



Washington Artillery Veterans Association



WAVA Newsletter - November 2014

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Annual Dues

Please check your mailing label for the status of your dues payment. Annual dues for 2014 and any previous unpaid years are payable immediately.

Consider becoming a member in perpetuity and dispense with the yearly renewal. Membership and renewal dues form is attached herein.

What's Inside!!!

New start time for Meetings, see page 2

Dates of Meetings, Socials & Reunion

President's & Commander's Message

Dues/Membership Application/New Members

WAVA Committee Appointments

Active Battalion:	LTC Kenneth Baillie	(504) 715-7001
	CSM Mathew Drees	(504) 418-5704
Awards/Recognition:	Norvin Schexnaildre	(504) 666-2898
	Ernest Guerra	(504) 450-1284
Budget:	Jay Castagnetta	(985) 285-8883
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Contact Roster:	Jay Castagnetta	(985) 285-8883
Finance:	James Copeland	(504) 669-9684
	LTC Kenneth Baillie	(504) 715-7001
	Donald Schwarzenbach	(504) 756-8486
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	Norvin Schexnaildre	(504) 666-2898
Historical:	Dr. Glen Cangelosi	(504) 391-1174
	John Fleming	(504) 887-8195
Legal/By-Laws:	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
Membership:		
WAVA	Ernest Guerra – Chm.	(985) 661-1737
	Addison Thompson	(504) 279-2278
Active BN	Jeffrey Bohne.	(504) 975-7010
Newsletter:	Fred Muhs	(504) 236-3958
		fmuhs@cox.net
Nominations:	Russell Mayeur, Sr., Chm.	(504) 919-8577
	Russell Mayeur, Jr.	(228) 586-1194
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Photographer:	Eloise Mayeur	(504) 722-0378
	Fred Muhs	(504) 236-3958
Planning:	Jordan Jones, Chm.	(985) 331-2093
	James Copeland	(504) 669-9684
	Ron Besson	(504) 458-6559
	Fred Muhs	(504) 236-3958
Programs/Publicity:	John Airhart	(504) 482-2202
Recording Secretary:	Jeffrey Bohne	(504) 975-7010
Socials:	Ray Hartman	(504) 251-0386
	Joseph Whitman	(985) 249-2255
	Renda Besson	(504) 340-2987
	Jeffrey Bohne	(504) 975-7010
	Parris Andrews	(504) 273-8366
	Anthony Ethridge	(210) 487-0583
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	Mike Kreutz	(985) 898-6339
Website:	Jay Castagnetta	(985) 285-8883

WAVA Meetings & Special Events

August 19	General Membership Meeting
September 16	General Membership Meeting/BBQ Social
October 21	Board Meeting
November 18	General Membership Meeting
December 2	Annual General Membership Meeting
December 16	Special Board Meeting

Please Mark Your Calendar for All Meetings

WAVA holds its meetings at Jackson Barracks in the 1/141 Armory. Enter the north gate from St. Claude Avenue and drive toward, the now closed, N. Claiborne Avenue gate to get to the 1/141 Armory.

1700 hours - WAVA Room opens for refreshments

1730 hours - Evening meal is served

1830 hours - Meeting starts

Socials and special events will be held there also, unless noted otherwise.

New WAVA Members

Perpetual Member: Glenn Fitzner

Member: Lloyd Walters, Ronald Fassbender

Perpetual Associate Member: Lisa Lauer, Barbara Besson, Mary Williams

Associate Member: Michael Whitehead, Christopher Clark, Craig Clark



Taps

The bugle has been silent...

Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association

WAVA members are encouraged to consider joining the Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association www.langea.org or the Louisiana National Guard Officer's Association www.ngala.org. When you sign up for LANGEA you can sign up for The Call. This will provide you with prepared letter which all you have to do is sign and they will be sent directly to your congressional delegation so they know how you feel about the issues at hand.

WAVA President's Message

From the desk of the President,

I have tried to sit here and write my final message as your President several times now. This has proven to be quite an arduous task. What do I write about? I've thought of several appropriate topics and have narrowed that list to a few.

First, and foremost, I am compelled to thank everyone who has helped make this a successful journey in my life. The list is long, and I'm sure I will forget a few people, not intentionally mind you, just way too many to try to squeeze into a few words. First, my thanks to the battalion command group. To LTC Ken Baillie, whose support, council, and friendship have made this job not only an obligation, but a pleasure. To CSM Matthew Drees who stood ever-ready to express his opinions and provide whatever help necessary when called upon. You too, have proven to be a real friend of the association. I would be remiss if I didn't put the officer's of the board of directors on the same list but I must make special mention of Russell Mayeur, Sr., Jim Copeland, and Ron Besson. We accomplished things people insisted were a waste of time and would prove to serve no purpose. To the men of the social committee, Joseph Whitman, Renda Besson, Ray Hartman, and Ernie Guerra, I say thank you. The successes of our socials program rested squarely on you guys hard work and it always paid off. I also want to take this opportunity to express a special thanks to Dr. Glen Cangelosi. You embody the true 'Spirit' of the Washington Artilleryman. Your untiring efforts to insure that all the deeds, traditions, and history of the Washington Artillery are forever perpetuated, is second to none. To Ed Benezech, sir, your continued untiring efforts to contribute to our history continue to inspire me on a daily basis. I cannot continue without thanking the one individual who has been one of our staunchest supporters and true friends, MG Glen Curtis, the Adjutant General. It has been my pleasure to be your host when attending WAVA socials and functions. Without his support and friendship I'm sure the facility we call home today would still only be a dream. I know there are numerous others I should mention here but if I continue I fear the newsletter editor might edit this himself because of space. To all those mentioned, and not, I sincerely thank you for your efforts and support.

This past year we bore witness to the loss of several long-standing leaders of our association. Albert Johnson, Joe Centanni, Robert Williams, Joel Rousselle, Jerry Dausin, Pete Talluto, and Lionel Kertz. May they Rest in Peace in the knowledge they have left the association in good hands and with a bright future.

I would like to take a moment here to reach out to those who are not members of this association. I know this message won't reach them personally, but those who do read this should take every opportunity to reach out to

those former members of the Washington Artillery, regardless of age, generation, numerical designation, whatever, and get them to come and visit us and join this worthwhile group. If for nothing more than to rekindle old friendships and share what has been happening in their lives with friends of old times. LTC Baillie and I are forever talking of the thousands of past members of this organization who still don't even know we exist. And on this reaching out note, if you know of someone who has not been receiving our emails, or newsletters for that matter, but know they are a member please reach out to them to contact us so we may verify their contact information. We know there are members slipping through the cracks because of bad information.

Now, down to business. Charles Bauer has agreed to be our point of contact for the membership to contact when we plan the several field trips we take throughout the year. These trips include Boss Lifts, Camp Moore (5th Company), and the like. When information is published for these trips you can contact Charlie and provide him the necessary information. His contact information is (Cell) (504) 256-5609, or his email is charlesb1530@yahoo.com. Please use this information for future field trips so we can continue to plan successful trips.

Several members are still delinquent on their dues. Please check your mailing label to see if you may owe dues. You will not be able to vote in the upcoming elections if your dues are not current. If you have any doubt please contact Russell Mayeur, Sr. to help determine your status.

Our elections for the 2017 Class of board members will be Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014. This is a special time for WAVA because for the first time in our history we will be voting to elect our first ever Associate Member to the board of directors. The associate membership makes up better than 30% of our membership base and it's about time they have true representation on our board. Please see the attached Amendment to the By-laws summarizing this change. We will also host our annual reunion on this evening. I look forward to a truly entertaining and enjoyable evening.

So, in closing, again, I want to say it has been my privilege, and my honor to serve as your president for the past two years and look forward to many more years of service to the 'Old Command'.

Try Us!

Jay Castagnetta
President, WAVA, 2014

Battalion Commander's Comments

Dear Friends and WAVA Family,

This has been an exceptional few months for the Washington Artillery. We had a great turnout for our Boss Lift on September 27th. Many friends and supporters of the Battalion were present and we had a great time. We all rode on the back of a big truck along a very dusty trail, so everyone got an authentic experience!

We followed that with a very meaningful St. Barbara celebration on the evening of October 17th. We held it this year at the Audubon Tea Room. The venue was very nice, the food was exceptional, and the company was grand. Along with all of the guests from the active battalion and from WAVA, we were joined by MG Curtis, BG Keeling, BG Thompson (a former HHB commander), COL Waddell, CSM Stiefvater and CSM Mays. Everyone present had a wonderful time, and we performed several well deserved inductions into both the Orders of Saint Barbara and Molly Pitcher.

The morning after St. Barbara, we assembled in Metairie Cemetery to honor those who came before us. Friends, if you have never been to the wreath laying, you should go next year to see it. It is a very moving experience.

On the 19th, we held our Pass in Review. It was a great day, and the active battalion looked great, as always. We had perfect weather, and WAVA was there in force. We had an excellent cake and punch ceremony afterwards, and I got to witness the unveiling of the new anniversary painting, which is beautiful.

We ended the year at over 100% strength and have begun to enact the plan to recruit for Charlie Battery. We visited our sister unit at Fort Polk, and they graciously allowed us to sit in on some of their organizational meetings to get a better feel for how we will receive our new weapons systems as they arrive.

As we begin our new training year, I am more excited than ever to be part of our own Washington Artillery. Our men and women are simply the best at what they do, and they never fail to impress me and everyone who sees them in action.

I am looking forward to another great year as part of our exceptional battalion.

Kenneth T. Baillie
LTC, FA, LAARNG
Commander
1-141 Field Artillery
Washington Artillery

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WASHINGTON ARTILLERY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE II –PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

1. **Add d.** - To use its funds under strict supervision of the WAVA Board of Directors for worthwhile projects such as the education of the public about WAVA and /or the Washington Artillery of New Orleans and/or the active battalion of the Washington Artillery of New Orleans.
2. **New to read** - No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article under section four (4) hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in , including the publishing or distribution of statements, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code .
3. **New to read** - Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the parish or county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- 1.c. **Change to read** - Associate Membership.....**They shall pay dues. They shall hold office and shall be permitted to vote in the affairs of the association as provided in Article IV 2. They shall be allowed to hold all offices of the WAVA Board of Directors with the exception of the positions of President, 1st Vice-President, and 2nd Vice-President.**

ARTICLE IV-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2. **Change to read** - The Board of Directors shall consist of **seventeen (17) Active or Active Members in Perpetuity of the Association and one (1) Associate member or Associate Member in Perpetuity elected by the Associate general membership, each of whom shall hold office for a period of three (3) years.**

ARTICLE VI-NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
 - a. **Change to read** - Nominations to, and election of, the **seventeen (17) members of the Active Board of Directors shall be made by the Active and Active Members in Perpetuity only at the December (Annual) meeting each year. The nominations for the remaining one (1) Associate member position shall be made by the Associate membership at the same meeting. If no nominations are made for the Associate position, the WAVA Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint someone to the position by an election of the current members of the Board of Directors or leave the associate position to remain vacant until interest from the Associate membership supports such a nomination.**

WAVA BBQ Social information

125 Attended of which only 21 people did not make an advanced reservation. WAVA picked up 2 new members at the Social (The Clarks), Half and half winnings were \$180.00 won by Ms. Gaynel Muller. With the increase in the cost of admission, the cost of the social to WAVA was reduced to \$302.00. Normally that expense is much larger.



Active Battalion Wreath Laying Ceremony With WAVA in Attendance

The active battalion pays honor to all past members of the Washington Artillery annually with a wreath laying ceremony, a cannon salute, and a brief reception. That ceremony was conducted recently on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Metairie Cemetery.



Washington Artillery Merchandise

Prints of the Washington Artillery's 175th Anniversary painting will be available for purchase at the December WAVA Annual General Membership meeting.

There will be three versions of the unframed prints offered for sale.

- 1) Signed by artist and numbered - \$75.00
- 2) Numbered - \$ 50.00
- 3) Basic - \$30.00.

The prints must be paid for before they can leave the WAVA Room and any matting and/or framing will be the responsibility of the print purchaser.

In addition there will be several merchandising items available for selection with the new WAVA logo (hats, t-shirts, polo and oxford shirts). Samples will be available for ordering.

Washington Artillery Pass in Review

The Washington Artillery conducted its annual Pass in Review on October 19, 2014 on the Jackson Barracks parade ground near the Mississippi River levee. Pass in Review is a long-standing military tradition that began as a way for a newly assigned commander to inspect their troops and allow the troops to readily identify the new commander



WAVA Gallery Dedication

Following the Pass in Review, WAVA hosted a dedication of what has come to be known as the “WAVA Gallery”. The Gallery is on the second floor of the 141 Armory at the central stairway and elevator landing. It has been decorated with an extensive collection of memorabilia and artifacts depicting the long history of the Washington Artillery. Unveiled at this dedication was the 175th Anniversary painting depicting the modern day deployments of the Washington Artillery Battalion.



2014 Active Members Absentee Ballot for Board of Directors

This ballot is for use by **WAVA Active Members** or **Active Members in Perpetuity** whose dues are up to date only. Members with unpaid dues and Associate Members are ineligible to vote.

To cast your ballot for the WAVA Board of Directors indicate your choice by placing an **X** next to the individuals you select. You may write in a vote for one or more others by writing their name(s) in the space(s) provided. Please vote for a total of five (5) individuals. If you vote for six (6), your vote will be voided. Please print and sign your name in the space provided. Unsigned mail-in ballots will not be included in the vote.

Mail all ballots to: Jay Castagnetta, Office Manager
142 Remmy Ct.
Mandeville, LA 70448

_____ John DeMartini _____ James Copeland _____ Russell A. Mayeur, Sr.

_____ Joseph Whitman _____ Anthony LaNasa, III _____ Fred Muhs

(Write In Vote)

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The ballots must be received no later than December 1st, 2014 to be counted.
Any ballots received after that will not be included in the vote.

Voting Member's Printed Name
(Required)

Voting Member's Signature
(Required)

2014 Absentee Ballot for Board of Directors Associate Member Representative

This ballot is for use by **WAVA Associate Members** whose dues are up to date. Associate Members with unpaid dues are ineligible to vote.

To cast your ballot for the Associate Member Board of Directors Representative simply write in the name you desire to represent you in the space provided below. Remember, you can only vote for one (1) Associate Member. Please print and sign your name in the space provided. Unsigned mail-in ballots will not be counted for the elections.

Mail all ballots to: Jay Castagnetta, Office Manager
142 Remmy Ct.
Mandeville, LA 70448

(Write the name of the Associate Member you wish to vote for here)

The ballots must be received no later than December 1st, 2014 to be counted.
Any ballots received after that will not be counted.

Voting Member's Printed Name
(Required)

Voting Member's Signature
(Required)

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Consider Becoming A Member In Perpetuity!*

Washington Artillery Veterans Association – Membership Application

Return this application to: WAVA Secretary, P.O. Box 7584, Metairie, LA 70010

Please print clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Units: _____

New Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Recommended by: _____

Check Appropriate Space

Perpetual Member: (\$150.00) _____

Annual Member: (\$15.00) _____

Associate Perpetual Member: (\$150.00) _____

Associate Member: (\$15.00) _____

Annual Dues: (\$15.00) _____

Check Number: _____ Date: _____

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Application Received Date: _____

Secretary: _____ Treasurer: _____

Office Manager: _____

Membership Chairman: _____