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ON THE COVER-WWII German Re-enactor Tim Kuntz enjoys the snow at this year's annual Battle of the Bulge event at Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA (Picture courtesy of John Dwyer).

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NOTICE: NO MONTHLY MEETING FOR FEBRUARY!

The next MTA monthly meeting will be on Monday, March 14th 2011 at the Whippany American Legion Post, Legion Place, Whippany, NJ. Refreshments at 7:00 PM, meeting begins at 8:00 PM.

Military Transport Association MTA Meeting Minutes ~ January 10th 2011th

Meeting commenced at 8 PM chaired by President **Jim Moore**. After the flag salute and moment of silence, Minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter.

Treasury Report: Vice President **Ken Coanschock** read the treasurers report for three months. The reports were all approved.

Agenda Items and Reports:

Events Chairman: **Peter Schindo** reports that there is a lot of interest at the towns in our doing parades next year. He is beginning to put together signup sheets for parades in March. Members signed up for some Saint Patrick's Day and Memorial Day parades. It was reported that we are dropping the Livingston parade this year for lack of interest by the members in following the circus.

Membership Chairman: **Fred Schlesinger** reports "We still have members". Dues are due now that it is 2011.

Please pay your dues by mailing Fred Schlesinger, 58 Bunnvale Rd, Califon, NJ 07083. About 8 members paid their 2011 dues. (After the meeting it was determined that there are 21 honorary life members and 46 paid members for a total of 67 2011 "Paid" members)

Adoptees Chairman: **Col. John Dwyer** reports that we are receiving great feedback from many units who appreciate the great stuff we are sending. NJ just deployed another battalion, so we will continue to be in this business for a long time.

Quartermaster Report: **Jim Moore** reports that a supplier called back the Tee shirts we had selected so we will be delayed in getting the new shirts. Quartermasters are sure they will be ready before the Show in April. We also have received hats that were the wrong color (Kaki instead of the Dark Green we ordered. So some discussion will need to be had with the "Hat" guy. The quartermasters are working on these and other issues and will get us stuff to buy as soon as they can.

Website Report: George did not attend the meeting, but **Peter Schindo** gave a detailed power point presentation on the web site. It was basically an introduction to the MTA web site for new members and those who don't speak computer. He went through each link on the main page explaining what happens when one clicks on a page. The presentation was well received, and several members remarked that they had no idea how much information was available on the web site.

Swapmeet Committee: Jim and Fred report that the show is progressing nicely. Vendor sales have commenced. Vendor letters were a little delayed this year but are going out this week.

Railroad Operating Battalion- Final report for the 2010 Toys for Tots train...**John Sobotka** thanked everyone involved, including many club members who worked the train, who provided static vehicles and trailers at collection points, and also who followed the train with the MV display. Besides the Club, he wanted to name the M & E Railroad, the Norfolk Southern Railroad, NJ Transit, and the Whippany Railroad museum as financial and equipment supporters of the Train. We collected 10,631 toys for the Toys for Tots program. The Toys for Tots Train committee appreciates the money donation from the club. They have a long term plan of having the train become self-sustaining if they continue to run them.

Old Business:

The MTA Annual "Holiday Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Officer's Club at Picatinny Arsenal. An attendance list was passed around at the meeting. As this is a closed base, anyone wanting to attend must let Col Dwyer know ASAP (email John at dirt@eclipse.net). He must have full names. Members are allotted one guest. Additional

guests will be billed at the club's cost. Remember that we pay for no shows, so please do not sign up unless you are certain that you will attend.

Warrior mind body and retreat donation: This was a suggested donation from Life Member **Sheila Zelaskowski**. Sheila could not attend last meeting. At the last meeting, the members approved a donation to the group, but asked the President and Vice President to enquire about a few questions before making the donation. After discussion, the club was advised that the questions were satisfactorily answered and agreed to make a donation of \$550, which would send one soldier through the program.

New Business:

2011 MTA ID card: Will be coordinated by **Peter Schindo**. Club members will be hearing from Peter as to how he will be handling it.

For the Good of the Club:

Update on **Vince Schwartz's** "Untouchables" Gun Truck...It is running good...due to a complete rebuild! Vince is even thinking about bringing it back from his farm in NY State to the show

John Sobotka's daughter and son on law, Dennis, who is with the 47th Field Artillery have left for Ft Bragg. Dennis expects to be deployed this year. He was in Korea last year. John relayed a few stories about Dennis and his last deployment. Everyone is very proud of him and wish them both well.

Vehicles for sale by club members were mentioned. **John Sobotka** has 2-¾ ton M101 trailers for sale. These he used in the Toys for Tots program as collection and display vehicles. He also has his shop modified ¼-ton trailer for sale. Please contact John if you are interested.

Steve Vidam has a M1009 blazer for sale. **Jim Moore** has a 1985 M1009 for sale with some after service comfort modifications, and a M37 in pieces. **Jack White** is selling his M38 which he says is in great condition.

The President reminded everyone that there will be no regular February meeting, as it will be held at the dinner in Picatinny.

As there was no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Minutes taken by **Fred Schlesinger** in Gary's absence.



NOTICE FROM THE MTA EMAIL LIST OPERATIONS MANAGER: Yahoo is currently blocking the MTA email list. People wanting to receive emails should complain to Yahoo or just send me a non-yahoo email address.

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To change your subscription, switch to digest mode or unsubscribe go to:
http://mtaofnj.us/mailman/listinfo/list_mtaofnj.us
And they should make sure to tell in the email who they are so the Email List Manager knows they are members.
There is a place to add their name as well as email.



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH 2010
PICATINNY OFFICERS CLUB
BUFFET DINNER @ 18:45**

Open to all club members and 1 guest
Additional guests \$20.00 each

MANDATORY RSVP BY FEB. 7TH

RSVP to dirt@eclipse.net

All attendee's names are needed to get into the gate.

****Please be aware that the MTA will have to pay for no-shows****

Sometime during the dinner on February 17, this year's Saturday Toys for Tots Excursion will be shown on a projection screen. DVD copies of the video will be available for purchase for only \$10, labeled, and comes in its own specially printed DVD case. Funds will go toward the maintenance of the club's engine, and/or next year's Toys-For-Tots expenses, etc.

Guarantee your copy by contacting Peter Schindo, 201-444-3198 with your request. We want to make sure everyone who wants a copy receives one. Thanks



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