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## **JULY, 2010 POST NEWSLETTER**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

I have approached this Commander's message with some trepidation. This is my first Commander's Message, and my primary focus is that I am trying to fill some very big shoes...the shoes of Commander Bill Duke. I would like to start this message first by thanking him for all of his past works as Commander and secondly for his promise to support myself as Commander, Senior vice Commander Chad and Junior Vice-Commander Frank Lindquist. Bill's support I believe will help us to another successful year for Post 1093. I would also like to thank George Lewis for agreeing to stay on as the Post Adjutant. I have a great deal of respect for these two men and look forward working with them through my first year as Commander.

I transferred to Post 1093 following my return from Iraq in the spring of 2005. I wanted to stay in that seat at the back of the room at the time. All I heard was "Point of order this...Point of order that...". I am still confused by all these rules of order. 34 years of service and I followed rules of order of a different kind...not all of them written. Next thing I know I am stepping in as the Junior Vice-Commander and shortly after that, because Rich Barbato moved out of state I was Senior Vice-Commander...then Bill talked me into standing for election for Post Commander. I had one "training week-end" intended to train in the responsibilities as an officer. To be honest they did not train on much, but they did tell me about Voice of Democracy, the State Commander's charity program, as well as other State programs...oh yeah there was a raffle. I am on a very sharp learning curve at this moment as I take the Commander's seat for the next year, as are Chad and Frank in their roles. As I recall, that seat in the back row was comfortable. I have always had support from Jake, Cliff, Pete, all and others I am asking for your continued support and understanding. I will strive to be one of the best Commanders Post 1093 has had with your assistance and support. I can see that the Army values I learned (Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage) I strived to live by while on active duty will serve me well while I serve the membership.

We have a lot on our plate over the next year. We are planning our anniversary for October, the Veteran's Day Parade and fulfilling the responsibilities of the individual committees. We are looking to grow through recruitment, assisting State programs in the integration of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, supporting the National and State VFW organization in working to ensure that both the State and Federal government fulfill their obligation to veterans from World War II to the present continuing our presence and commitments to our Ipswich community.

God Bless our Post, Ipswich and the United States of America.

Bob Metz, Commander



FROM SOUTH KOREA.....

.....THANK YOU.....

**A South Korean Presidential Thank You:** June 25, 2010 marked the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, and the Republic of Korea wants to personally thank every veteran of that war for their service and sacrifice on behalf of South Korea's freedom. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, almost 1.8 million servicemen and women served in-theater during the three-year war that resulted in 33,739 combat deaths and more than 103,000 woundings. A letter signed by South Korean President Lee Myung-bako is available online at <http://eng.koreanwar60.go.kr/apply.asp> or by writing to: U.S. Branch, ROK 60th AKW Commemoration Committee, 2450 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008.

**SOME FORGET -- OTHERS REMEMBER**

The proud warriors of Baker Company wanted to do something to pay tribute to fallen comrades. Since they were part of the only Marine Infantry Battalion left in Iraq the one way that they could think of doing that was by taking a picture of Baker Company saying the way they felt. They felt it would be awesome if they could find a way to share Their sentiment with their fellow countrymen. So Marine Sgt Jobe sent out their photograph along with a note: "I was wondering if there was any way to get this into your paper to let the world know that 'WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN' And are proud to serve our country. Semper Fi 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Dave Jobe. The attached photo was forwarded from one of the last U.S. Marine companies in Iraq They wanted to have it passed to as many people as possible, to let the folks back home know that they remembered why they're there and that they remember those who've been lost.....



## **FROM THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING**

Thanks are due Comrade Al Heigh, Post Assistant Adjutant, who was on duty to fill the office in the Adjutant's absence. Jr. Vice Commander Chad Freeman reported on his work as Chair of the Program and Events Committee and noted good progress in planning all upcoming Post activities. The Post voted to donate to the Ipswich Little League. Ponchos were purchased for use by rifle parties. It was voted that the Post would award \$100 to a boy and girl with outstanding Ipswich School attendance records. Commander Duke recognized Comrades Buddy Bernard, Jake Burrige and George Lewis for their assistance during his term of office. It was reported that flowers were planted in the flagpole area. Comrade and Past Commander Dan Gallant installed those officers unable to attend the prior installation. In addition to officers mentioned previously Comrade Al Heigh was named as Assistant Adjutant.



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Thanks to Comrade Ed Marsh we became acquainted with this resource and able to review the VetJobs website finding that it contained a vast amount of information relative to employment opportunities, particularly when searching for employment relative to a specific specialty or area of expertise. It would not be possible to note all the content available at this site but if you are seeking a career opportunity be sure to read the next paragraph and find a computer and [www.vetjobs.com](http://www.vetjobs.com).

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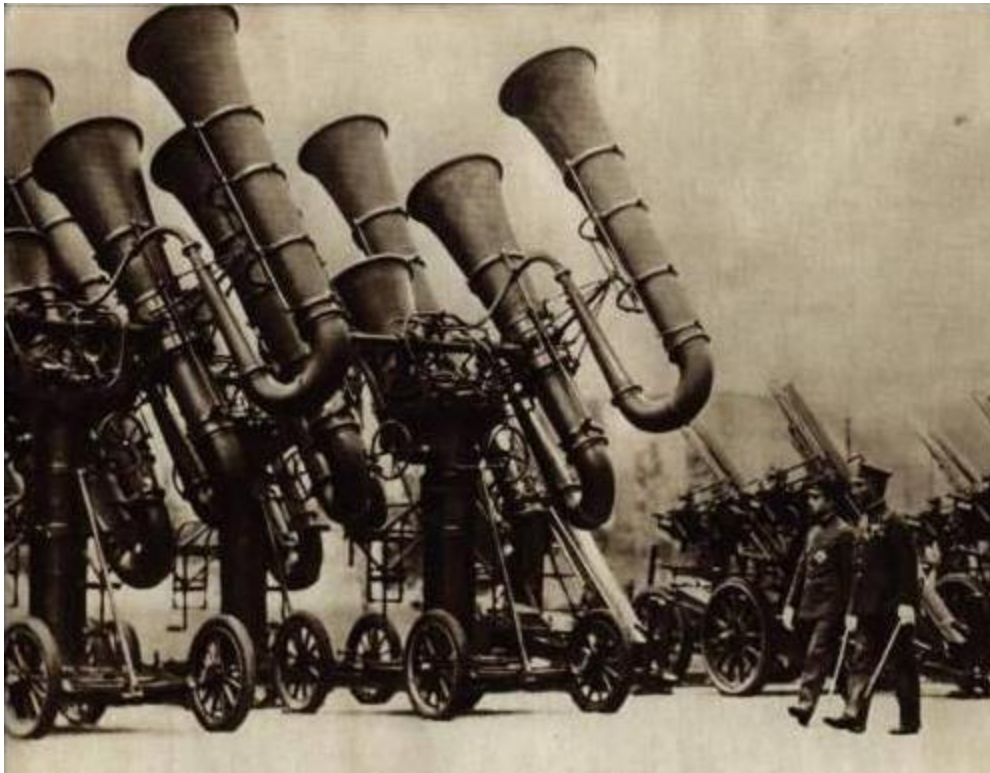
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Commander Metz has issued the following challenge: "What is it"...if anyone can identify what it is they can have a drink on the Commander.....



It seems only fair that the first dozen paid-up attending members who correctly identify the above objects are eligible to win and that the correct answer and the names of the winners be printed in the August newsletter.....so be sure to stay in touch.

### **COMRADES IN ARMS**

The July meeting is the first meeting to be conducted by the Post Officers you elected to direct your post through the 2010-2011. They need the support of all members. Through the past three years Past Commander Bill Duke has built a foundation that will support and maintain Post 1093 in the coming years and in this building he has contributed in many ways. Under his leadership our post has prospered. Thank you, Sir, well done.

