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Audit:	Joe Centanni	(504) 733-1141
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	Mike Escudier	(504) 455-1939
	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
Secretary:	Russell Mayeur	(228) 255-7689
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	Joe Centanni	(504) 733-1141
	Joseph Whitman	(985) 249-2255

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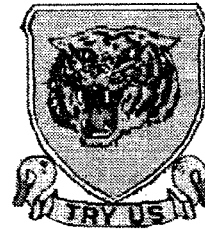
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OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

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WAVA OFFICERS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2010

Nelson Ardoin, Jr. (Charlene)	(504) 738-9634
Roger A. Bacon (Betty)	(504) 421-6358
Ray Hartman (Eva)	(504) 715-5704
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Dwayne Robinette (Kimberly)	(504) 304-1071
Jacques Walker (Jill)	(985) 882-9973

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

TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 2012

Ronald Besson (Barbara)	(504) 347-5026
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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 previous years is payable immediately. Consider becoming a member in perpetuity. Membership/dues form is on page 4.

WAVA MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS 4th Quarter 2010/1st Quarter 2011

October 19th	Barbecue Social/ Board Meeting
November 6th	Wreath Laying at Metairie Cemetery
November 21st	General Membership Meeting
December 6th	Annual Meeting/Board Election
December 21st	General Membership Meeting/Reunion
January 18th	Board Meeting
February 15th	General Membership Meeting
March 15th	General Membership Meeting

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

Member in Perpetuity: Peter H. Breslin

TAPS/LAST ROLL CALL

William P. Schulz	July 16 th
Edward C. Risher, Jr.	July 22 nd
Guy R. Claybourn, Jr.	August 22 nd

DEATHS IN THE WAVA FAMILY

Noel J. Binder.	July 19 th
Linda Besson Baudoin	September 18 th
Florence Wikle Jacques	September 26 th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Members, associates and soldiers of the 1/141st. This will be my last message as my term as president of WAVA ends in December. The new president will be elected at the December 21st meeting.

There is much to be done between now and then. A nominating committee, headed by Russell Mayeur, will take nominations for the board election up to that time. If you have anyone you wish to nominate, that person can be confirmed and offered to the membership on that date. You can reach Russell with nominations via his e-mail address: russellmayeur@bellsouth.net. ONLY PERPETUAL AND ACTIVE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND WHOSE DUES ARE PAID UP TO DATE (associate members excluded) MAY NOMINATE AND/OR VOTE.

Next on the agenda is our social on October 19, 2010. This is the BBQ social meal which is being provided by Dennis Seafood, back by popular demand. It will be at the American Legion Hall, Causeway and the River Road, Metairie. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children under 12. Reservations must be sent in as soon as possible to Ron Besson, Vice President, to the address shown on the reservation form on Page 4. He can be contacted at 504-347-5026. Due to space limitations those without a reservation may have to delay seating until those with reservations are seated to insure we do not run out of food.

The laying of the memorial wreath at the Washington Artillery Monument in Metairie Cemetery is fast-approaching. Due to conflicts, the date has been changed to November 6th at 11:00 a.m. Please arrive at about 10:00 a.m. or so in order to get organized. This is a time-honored tradition to remember and honor those who gave their lives for all of us. Please wear your red coat, white shirt and artillery or red tie and black trousers, sox and shoes.

We wish the 256th Brigade and the 1/141st Battalion a safe return from their deployment. The WA is scheduled to return home before Christmas.

In the enclosed insert is an extensive listing of members for whom we need information, particularly e-mail addresses, and all phone numbers. Send the info to Pete Breslin as shown. We have a list of those who have made donations to the FRG.

Although this is the last column I will write, I will be on the board of directors until at least through 2012. Please try to make our meetings where we will announce any changes to our activities. We anticipate having some future meetings at the new armory at Jackson Barracks. God Speed. Give continuous fire. And, **TRY US!**

Jim Ledet
President, WAVA

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Friends and Families of the Washington Artillery,

September was another milestone in the history of New Orleans Own Washington Artillery for it marked the official end of combat operations in the Iraqi Theater of Operations and ushered in a new campaign called Operation New Dawn. Our brigade is no longer referred to as a "combat brigade" but as an "advise and assist" brigade. Although the dangers are still the same, the name change is symbolic in that it better represents the lead role that the Iraqis play in all operations.

For seven years the public has been used to the title of Operation Iraqi Freedom or OIF. In 2004, the battalion fought in OIF III and in 2010, mobilized for OIF X. Operation New Dawn was chosen to symbolize the resurgence of the Iraqi people. They held their first democratic election in 2005 and are currently going through the process to seat their newly elected government. It is their first non-violent change of government since 1958 when the Baath Party seized power in a violent coup. This is a process that Americans take for granted. The peaceful transfer of power is the exception not the rule in this part of the world. The mere fact that the Iraqis are going through this process, albeit slowly, is a testimony to them and a reminder that our sacrifice has not been in vain.

The Soldiers living in the International Zone are taking advantage of the opportunity to work alongside our coalition partners. We have enjoyed a great working relationship with the Australian Army and have conducted a couple of joint marksmanship and quick reaction force exercises with them. We have even fielded a cricket team so that we can engage them in a match in October. I am sure we will get slaughtered but it will still be great fun. They joined us to watch the Saints and Falcons game where we introduced them to gumbo and jambalaya. They loved the food but American football confused them a bit and they had no idea what "Who Dat!" meant. We also work closely with the United States Embassy and have discovered why the food there is superior to our dining facility; three of their cooks are from New Orleans. Needless to say, we all find excuses that require us to dine at the embassy.

The Soldiers have adapted well to their new missions and living conditions. It does not matter whether you are one of the Soldiers stationed in Balad, Mosul or the International Zone; universally they were all glad to get the heck out of Tallil. From all reports, the Washington Artillery Soldiers who are stationed throughout Iraq are doing fine. Earlier in the month, CSM Daigle took a trip to Mosul and Balad to pay a visit to our troops and to hand out Battalion Coins. By all accounts they are doing quite well and have settled into their missions. They are all eager to return home. Aside from their loved ones and family there is one thing that they said they all missed and that is New Orleans style food; particularly seafood. The only kind of fish we get here is Char and Pollock; that doesn't even sound good. Personally, I am dying to get my hands on a Shrimp Po-Boy or a Muffuletta.

I consider it an honor to be serving with, let alone commanding such a fine group of patriots like the members of the Washington Artillery. They continue to excel on a daily basis and are performing at levels that far exceed their pay grades. The Commander of the 56th Iraqi Army told me that he was extremely impressed with their professionalism and work ethic. That was a great compliment and testimony to their efforts in Iraq.

Try Us!
LTC Brian P. Champagne

WAVA MEMBERSHIP/DUES APPLICATION

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____
 (Home) (Work) (Cell)
 SPOUSE'S NAME _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
 DATES OF SERVICE _____
 UNIT (BN) _____ BTRY(S) _____
 DATE OF BIRTH _____
 RECOMMENDED BY: _____ DATE _____ CHECK NUMBER _____

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 P. O. Box 7584, Metairie, LA 70010
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 NEW MEMBER (\$15) _____
 ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$15) _____
 MEMBER IN PERPETUITY (\$150) _____
 CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____

FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ONLY
 APPLICATION REVIEWED _____ APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE _____ COMMENTS _____

WREATH-LAYING AT METAIRIE CEMETARIE: To be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2010.
 Please wear red coat, tie, black trousers and shoes and cap.

The 5th Co. Washington Artillery will attend the following events this Fall:
 Oct. 15-17: School of the Piece and Training Evolution, Port Hudson, LA
 Nov. 6: Washington Artillery Memorial Shoot w/Drum & Fife Corps, Metairie Cemetery, Metairie, LA
 Nov. 19-21: Camp Moore Reenactment, 5th Co. host unit, Camp Moore, LA
 Dec. 11: Winter Unit Meeting, Camp Moore, LA
 WAVA veterans and families will be honored guests in their camp.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

To cast an absentee ballot, detach this portion of your newsletter. Please indicate your choices by placing an "X" next to the individuals you select. You may nominate one or more others by writing their name(s) in the space (s) provided. Please vote for six individuals. Please print your name and sign in the spaces provided. Mail the ballot to: WAVA, P. O. Box 7584, Metairie, LA 70010 in time to be received by December 3rd, 2010. Please vote for six individuals. **Unsigned mail-in ballots will not be included in the tabulation.**

Nelson Ardoin _____ Ray Hartman _____ Jacques Walker _____
 Roger Bacon _____ Jay Hotard _____ Other _____
 Brian Champagne _____ Dwayne Robinette _____ Other _____

PRINT NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____
 (Must be signed.)

IN ORDER TO GET OUR DATABASE UP TO DATE WITH THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE WE ARE ASKING ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE. E-MAIL TO PETE BRESLIN AT tpb@tpbbreslinlaw.com or send it to 21 Chateau Haut Brion, Kenner, LA 70065.

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Balbon, Calixtro		504-304-6358		
Benezech, Edward		504-682-9780		504-460-5469
Benoit, Michael E		504-301-2896		
Bergeron, Stephen		504-738-0149	504-569-2309	504-450-1549
Besson, Renda I		504-340-2987		
Bezou, G Mark		504-468-3339		
Binder, Alois		504-885-8599		
Blackwell, William		504-254-1490		
Blancher, Alton R.		985-642-9229		
Bliss, Bill		504-835-8933		
Boecklemann, Ronald		504-733-0092		
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Booth, Reginald G		985-624-8770		
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Boyce, Richard E., Sr.		225-686-2884		
Brown, Randal		804-758-1836		
Burke, Timothy E		815-629-9828		
Cangelosi, Keith, MD		985-893-1607		
Caruso, James		504-887-3429		504-451-9174
Cavanagh, Mrs Audrey		504-466-4258		
Centanni, Joseph S		504-733-1141		504-400-1141
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Connolly, George C. Jr.		504-282-1443		
Corley, Charles G				
Cousin, Jules Sr,		504-682-0569		
Cox, Mrs Jackie		225-293-5419		
Crockett, William H		504-615-6639		
<i>Daigle, Edward A</i>		504-289-6965		
Daussin, Brenda M		228-586-2639	228-547-5532	
Davis, Georgia		850-982-4184		
Dearing, Reinhard		985-646-2833		
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Grass, Frederick L		850-238-9315	bad phone #	
Graves, Johnny		225-654-8287	disconnected	
Gutierrez, Rigoberto		504-295-0921		
Hankins, Jimmy		504-485-0997		
Harrell, Edward M		504-454-7738		
Harrison, Glenn		225-272-7124		
Hartman, Ray J		504-715-5704		
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Miller, Irvin		561-495-1433		
Mire, Ary J., Jr.		985-307-0871		
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Parrino, Philip R				
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Reavis, Mrs Mary		985-643-4272		
Riera, Mrs Ralph R		504-341-9266		
Rispoli, Charles, III		504-888-9573		
Roberts, Arthur C.				
Robertson, Gerald		601-796-8345		
Robinette, Dwayne		504-304-1071		
Rodriguez, Donald J., Sr.		916-589-0967		
Roehrs, Mrs Kurt D				
Roger, John				
Rome, Sidney		985-643-5043		
Rotolo, Joseph A ., Jr.		504-835-3292		
Rotolo, Kerri		504-835-3292		
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Roux, Mrs Iris		504-832-6531		
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Schmidt, Mrs William C		504-422-2293		
Schulin, John		504-835-1817		
Schulz, William P		985-792-5394		
Schwartz, Diane B		985-340-7101		
Schwarzenbach, Sylvia		504-392-0933		
Seaton, Robert		504-340-5000		
Sellers, Norman G		225-272-3765		
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Tracy, Richard		504-885-6938		
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Wellmeyer, Henry P		985-237-3455		
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Donations in the amount indicated have been made to the Family Readiness Group:

5th CO Reinactment	\$1,000
Glen Cangelosi	100
Peter Breslin	30
Roger Bacon	25
Ronald Besson	25
William Blackwell	25
Joseph Centanni	25
Ronald Chevis	25
Jay Hotard	25
Jordan Jones	25
Michael Kreutz	25
Mildred Kreutz	25
Jim Ledet	25
Paul Lassalle	25
Russell Mayeur	25
Joel Rouselle	25
Norvin Schexnaildre	25
Rolla Schwartz	25
Joseph Taranto	25