFOOD DINNER AND BARBECUE DINNER. WE WILL ACQUIRE VARIOUS ITEMS NEEDED TO ENHANCE THE STORAGE AND SERVING OF FOOD. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AT EACH MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENT.

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR BY MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT TO JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND COMRADES AT AN UPCOMING MEETING AND/OR SOCIAL. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID. A STRIP MAP IS PROVIDED BELOW TO ASSIST YOU IN LOCATING THE ARMORY. A PICTURE IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY.

## Strip map



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

WAVA Members and Associates:

Several important decisions in regards to WAVA's move to Jackson Barracks, Washington Artillery's Armory were discussed and voted on at the Feb. 15, 2011 meeting by The Board of Directors.

On Jan 26, 2011, WAVA and Battalion Reps. met to tour the facility and to ask a lot of questions. I was impressed by the location and size of The WAVA Room in this beautiful building and the enthusiasm by Bn. leaders on the potential move by WAVA.

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed our HQ in Chalmette LA. The net insurance collected was \$186,000; the cost to restore our building was extreme, so we chose to sell it as is for \$150,000. On several occasions we discussed purchasing a new home for WAVA; however, no action was taken. The cost to purchase a building, utilities, maintenance, and insurance would have severely depleted our funds with no source to replace them. We chose to rent The Lions Club in Harahan on a monthly basis. I have appointed a planning committee to make recommendations to the Board for improving the WAVA room and request necessary funding to make it a special place for WAVA. It will also assist in recruiting future members from the active battalion. Our only expenses will be for improvements that we make and our WAVA socials. If our socials are held at this location, our annual savings will be \$2000 plus \$1200 rent for the Lions' Club.

The Board voted to hold future WAVA meetings at the Armory beginning with the April 19, 2011 meeting. They also voted to hold future socials at the Armory beginning May 17, 2011.

Information on the location of the armory and the WAVA room at Jackson Barracks, including a strip map, are on the insert to this newsletter. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. My home phone number is 504-347-5026.

I ask for your support in our decision-making process. Together we can build a bigger and better association.

Ronald R. Besson

President, WAVA

## Commanders Comments:

The Washington Artillery is in its final stages of post deployment tasks. Beginning next month, the Soldiers of the battalion will participate in Yellow Ribbon Training. This is a program that was instituted by the National Guard to ensure that all traditional reservist Soldiers and their families are made aware of all of the benefits and programs that they were now entitled to after deployment. The entire 256 Infantry Brigade is required to attend throughout Louisiana in March. The Soldiers of the Washington Artillery are scheduled to attend on 11-13 March at the Morial Convention Center. The Soldiers will have lodging accommodations in downtown hotels. This should be quite an event and serves as another indicator of how well our Soldiers are cared for by our great country.

All of the full-time staff has returned from their post-deployment leave and have begun the tasks of re-setting our equipment. We have been working closely with the Rear Detachment to ensure the smooth transition of property from their Property Books to ours. We are meticulously going through all of our equipment to ensure that it is fully mission capable. We are paying particular attention to equipment that would be used to support the State of Louisiana in an all hazards response. This is particularly important with Hurricane Season beginning in only three months.

Recently, senior members of the battalion receive orders for their new assignments. I will be replaced by MAJ Steven Finney, the current Battalion Executive Officer (XO) during a change of command ceremony on 22 May 2011. MAJ John Demartini will be re-assigned from his current duty as Operations Officer (S3) to XO. He will also replace me as the full-time Administrative Officer in the Battalion. I am excited that both of these fine Leaders will continue to move up through the ranks of the battalion. They are fine leaders, artillerymen and active in the Washington Artillery Veterans Association (WAVA). I will be re-assigned to the Joint Forces Headquarters serving as the J6.

WAVA will begin conducting their monthly meetings at the new Battalion Armory at Jackson Barracks in April 2011. The active battalion is extremely excited to be able to provide an outstanding venue for the members of WAVA. It will enable us to continue to grow as a family. We will also be hosting the social in May at the new armory. It will be a great opportunity for everyone to come out and tour the battalion's first class facility. Jackson Barracks is the crown jewel of the National Guard.

It is with heavy heart that I write this report. COL Roger Bacon, a dear friend of the battalion and WAVA Board of Managers member passed unexpectedly this week. He was a fine artilleryman, gentleman and Soldier. He always went out his way to support the battalion and was present at our departure ceremony as well as welcoming the Soldiers home on their multiple return dates. I will miss his wit, charm and counsel.

Try Us!

LTC Brian P. Champagne

**WAVA MEMBERSHIP/DUES APPLICATION**

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

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**CAJUN CRAWFISH BOIL ON May 17th**

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

**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: Joseph E. Whitman**

**(Would like to be seated with** \_\_\_\_\_)

**924 Noval St.**

**Mandeville, LA 70448-2453**

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