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WAVA NEWS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2003

Audit: Bill Guarino (504) 682-2885
Awards: Pete Blackwell (504) 242-5625
Budget: Norvin Schexnaildre (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 03-4 To perpetuate the spirit of the Washington Artillery (The 1/141st FA BN under many numerical designations). October 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

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 MEETINGS 4th Quarter 2003/1st Quarter 2004

November 18th	General Membership Meeting
December 1st	Annual Meeting-Board Election
December 16th	Board Meeting/Officer Election
January 20th	Board Meeting
February 17th	General Membership Meeting
March 16th	General Membership Meeting

ANNUAL DUES

Please check your name label for the status of your dues. **ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1ST 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 OUR PLAQUE WHICH IS DISPLAYED IN OUR BUILDING.

PLEASE STAY UP-TO-DATE AND REMAIN ACTIVE IN WAVA.

WAVA LADIES' AUXILIARY

A meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M., January 20th at the WAVA building to discuss the feasibility of establishing such a group. There are many obvious advantages which will be discussed. Any interested spouse of a WAVA member should leave their name, phone number, comments and whether you will attend on our answering machine. Call 278-7553. You will be contacted via phone or letter.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The barbecue dinner meeting held on August 19th was a resounding success. One hundred and three attended and seemed to enjoy the food and the camaraderie. Thanks to Russell Mayeur, chairman of the event, for coordinating the event and setting up the hall. Also, thanks to Rene Jacques for the excellent condition of the building, Pete Blackwell for insuring everyone had sufficient refreshments, James Copeland for keeping the beer flowing and to all of those who assisted in the cleanup. Good job by everyone!!!

Belated thanks to Russell and Eloise Mayeur on the fabrication of the curtain which separates the main room of our building from the designated storage area. Assisting in this project were Dennis Showalter and Rene Jacques. It's a great addition to the facility. Also, thanks to Rita and Bill Guarino for the great food they prepared for the October meeting.

Our first reunion (hopefully one of many annual events) was held on September 16th. There were fifty-three members of our Association and former members of the Washington Artillery present. Our purpose was to gather old friends who haven't seen each other for many years and introduce them to WAVA. Thus far, we have picked up sixteen new members and hope to add more in the near future. New members are: Ambrose Ard, Nicholas Auck, Harry Bartlett, Ronald Besson, Randal Brown, R. Monk Guillot, Lionel Kertz (Perpetual), Vaughn Leatherwood, Terry Maddox, Roy Palmer, Dwayne Robinette, Keith Robinson, Terrence Ryan, Lloyd Walkers, Leon Watzke, Sr. and Augie Werner.

In my attempt to locate former unit members of the Washington Artillery, I was fortunate enough to locate many old friends, some of whom attended the reunion. Unfortunately, I spoke to two widows, not knowing their spouse was deceased. I located one former member whom I hadn't spoken with for over 40 years who couldn't attend due to health problems. Ronald Erdal passed away on the 23rd of September. The moral here is that life is fleeting. Stay in touch with your friends and former unit members.

Our Annual Meeting and Board Election will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 1st. The terms of the six board members shown on page 2 will expire in December. The proxy ballot at page 4 can be mailed in or brought to the meeting.

The 205th Engr. Bn., Louisiana National Guard, has been activated and is currently serving on active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

For GOD and country, Roger Bacon

WE HEARD FROM: Harry G. Bartlett of Raleigh, N. C. asked for information on WAVA. He wrote that his great-grandfather, John W. Wilcox, was a member of the 4th Co., Washington Artillery, from 1861-1865. We provided him the information about WAVA and the museum and archives at the Barracks. Harry has joined WAVA as an Associate Member.

RENTAL OF WAVA FACILITIES

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

TAPS: The Last Camp

Benton G. Wells	August, 2002
Ronald Erdal	September 3, 2003

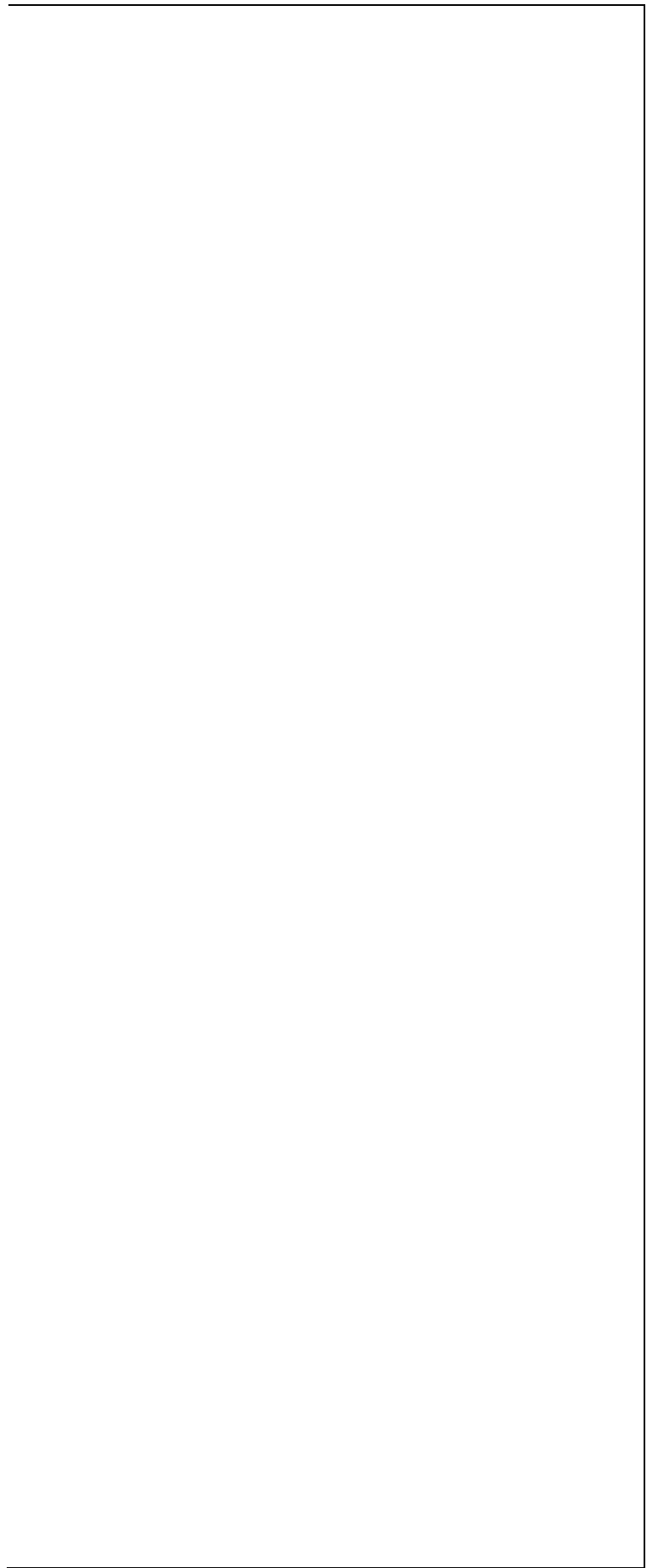
WAVA MEMBER SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY IN KUWAIT

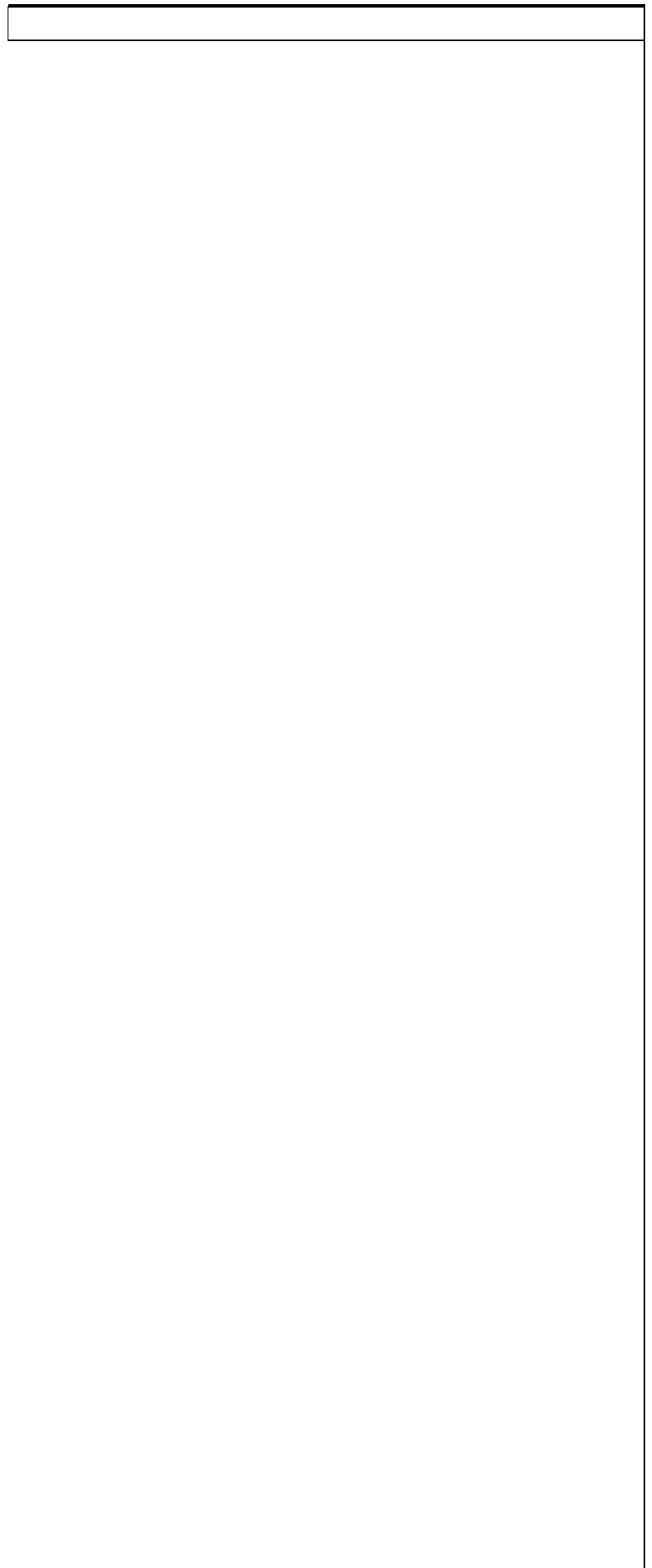
As best we can determine, there is only one member of this Association currently serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. That member is SFC Kurt Schexnaildre, son of Norvin Schexnaildre, a board member and treasurer of WAVA. Kurt, a Member in Perpetuity, is in the 1086th Transportation Company and is currently assigned as a Truckmaster in Kuwait. Their missions have taken the unit into Iraq. **KURT, WHO HAS BEEN THERE SINCE MARCH, HAS JUST RECEIVED STAND-DOWN ORDERS EFFECTIVE THE 27TH WITH TENTATIVE DEPARTURE SOMETIME AROUND 15 NOVEMBER.** We're extremely proud of Kurt and all of our military personnel. Keep them in your prayers.

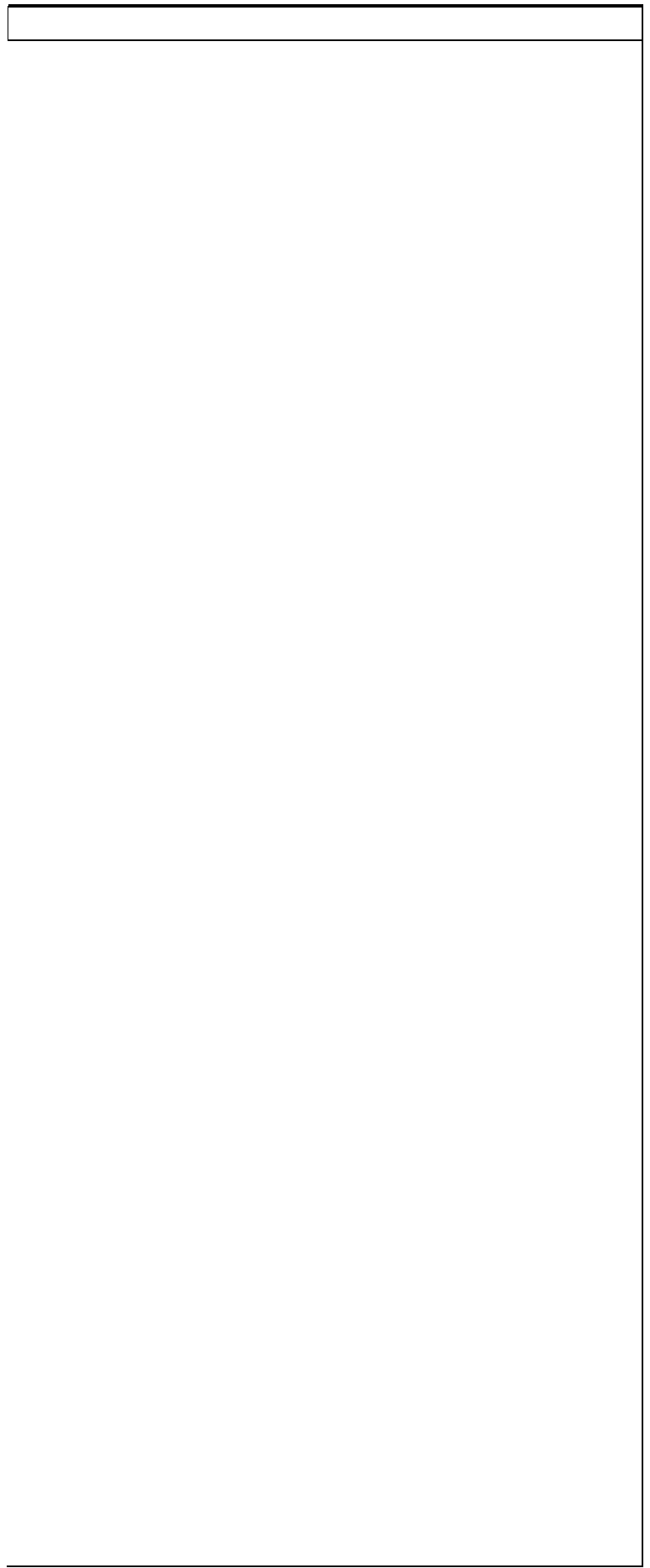
REMINDER: Artillery red sport coats are available at The Smart Set, 536 Oakland, Metairie, 833-1757. Contact Beverly Hailey. Cost is \$75 plus shipping charges. Larger sizes may cost slightly more.

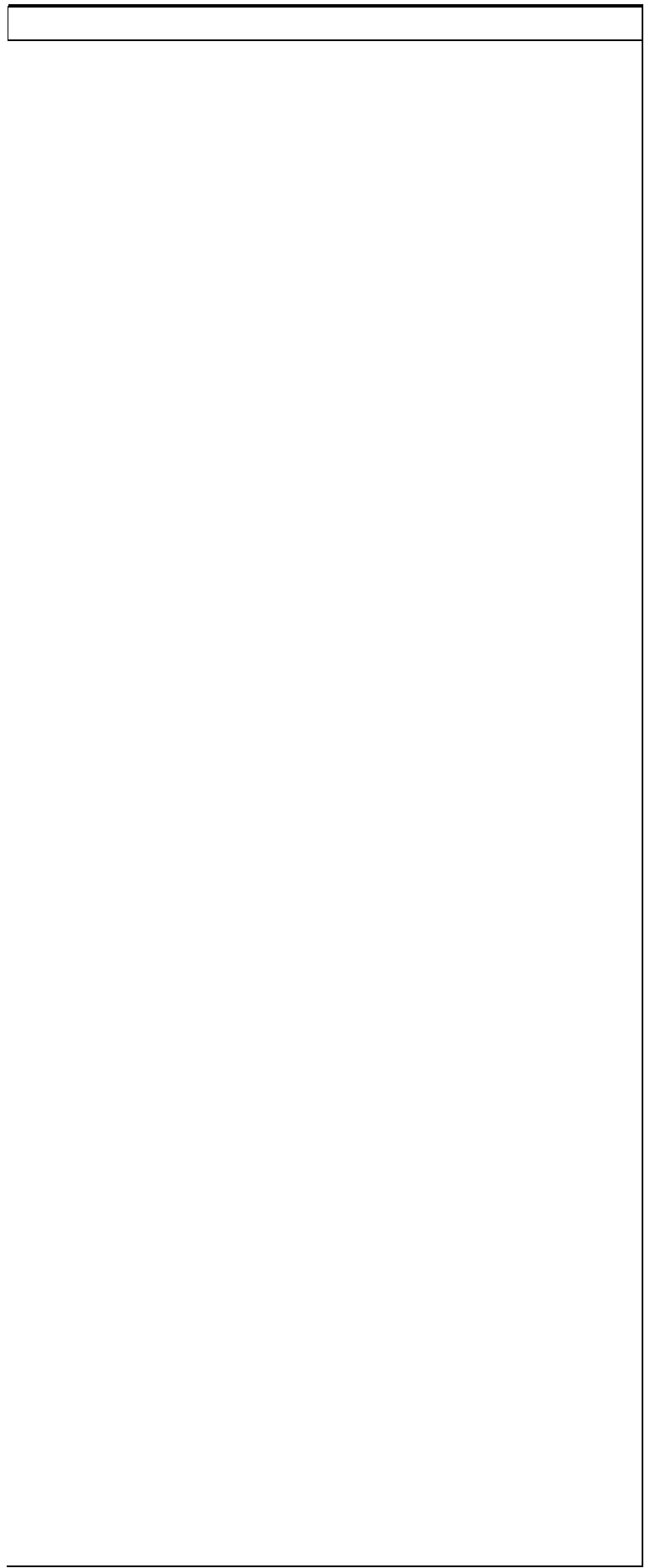
1/141 FA BN CHANGE OF COMMAND

A change of command was conducted during the annual Washington Artillery Review on Sunday, 26 October, at Jackson Barracks. **The new commander is MAJ Jordan Jones, who succeeds LTC Jonathan Ball.** Congratulations to LTC Ball on a job well-done during a period of demanding and diverse missions. He is now serving as J-1 (Personnel) on the Staff of The Adjutant General. We look forward to working with MAJ Jones and his staff to support the active battalion.









OFFICIAL PROXY BALLOT

To send a validated proxy ballot, please detach this portion of your newsletter. After indicating your choices, sign in the space provided and mail to: WAVA, P. O. Box 7584, Metairie, LA 70010 in time for it to be received prior to December 1, 2003. VOTE FOR SIX.

Nelson Ardoin _____ Jay E. Hotard _____ Other _____

Roger A. Bacon _____ Russell R. Madere' _____ _____

Donald G. Burgess _____ Anthony J. Pizzolatto _____ _____

Edward M. Harrell _____ Emile J. St. Pierre _____ _____

Please mark an "X" next to the nominees that you select. **SIX MUST BE CHOSEN.** If you choose to select a WAVA member or members not listed, please write their name(s) in the space(s) provided next to "**OTHER.**" In order for your ballot to be valid it must be signed.

Print Name _____ Signature _____

WAVA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES FORM

NAME _____

SEND APPLICATION TO:

ADDRESS _____

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

PHONE _____

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ANNUAL DUES (\$15.00) _____

WIFE'S NAME _____

NEW MEMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER _____

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:

