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## WAVA NEWS

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010

Active Battalion:	John DiMartini	(504) 738-7472
	Ed Daigle	(504) 289-6965
Audit:	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
Financial Advisor:	Ron Besson	(504) 347-5026
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Food/Beverage:	Charlene Ardoin	(504) 738-9634
	Joe Centanni	(504) 733-1141
	Joseph Whitman	(504) 249-2255

### What's Inside!!!

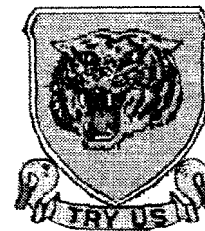
President's & Commander's Message  
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WAVA Website (Insert)  
Officers and Board Members  
Dues/Membership Application/New Members  
5<sup>th</sup> Co. WA Events, Fall 2010  
TAPS/DEATHS IN THE WAVA FAMILY

Historical:	Glen Cangelosi	(504) 391-1174
	Jacques Walker	(985) 882-9973
Legal:	Peter Breslin	(504) 466-3929
	Mike Escudier	(504) 455-1939
	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
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	(504) 249-2255
Parliamentarian:	Peter Breslin	(504) 466-3929
	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
Programs/Publicity:	Jordan Jones	(985) 331-2093
Recording Secretary:	Joseph Taranto	(504) 834-3302
Socials:	Ron Besson	(504) 347-5026
	Jim Ledet	(504) 887-2910
	Joseph Whitman	(504) 249-2255
Telephone:	Joe Centanni	(504) 733-1141
Website	Jay Castagnetta	(985) 285-8883

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### WAVA OFFICERS

Jim Ledet	President
Ron Besson	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Joseph Centanni	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
Jay Hotard (Betty)	(504) 339-3121
Dwayne Robinette (Kimberly)	(504) 304-1071
Jacques Walker (Jill)	(985) 882-9973

#### 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 Scbexnaildre (Loyce)	(504) 889-0837
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 3rd/4th Quarters 2010

July 20th	Board Meeting
August 17th	General Membership Meeting
September 21st	General Membership Meeting
October 19th	Barbecue Social/ Board Meeting
November 21st	General Membership Meeting
December 6th	Annual Meeting/Board Election
December 21st	General Membership Meeting/Reunion

### 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: Jules Cousins

Annual Members: Cecil J. "Buck" Robuck, Timothy Williamson

### TAPS/LAST ROLL CALL

Joseph J. Taylor, Jr.	March 19th
Allen O. Flake	March 19th
Henry L. Pepper, Jr.	March 22nd

### DEATHS IN THE WAVA FAMILY

Jacob C. Fritz, Jr. March 2

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Our annual Barbecue social will be held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall, intersection of Causeway Blvd. and River Road. Serving will begin at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to bring your family and friends. Reservation form is on page 4. Cost for adults is only \$15. Children under 12 is only \$7.50. WAVA is picking up the remainder of the actual cost of the social. Quite a bargain.

We have been briefed by Mrs. Cherie Smith on family support activities for the rotation period. WAVA has made a donation to the Family Support Group to facilitate short term activities but they will require additional funds for future activities and a welcome home party. The WAVA Board has agreed to donate to WAVA a minimum of \$25 each which will go toward their group. We ask that each member get behind this effort by sending in his or her voluntary donation of \$25 or more or whatever amount you may be able to afford. Please note on your check that it is for the FSG. The soldiers and their families need our help. That is why we exist. Thank you! If you have a suggestion on organizations or corporations which should be contacted for a donation please contact Norvin Schexnaildre at 504-889-0837.

Military discounts are available for active, reserve and retired military members at numerous businesses. We know that O'Reilly Auto Parts, Lowe's, Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies and Home Depot are a few. If you check the internet using the key words "military discounts" you will be directed to many sites with more information.

In order to facilitate rapid dissemination of information we are working to increase our data base of e-mail addresses. Please confirm your current e-mail address by sending it to Russell Mayeur at [russellmayeur@bellsouth.com](mailto:russellmayeur@bellsouth.com). If you have had a change in address, phone number or added a cell phone, etc. please let us know. Keep the troops in your prayers.

Jim Ledet  
President, WAVA

## **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:**

Friends and families of "New Orleans Own" Washington Artillery,

The month of June has been a very busy time for the battalion. All of the units completed their Convoy Security Missions by June 22, 2010, and the Battalion Headquarters turned over full control of the Operations

Center to the 1-116 Infantry Battalion; the other half of Task Force Overlord. The battalion then began the turn-in process of all of their equipment preparing to transition to their follow-on missions. The Advance Party for each unit was simultaneously sent to the future locations so that they could lay the ground work for success by preparing for each unit's arrival at the impending destination.

By the end of mission in Tallil, the battalion had driven over 50,000 miles; safely delivering millions of dollars of products throughout central and southern Iraq. There was not a single incident in which a convoy lost one of its trucks or its commodities to actions by insurgents. The Soldiers of the Washington Artillery were ever vigilant and operated successfully, completing their missions in that dangerous environment.

The battalion re-task organized at the end of June with each unit being assigned different missions in different locations. This was done as part of our nations responsible draw-down of forces in Iraq. The Battalion Headquarters will be in charge of the Rear Area Operations Center (RAOC) in the International Zone (IZ) near Baghdad. This area was formerly known as the Green Zone. Alpha Battery and Bravo Batteries became a Force Protection Companies that will also work out of the IZ. Golf Company will continue to be a Convoy Security Company working for 3-156 Infantry in Mosul, Iraq.

All of the Soldiers are excited about the impending moves and changes of mission. It will come at a perfect time being in the middle of our tour thus providing a change of venue and mission. Conducting this type of mission mid-stride is never easy. There was a lot of in-depth planning done at the battalion and battery levels. There was also a lot of coordination that had to occur in order to secure flights for our Soldiers and transportation for our equipment. The synchronization of all of these moving pieces was difficult because in many cases the equipment was still being utilized up until the shipping date.

The Soldiers are most excited about the impending change of mission because they will be moving out of the desert. There are trees and water at each of the locations that we will be working; what a big change. The new locations also offer relief from the daily dust storms and sweltering temperatures of Tallil. In most cases the temperatures are ten to fifteen degrees cooler. The reports from each unit's advance party are that the living conditions for each Soldier are also much improved.

Morale remains high among the Soldiers with many of them having been on leave or having scheduled their leave. There is a lot of work to be done ahead; changing missions is never easy. It takes a couple of weeks to establish your productive routines or battle rhythm. I know that the Soldiers of the Washington Artillery will be successful and set the standard for professionalism and dedication at their new locations. I am honored to have the privilege to command the finest Soldiers in the United States Army.

Try Us!  
LTC Brian P. Champagne

# WAVA MEMBERSHIP/DUES APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Work) (Cell)

### CHECK AS APPROPRIATE

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT (BN) \_\_\_\_\_ BTRY(S) \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER IN PERPETUITY (\$150) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE OF ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ONLY

APPLICATION REVIEWED \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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### The 5<sup>th</sup> Co. Washington Artillery will attend the following events this Fall:

Oct. 15-17: Fall Muster and Living History reenactment, Beauvoir, Biloxi, MS.

Nov. 5-7: 5<sup>th</sup> Co. WA School of the Artilleryman and Camp of Instruction, Port Hudson State Park, LA

Nov. 19-21 Host Unit, Civil War Living History Encampment and reenactment, Camp More, Tangipahoa, LA

WAVA veterans and families will be honored guests in their camp. A donation to the 1/141<sup>st</sup> Family Support Group from the 5<sup>th</sup> Company is planned for the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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### BARBECUE SOCIAL

American Legion Hall at Causeway Blvd., and River Road, 7:00 p.m.  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON, CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$7.50**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WAVA)**

**I/WE WILL ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_**

(Member/Spouse's Name and Number of Additional Guests)

**I/WOULD LIKE MY PARTY TO BE SEATED WITH OR NEAR \_\_\_\_\_.**

Please provide your

**MAIL TO: Ron Besson**

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

1500 Avenue F

Marrero, LA 70072-3748

504-347-5026

Food will be catered by Dennis Lacoste and will include ribs, chicken, hamburgers, potato salad, beans and bread pudding. Draft beer and soft drinks will be furnished.