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President's & Commander's Message  
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# WASHINGTON ARTILLERY VETERANS ASSOCIATION



## WAVA NEWS



No. 11-4 To Perpetuate the Spirit of the Washington Artillery (The 1/141FA under many numeric designations). Sept. 2011

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#### Annual Dues

Please check your mailing label for the status of your dues. Annual dues for 2011 and previous years are payable immediately. Consider becoming a member in perpetuity. Membership/dues form is attached herein.

#### WAVA MEETINGS/SPECIAL EVENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters 2011

August 16th	General Membership Meeting
Sept. 20th	General Membership Meeting & BBQ Social
October 18	WAVA Board Meeting
November 15	General Membership Meeting
December 5	Annual Reunion, Gen. Meeting, Election of Board of Directors
December 20	General Membership Meeting

#### Please Mark Your Calendar for All Meetings

WAVA will hold its meetings at Jackson Barracks in the 1/141st Armory located at the N. Claiborne Ave. entrance.

The WAVA Room opens at 1700 hours for refreshments.

The meal will be served at 1800 hours.

The Meeting will start at 1900 hours.

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

#### New Members

Life Member:	Nunzio J. Marchiafava
Member:	Frank J Oliveri, III, Anthony Etheredge Jasminr Dalton, Mgchal Alexander
Life Associate Member:	Peggy F. Breslin
Associate Members:	Roni Griffin, Franko L. Askren Rhett Owens, Richard B. Bond

#### Deaths in Our WAVA Family

Katherine Boudreau Benezech  
Charles Rispoli Jr.

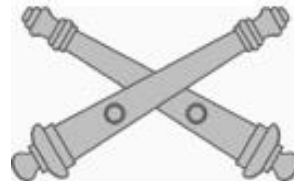
\*>>> Please Note This BBQ Social Change <<<\*

At the last meeting, we revised the cost of the BBQ Social. Children 12 and under will eat *free!* If you have sent in a check including child payments, you will be refunded at the door. *Bon Appétit!*

#### What They Said...

“The art of war is simple enough. Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can. Strike him as hard as you can, and keep moving.” *General Ulysses S Grant*

Visit the WAVA website:  
[www.washingtonartillery.org](http://www.washingtonartillery.org)



## President's Message

Dear WAVA members and friends,

As we near the sixth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, "The storm that changed America", my thoughts were of the devastation inflicted on the City of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region.

The home of WAVA, located in Chalmette, LA was inundated by 11 plus feet of storm water from failed levees. WAVA joined the thousands of homeless. Thanks to WAVA V.P. Joseph Centanni, we were able to conduct our monthly meetings at the Metairie Delta Lions Club, located in Harahan, LA. We remained at the Club for over five years and we are indeed grateful for this courtesy.

Like our motto "TRY US", Hurricane Katrina gave it her best, however, we prevailed. In 2010 our prayers were answered. Major General Bennett C. Landreneau, TAG Louisiana, provided a new home for WAVA at the armory of the 1/141 FA, "New Orleans' own Battalion Washington Artillery", at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA. This location will allow us to continue serving soldiers past, present, and future.

The WAVA Planning Committee, which replaced the Building Committee, and carries a much expanded charter, chaired by Jordan T. Jones and members, Russell Mayeur, Peter Breslin, Nelson Ardoin, Jr., Jay Castagnetta, Joseph Whitman, and CSM Edward Daigle developed an excellent plan for the WAVA room. Jay Castagnetta and his team implemented the plan to perfection. Our thanks go out to all of you.

We invite you to join us at the General Membership meeting for dinner. We promise a short meeting and the opportunity to socialize with soldiers of the battalion. It is our sincerest desire that new friendships are created and opportunities to greet old ones are abound.

At the July meeting we welcomed Maj. Steven Finney, the new Battalion Commander 1/141 FA. We are prepared to work with Steven and to assist him and his staff in any ways that benefit his soldiers. We are blessed to be here at this place, at this time, with this group of great Americans.

Information pertaining to the barbecue social is included in this newsletter. Please send in your check and table request as soon as possible.

Consider enrolling your spouse, family member or friends as Associate Members of WAVA. This will allow them to attend our general membership meetings and to receive our newsletter.

*"Tell me and I will listen, show me and I will understand, teach me and I will learn."*

Ronald R. Besson  
President, WAVA

"TRY US"

## Commander's Comments

With Labor Day behind us and the summer coming to an end, I hope everyone enjoyed the time with family and friends. Since the battalion did not drill in the month of July, it is pleasure to give an update on the training events for August as well as what is in store for the future.

The August drill was a home station drill at Jackson Barrack. The battalion had a busy weekend with the Periodic Health Assessment (PHA). This is an annual event for soldier to update and maintain their medical readiness. A weekend dedicated to PHA is not an exciting one, it usually consists of waiting in line to answer a lot of questions, get a few shots and have your teeth inspected. However, not all training time was lost. Alpha battery, which did not start PHA till Sunday, took their soldier to Camp Villere in Slidell on Friday and Saturday to focus on drivers training and maintenance issues.

Looking forward, the September drill is another home station that the battalion will focus on closing out 2011 and moving forward into 2012. October's drill will be the weekend of 22nd – 23<sup>rd</sup> and will feature the annual Pass in Review and the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Metairie Cemetery. November drill brings the opportunity for the units to utilize Camp Villere again to focus on artillery and drivers training.

By the next news letter, I will give updates on Pass in Review, the Wreath Laying Ceremony as well as the upcoming St. Barbara's. Try Us.

**TRY US**

Sincerely,

Major Steven M. Finney

## What They Said...

"I do not have to tell you who won the war. You know, the artillery did." – *General George S. Patton*

## WAVA Red Coat

If you are interested in purchasing the WAVA Red Coat, stop by Smart Set Formal Wear at 536 Oaklawn Drive, Metairie, La. (504-833-1757) Cost is about \$110.00.



### **Wreath Laying Ceremony Metairie Cemetery**

The Battalion Washington Artillery (Active Battalion) in conjunction with WAVA will conduct the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at Metairie Cemetery on Saturday October 22, 2011 at 1000 hours. WAVA members are requested to wear the red WAVA sport coat with black pants, black shoes, white long sleeve shirt with red tie and red Garrison Cap.

There will be a brief reception at the Metairie Cemetery facility following the ceremony for military and civilian attendees.

### **Bus Tour of Metairie Cemetery**

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, on October 22nd there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Washington Artillery Monument located in Metairie Cemetery

Based upon a recent presentation by representatives from the cemetery, a number of people expressed interest in taking a tour of this historic site. We have set the tours to begin at 8:30 a.m., and 9:45 a.m. The choice of tour is determined by receipt of payment, i.e. first checks received get first choice of tours.

The cost is \$10.00 per rider. (to cover the cost of the tour bus) and participation is limited to the first 54 paid. This is available to WAVA members and their friends,

If you are interested, please forward your payment to Pete Breslin, 2908 Hessmer Ave., Metairie, LA 70002. If there are any questions, contact Pete at 504-810-6739 or [tpb@tpbreslinlaw.com](mailto:tpb@tpbreslinlaw.com).

### **Humor in Uniform – 1/141 Style *Asleep at the Wheel***

“It was either October or November of 1973. It was cold, but not bitter cold. It was my first field move with the battalion. We occupied a firing point at Camp Shelby and were waiting for our first fire mission. We were firing the M102 (105mm) Towed Howitzers. I was sitting on the ground by the wheel on the Gunners side of the carriage. We were base piece I believe. It was mid-morning Saturday when the first mission came in (I think). The reason I say that is because I was sound asleep through my very first fire mission. Yes, you read that right. As the gun I was assigned to adjusted fire and fired for effect the best I could do was muster a loud enough snore, sleeping against that tire attached to the carriage of a 105mm howitzer, firing a fire mission that dazzled the gun crew. When the mission was over the gun chief came over to where I was counting the sheep and kicked me hard enough to insure I wasn't dead. All I can remember after that was the entire gun line laughing so hard the 'Smoke' wondered what was going on. I'll tell you I didn't live that down for quite some time.”

*Submitted by Jay Castagnetta*

### **"Shoot and Be Dammed!"**

by Keith Rocco

In the last days of the Civil War, General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia was fighting with its back to Richmond. These battle-weary but determined Confederates were facing overwhelming odds. A section of guns from the Third Company, Washington Artillery of New Orleans, "...the most famous of the confederate volunteer artillery organizations," was posted at Fort Gregg, a critical portion of the thin line of defense close to the Appomattox River. If the fort fell, the Union forces could break the Confederate line.

On April 2, 1865, the Union forces attacked Fort Gregg. The 270 defenders had to hold until Lieutenant General James Longstreet's men could occupy new positions. Assault after assault broke against the walls of the fort like a rising blue tide against a rock. One of the assaults swept over the parapet of the fort. Lieutenant McElroy's guns of the Third Company, Washington Artillery barred the way. Three-inch Parrot rifled cannon, loaded with canister were aimed at the attacking Federal soldiers at point blank range.

A Union soldier called to Private Lawrence Berry, who had the firing lanyard in his hand, "Don't fire that gun! Drop the lanyard or we'll shoot!" Berry yelled back, "Shoot and be damned!" and fired his cannon into the faces of his assailants. Almost immediately Berry went down with multiple wounds. The tenacious defense of Fort Gregg gained precious time for Confederate forces to solidify their lines. The courage, dedication and self-sacrifice of the Washington Artillery is carried on today by the 141st Field Artillery, Louisiana Army National Guard.

### **Humor in Uniform**

Published in this issue of the newsletter, is the first submission to our "Humor in Uniform." Please don't let it be the last submission. We invite interested WAVA members and active battalion members to submit their article(s) describing a "humorous" event that took place during their service in the Washington Artillery. That would include active duty, summer camps, weekend drills/shoots, parades, and any other "military" function they attended.

Word limit is 150 (more or less) and must not name names in the story. The intent is to describe the event and show the "humor" of the happening and perhaps cause other people, who might have been there, to chuckle at the story. Criticism, sarcasm, complaining and belly aching articles will be tossed in the trash. The name of the writer will be included in the newsletter so credit can be given where credit is due. E-mail you article(s) to: [fmuhs@cox.net](mailto:fmuhs@cox.net).

## New Look for the WAVA Room at Jackson Barracks

The July meeting gave the general membership their first look at the improvements to the WAVA Room. The improvements included partitions to divide up the area into an informal gathering space at the entrance, office space for those that need space, a conference area, and the main meeting area. The main meeting area was turned end for end eliminating the need to turn chairs around for video presentations. Oh yes, the refreshments also moved to the other end of the room in case you had difficulty finding them. All in all, the Planning Committee did an outstanding job. During the meeting the outgoing battalion commander, was given a hard bound copy of his journal from Iraq. Inside the journal members of WAVA had an opportunity to offer their best wishes and personal notes to Lieutenant Colonel Champagne.



Entrance to WAVA Room



President's Office



Secretary/Treasurer Office



Meeting Area



Refreshments & Conference Area



Presentation to outgoing battalion commander

## The Link Between WA and LSU

Louisiana State University first adopted the nickname "Tigers" for its football players in the fall of 1896. It was that year that the university's football team posted a perfect 6-0-0 record under the direction of Coach A.W. Jeardeau. Although it was customary to choose ferocious animals for mascots, the choice of "Tigers" can be linked back to the War Between the States.

The name "Louisiana Tigers" evolved from a Confederate volunteer company named the Tiger Rifles, which was organized in New Orleans in 1861 as part of a battalion commanded by Major Chatham Roberdeau Wheat. The company wore colorful Zouave uniforms. As the war progressed, Wheat's entire battalion became known as Tigers. That name was eventually applied to all of the Louisiana troops of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

LSU's snarling tiger can be linked to yet another famous Confederate unit, the Washington Artillery of New Orleans, now the 141st Field Artillery stationed at Jackson Barracks. This artillery unit traces its history back to the 1830s, and uses a logo that features a snarling tiger's head. The tiger was attached to that unit in 1857 by its commander, James Burgess Walton.

Both the Louisiana Tigers of Wheat's Battalion and the Washington Artillery first gained fame at the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861. Major David French Boyd, first president of LSU after the war, had fought with the Louisiana troops in Virginia and knew the reputation of both the Tiger Rifles and the Washington Artillery.

Thus when LSU football teams entered the gridiron battlefields in their fourth year of intercollegiate competition, they tagged themselves as the "Tigers." In 1955 LSU's Fourth-Quarter Ball Club expanded the name "Tigers" into the current nickname, "Fighting Tigers."

*Reprinted from Dr. Cangelosi's web site,*

[www.washingtonartillery.com/](http://www.washingtonartillery.com/)

## Contact Information Request

Thanks to all for their help in locating missing contact information for WAVA members. We are down to a very small number of "MIA" and the list of those still missing is attached hereto. If you have any way to contact these people, please do so and ask them to forward their contact information to Pete Breslin, 2908 Hessmer Ave., Metairie, LA 70002 or email to [tpb@tpbreslinlaw.com](mailto:tpb@tpbreslinlaw.com) or call 504-810-6739.

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## What They Said...

"Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it." *Will Rogers*

## Some of the First Saints Fans to "Go Marching In"

On March 8, 1967, when the N.O. Saints ticket office opened its windows at 8:00 a.m., Al Whiteman, upon purchasing the tickets, became the very first N.O. Saints season ticket holder. Al proudly states that he has been a loyal Saints supporter since the very beginning and is equally proud to hold the title No. 1 Saints Ticket Holder. Al was followed by Calvin Long of Poydras, Louisiana. Hundreds of eager fans waited in line throughout the cold night wrapped in blankets, but Al and Calvin would allow nothing to dampen their spirits as they anxiously awaited the entrance of the N.O. Saints into the NFL.

*From a 1995 book by Buddy Stall*

## Redefining Mass

by LTC Michael Forsyth

(The author draws a comparison between "smart bombs" currently being used with great success and the potential impact to the field artillery of the use of "smart rounds." Editor)

*"The result of the trend towards 'airshaft accuracy' in air war is a denigration in the importance of mass."*

– Phillip S. Meilinger, 1995

The advent of precision weaponry is changing the definition of the principle of war and mass, as we know it. No longer does it require a heavy concentration of systems or bombs to destroy a target at a single point.

For the past two decades, the U.S. Air Force has embraced precision weapons and used them to effectively attack targets in order to facilitate achieving the commander's end state for battles and campaigns. If the field artillery embraces a redefinition of mass through precision attack, the branch could utilize the concept to drive a transformation that would make it the most lethal and effective field artillery branch in the world. This article advocates that our branch latch on to this concept by demonstrating how it works for airpower, how mass is redefined, and what we can do to leverage it for the future advancement of the field artillery.

**Massing Fires** - Mass is one of the nine principles of war and has traditionally meant the concentration of forces and or Fires on objectives and targets to facilitate the defeat of the enemy. FM 3-0, *Operations*, currently defines mass as the "concentration of the effects of combat power at the decisive point and time. Commanders mass the effects of combat power (troops, Fires, non-lethal assets) in time and space to achieve both destructive and constructive results." Additionally, FM 3-09.21 *Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for the Field Artillery Battalion* states "massing all available Fires enables the artillery to inflict maximum damage on the enemy." In other words, commanders and field artillery units had to bring together resources in the form of units, systems and metal at the right place and time to facilitate the desired effect on the enemy force.

For example, Omar N. Bradley and Clay Blair's book, "A General's Life," states, in World War II the Eighth Air Force massed 2,246 aircraft for Operation Cobra, in July 1944. These aircraft dropped more than one million tons of ordnance to help create the opening for massed armored

units, from several divisions, to break out of the hedgerows of Normandy. Also, according to the book, "Certain Victory," by BG Robert H. Scales, as well as my personal experience as a member of the 18th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., in the Persian Gulf War during Operation Desert Storm, artillery from the 18th Field Artillery Brigade massed all 90 guns and 27 rocket launchers on a single objective – Objective Rochambeau – on Feb. 24, 1991.

This enabled maneuver forces of the 82nd Airborne Division and the 6th French Armored Division to quickly overrun the defending Iraqi unit. Therefore, the weight of many units, guns and people were required to provide the devastating blow that unhinged the enemy defenses. However, with the advent of precision the definition and requirement to mass has changed.

"Ten Propositions Regarding Airpower," by Phillip S. Meilinger states, "mass has long been considered one of the principles of war. In order to break through a defense, one had to concentrate force and firepower at a particular point." However, the introduction of precision guided munitions changed this dynamic. Meilinger continues by asserting, "in short, targets are no longer massive, and neither are the [aerial] weapons used to neutralize them. There is no logical reason why bullets and bombs should be wasted on empty air or dirt. Ideally, every shot should find its mark." What Meilinger is saying, is there is no longer a need to concentrate all troops or weapon systems at a single point. If we have the means – precision munitions – then we can distribute troops and systems to attack many targets with a high degree of accuracy. Therefore, in an age of precision munitions a new definition of mass is the ability to attack multiple targets from many distributed points across the battlefield, with precision accuracy to produce the desired effect on the enemy in accordance with the commander's intent. Airpower used this concept to transition from 1,000 strong B-17 bomber attacks, in World War II, on a single target to assaulting 1,000 targets simultaneously across Iraq, in 1991, with a fraction of aircraft. Could the field artillery adopt this new definition and transform its force, too?

**A New Definition** - Adopting a redefinition of mass could facilitate a transformation of the field artillery branch in terms of organization, equipment, and employment. Precision weaponry provided numerous advantages for airpower that would benefit the field artillery in a similar manner. For example, precision weapons would reduce the number of systems required to deliver effective Fires. Correspondingly, fewer systems and precise delivery will reduce the logistics tail required to support field artillery units. Traditionally, transportation requirements strained the logistic capacity of units across every command echelon in supporting field artillery units. Mass redefined could significantly reduce the tonnage of munitions needed by those units. This net gain in transportation will increase the overall mobility of the entire force and make it easier to move field artillery units in conjunction with maneuver units. Deployability provides the maneuver commander with greater flexibility in employing his forces.

Redefining mass will change the way the field artillery is organized and employed on the battlefield. Fires battalions would become smaller, reflecting the reduction of systems, yet they would retain or exceed the lethality of their


predecessors due to the effectiveness and precision of the munitions. Further, units could deploy in a more distributed way to provide better force protection and coverage for their supported units. Fewer elements mean fewer targets for the enemy to engage thereby reducing risk. At the same time, operating in a distributed manner provides the ability to conduct parallel (simultaneous) engagement of multiple targets. Massing as we understand it would have required all systems firing at the same target at one time. The new definition means that many systems distributed across the breadth of the battlefield can engage many targets simultaneously multiplying the effect of Fires many fold. Ultimately, this provides the maneuver commander with a range of capabilities in his organic Fires battalion previously unheard of.

**Achieving Transformation** - Precision weapons have certainly changed the way we fight wars. They have made the way we fight more efficient by reducing the wastage of munitions that fail to hit the target. Further, precision has made the munitions delivery more effective, through greater probability of achieving an acceptable outcome against the target. This has changed the definition of mass. Adopting this new definition, proposed here, could drive transformation of the field artillery and provides the impetus to make the branch the most lethal and efficient artillery organization in the world. This idea drove airpower development for decades and resulted in unquestionably the most powerful Air Force in the world. The time has come for the Army to adopt this concept to facilitate development of Fire support, for the foreseeable future.

**About the Author** - Lieutenant Colonel Michael Forsyth is an instructor at the United States Air Force Academy's in the Department of Military Strategic Studies, Colorado Springs, Colo. He commanded 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment in the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, Colo., which included service in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom X. He has also served as the executive officer for 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), as well as the battalion S3 and executive officer for 4th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment in 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) both at Fort Drum, N.Y. He commanded a battery in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. and has four combat tours during his service, the Persian Gulf War in 1991, and three tours in Afghanistan supporting the Global War on Terror. He has authored two books about Civil War campaigns entitled, "The Red River Campaign of 1864," (McFarland & Co. Publishers, 2001) and "The Loss of the Civil War by the Confederacy," (McFarland & Co. Publishers, 2003). He holds a master's degree from Louisiana State University and a Master of Military Art and Science from the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies.

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## Washington Artillery Veterans Association (WAVA) Membership Application and Renewal

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Unit (BN):	BTRY (s):	<u>New</u> Associate Member (\$15)		
Service Dates:		Member in Perpetuity (\$150)		
		Associate Member in Perpetuity (\$150)		
Date of Birth:		Change of Address		
Recommended by:		Date:	Ck. No.:	
<b>For Membership Committee Only</b>				
Application Reviewed:		Approved:	Disapproved:	
Comments:				
Membership Chairman's Signature:				

### WAVA BBQ Social - Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 1/141<sup>st</sup> FA Bn Armory, Jackson Barracks - Doors open at 6 pm, Food served at 7 pm

#### Menu

BBQ Chicken, BBQ Ribs, BBQ Shrimp, Brisket, BBQ Shrimp, and Hamburgers  
Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Bread Pudding, Beer & Soft Drinks  
Cost: Adult - \$15.00    Children under 12 - Free

Number of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_. Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to WAVA. Please send check as early as possible to facilitate planning.

Parties of 10 or more may request a reserved table.

I/We will attend: \_\_\_\_\_.

Prefer seating with: \_\_\_\_\_

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