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A week into the New Year... Father and Baby Time are still fighting over who reigns over the New Year and control of the hourglass!

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The Mid-Winter Conference will go on as scheduled this weekend...therefore, if you have any questions, please contact Adjutant Bob Renner at Department Headquarters!

Also...please keep the following dates below as these are the Legionnaire Newsletter Submission dates:

- February 1st for the March edition**
- April 1st for the June edition**
- August 1st for the September edition**
- November 1st for the December edition**

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If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.
~ Anne Bradstreet

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I've been doing a lot of thinking while dealing with my medical issues and time away from everyone as well as researching various trains of thought, so I decided rather than keeping those thoughts to myself, that I would share them with my fellow Legionnaires. So think about these words as we begin our new year! We all know that a birth certificate shows we were all born...and that a death certificate shows when we die...and pictures show that we lived! So please...if you will read this very, slowly:

- I believe - That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.
 - I believe - That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.
 - I believe - That no matter how good a friend is, they'll hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.
 - I believe - That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance...same goes for true love.
 - I believe - That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.
 - I believe - That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.
 - I believe - That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.
 - I believe - That you can keep going long after you think you can't.
 - I believe - That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.
 - I believe - That either you control your attitude or it controls you.
 - I believe - That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the outcome or the consequences.
 - I believe - That money is a lousy way of keeping score.
 - I believe - That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help you get back up.
 - I believe - That sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.
 - I believe - That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them, and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.
 - I believe - That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you must learn to forgive yourself.
 - I believe - That no matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief.
 - I believe - That our background or circumstances may influence who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.
 - I believe - Two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.
 - I believe - That your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.
 - I believe - That even when you think you have no more to give when a friend cries out, you will find the strength to help.
 - I believe - That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.
 - I believe - That the people you care about most in life are taken from you way too soon.
 - I believe - That *"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not Perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16.
 - I believe - That you should send this message to all of the people that you believe in...I just did.
- And remember...the happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have!!!*

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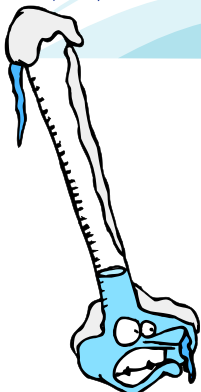
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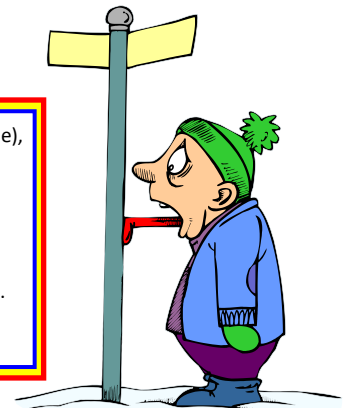
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IN REMEMBRANCE - THE FOUR CHAPLAINS



*Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*



John 15:13

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