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Welcome to Iron River – Home of Det 1, 1432nd Engineer Support Company

Welcome back all!! Detachment 1, 1432nd Engineer Support Company (ESC) of Iron River is proudly hosting the 56th annual Reunion for the 107th Engineer Association on 11-12 August. (Remember, Iron River is on Central Time...ALL times below are CDT). We are happy to be your hosts for this year and you can expect to find the same hospitality and fun that you have come to expect every time you come to Iron River. We have a busy two days in store for everyone and will have a little added challenge as well. Most of our battalion will be returning from Operation Northern Strike at Camp Grayling that weekend. This will be a great time to see our unit members in action as they bring home equipment and answer your questions about the current functions of the company. We would also encourage you to bring your pictures, stories, and souvenirs to share with us.

Registration will begin at noon on Friday and the bar will be open. For a reasonable cost, you will also be able to purchase your meal, drink, and banquet tickets at the registration table to help get you covered for both days. After that you can get together with all the friends you have missed through the past year and catch up. 1700 hrs begins our world famous fish fry, prepared by our very own 1SG (ret) Jeffrey Gibson, until 2000 hrs. A little background music will be provided as well.

Saturday starts at 0800 hrs with the opportunity to enjoy a traditional military breakfast including that old time favorite SOS. For those of you who are in need of a little morning pick me up, we will have Bloody Marys available. Need a little fresh air instead? We will have a golf outing set for 9 holes on one of our local courses.

At 1100 hrs we will gather around the flag pole for the Memorial Service followed by lunch.

At 1300 hrs sharp will be the business meeting which will be held inside the armory motor pool.

Other events for the day are a trip to the casino, a static display of our equipment, a trip to see our equipment in action at one of our local training areas, or just hanging out by the bar and catching up. The cribbage boards and cards will be available as usual! We will also have tickets for prizes available that will be given away later in the evening.

If you want any other information, just ask any of the Reunion staff for directions or check the registration area for brochures on local attractions.

The evening activities will begin at 1700 hrs for cocktails followed by the posting of the colors at 1800 hrs. We will have a short program with a flag folding ceremony followed by the dinner. Make sure you bring your dancing shoes as music, raffles, and fun times will be had by all into the late evening. As a free service, the unit will provide Soldiers as designated drivers to provide transportation to and from your motel. This will enable you to enjoy the duration of the weekend to the full extent and send you off until next year. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call at the Iron River Armory 906-265-2211.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's reunion.

Good As Done!

JAKE B. PFIESTER
1LT, EN MIARNG
Association President

TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun

From the lake, from the hill.

From the sky

All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days

'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,

'neath the sky.

As we go, this we know. God is nigh.

Name	Date Of Death	Unit(s)
BELANGER, Art, SSG(ret)	22 Nov 16	HHC, 107 th En Bn
CHOQUETTE, Dean	5 Jun 15	Co B, 107 th En Bn
DILLINGER, Norbie	27 Jan 17	HHC, 107 th En Bn
ERVA, Gerald	12 Sep 15	Co A, 107 th En Bn
KINTGEN, Garfield, CSM(ret)	7 Oct 16	HHC, 107 th En Bn
LYONS, John	22 May 15	HHC, 107 th En Bn
OJA, Marie(CSM Dick Oja)	18 Mar 17	HHC, 107 th En Bn
PEQUET, Pat, (retired USAF)	17 Dec 12	Co B & HHC, 107 th En Bn
SMITH, Nason (WW II)	25 Feb 12	Co C & H&S 107 th En Reg/H&S 112 th En Reg/1121 th En Gp
WILSON, Bob, SSG(ret)	7 Mar 17	Co C, 107 th En Bn
ZUBIENA, James	Unk	Co A, 107 th En Bn

Association Information

1. Our internet web address is www.107thengineers.org. The minutes from the 2016 business meeting and lots of other info about the battalion and Association is posted on the website.
2. We are always interested in receiving names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses for ANY battalion retiree or alumni. Send them to me so I can add them to our mailing list.
3. If you have an article, a picture, or whatever that you would like to see printed in the "Bull Sheet" please send them to the Ishpeming Armory address on the Bull Sheet masthead or e-mail me at secretary@107thengineers.org.

2017 New Life Members, ANTIOHO, Mark, MAJ(ret), Chassell, MI; BAKER, Jim, 1SG(ret), L'Anse, MI; BAUDINO, George, Naples, FL; CAIN, Jason, MSG, AuTrain, MI; CARLSON, Steve, SFC(ret), Nisula, MI; DeGROTE, Bud, LTC(ret), Lowell, MI; GRAHAM, Chris, MAJ, Ishpeming, MI; HAGEMEISTER, Haakon, Merrill, WI; HAGER, Eric, SFC(ret), Three Rivers, WI; HALL, Joseph, Wyoming, MI; INJASOULIAN, Pete, BG(ret), Howard City, MI; KARBAN, Dave, 1SG(ret), Vulcan, MI; NYQUIST, Jake, CPT, Gladstone, MI; PETERSON, John, SSG, Ishpeming, MI; WAARA, Christina, CPT, L'Anse, MI

Every year some of our members send in extra money for expenses along with their dues. I hope I didn't miss anybody.

ANDERSON, Neil, Soo, MI; ANTIOHO, Mark, Chassell, MI; BEARD, Tom, Marquette, MI; BEAUCHAMP, Duane, Escanaba, MI; BEAUDRY, Bob, Kingsford, MI; BESSNER, Todd, Hancock, MI; CARLSON, Steve, Nisula, MI; CROWLEY, Dave, Laurium, MI; DeVERNEY, Butch, Midland, MI; EHRHARDT, Fritz, Vulcan, MI; FLORIANO, Joe, Iron Mountain, MI; FRASER, Mike, Ishpeming, MI; FREDRICKSON, Jim, Livonia, MI; FRYE, Jack, Traverse City, MI; GAGNE, Dave, Caspian, MI; GILLAHAN, Dave, Holt, MI; GROOP, Bob, Crystal Falls, MI; HARRIS, Greg, Highland, MI

Registered members who attended the 2016 Reunion in Marquette

Anderson, Chelsea	Ishpeming, MI
Anderson, Mike	Ishpeming, MI
Appleberry, Bill	Warren, MI
Baker, Jim	L'Anse, MI
Barber, Willy	Marquette, MI
Beckman, Jim	Marquette, MI
Bessner, Todd	Hancock, MI
Bohlinger, Rick	St. Clair Shores, MI
Boss, Megan	Marquette, MI
Bussiere, Don	Ontonagon, MI
Cain, Jason	AuTrain, MI
Carey, David	Big Bay, MI
Carlson, Steve	Nisula, MI
Chartre, Ray	Negaunee, MI
Constantino, Mary	Chantilly, VA
Cooke, Phil	Flint, MI
Crowley, Dave	Laurium, MI
DeGrote, Bud	Lowell, MI
DeVerney, Butch	Midland, MI
Dobler, Robert	Iron Mountain, MI
Dougovito, Jim	L'Anse, MI
Ehrhardt, Fritz	Vulcan, MI
Etelamaki, Scott	Negaunee, MI
Floriano, Mike	Kingsford, MI
Fraser, Mike	Ishpeming, MI
Frazier, Carol	Marquette, MI
Fredrickson, Jim	Livonia, MI
Gillahan, Dave	Holt, MI
Giroux, Mike	Ishpeming, MI
Gould, William	Marquette, MI
Groop, Bob	Crystal Falls, MI
Hadfield, Brent	Charlotte, MI
Hager, Bill	Ishpeming, MI
Hager, Eric	Three Rivers, MI
Hahka, Aurelia	Negaunee, MI
Hall, Joe	Wyoming, MI
Hanson, Walter	Trout Lake, MI
House, Scott	Lansing, MI
House, Scott	Lansing, MI
Hutcheson, Jim	West Peoria, IL
Jachimski, Ed	Negaunee, MI
Jarvi, Joel	Escanaba, MI
Johnson, Idell	Marquette, MI
Jones, Jordan	Marquette, MI
Kelloniemi, Don	Cornell, MI
Killoran, Jason	Michigamme, MI
Koljonen, Bucky	Mohawk, MI
Krot, Greg	Indian River, MI
LaFreniere, Gary	Ishpeming, MI
Lanczy, Lucas	L'Anse, MI
LaRochelle, Gene	Calumet, MI
Leahy, Jessica	Marquette, MI
Lienau, Jim	Green Bay, WI
McNeill, Mark	Detroit, MI
Miller, Tim	Marquette, MI
Mills, Daniel	Soo, MI
Moulds, Jim	Munising, MI
Nellist, Leland	Marquette, MI
Niemisto, Dan	Ishpeming, MI
Nora, Perry	Ishpeming, MI
Park, Terry	Negaunee, MI
Pellinen, Steve	Ishpeming, MI
Perrault, Ray	Ishpeming, MI
Perry, Tom	Ishpeming, MI (continued)

Attendees (continued)

Peterson, John	Ishpeming, MI
Proehl, Ben	Rapid River, MI
Proulx, Justin	Soo, MI
Ramme, Herb	Ironwood, MI
Roberts, Kyle	Gwinn, MI
Rolling, Jason	Negaunee, MI
Ross, Ron	Gladwin, MI
Rye, Dave	Fredric, MI
Schneider, Ted	Marquette, MI
Sexton, Rob	Michigamme, MI
Sexton, Shawn	Cheyenne, WY
Small, Marge	Marquette, MI
Stonehouse, Lois	Marquette, MI
Sullivan, Jim	Nisula, MI
Testolin, Joe	Iron Mountain, MI
Van Brocklin, John	Gladstone, MI
Van Dusen, John	L'Anse, MI
Vern, Tom	Lansing, MI
Vukonich, Tom	Oxford, MI
Waara, Kristina	L'Anse, MI
Ward, Joyce	Mclean, VA
Ward, Len III	Mclean, VA
Wills, Dick(WW II)	Marquette, MI

(Editor's Note: If you were at the reunion and your name does not appear on this list, there could be two reasons. One, I made a mistake and I apologize. But the most likely reason is; **YOU DIDN'T REGISTER.** Please register with the front desk if you attend the reunion, even if you don't stay for the banquet)

Future Reunion Locations, Here are the PROPOSED locations, subject to acceptance by the units and approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2018 Baraga, 2019 Ishpeming, 2020 Calumet. It is difficult to set locations too far in advance because we never know when one of our units will be mobilized or perform AT out of the state/country during the summer. There is always the possibility that an armory will be closed.

“Short Snorts”

Random thoughts, musing and news about the reunion and Association in general, as they pop into the head of ye' ole editor:

DICK WILLS is living in the Jacobetti Veteran's Hospital in Marquette. He was at the reunion last year in Marquette talking to everybody. He sat down with Tom Vukonich to help Tom out with his research of the 254th Engineer Battalion in WW II. He is the only WW II vet that I heard from last year. He is 97 years old, in pretty good health and doing well.

Last year we had four former members of HHC attend the reunion for the first time; COL(ret) Greg Krot, CW4(ret) Rick Bohlinger, CW4(ret) Phil Cooke, SSG(ret) Brent Hadfield. They were members of the aviation section way back in the 1970's, when HHC had a section of helicopters as part of the MTOE.

There were six former battalion commanders and one former CSM in attendance at last year's reunion. This is in addition to the current battalion commander and CSM.

“Short Snorts” (continued)

If my memory serves me correctly, there are 14 former BC's and 4 former CSM's still living. Can you name all of them?

There are a lot of family stories related to service in the 107th Engineer Battalion and MIARNG. There is a pair of battalion retiree family members who between them have served a combined 80 years in the MIARNG. Can you name them? Hint: they are brothers. CSM(ret) Mike Floriano and CW5(ret) Joe Floriano served a combined 80 years in the MIARNG. I'm going to guess that 90+% of that time was spent in the 107th. They both also made it to the top enlisted and warrant officer rank respectively. These two outstanding Soldiers are good examples of why the 107th has such a great reputation in the MIARNG and beyond.

Are you a history buff or know someone who may be interested in organizing or cataloging our collection of historical items? The Association has a lot of historical documents, pictures and memorabilia. It is stored at the Ishpeming Armory, my garage and other places. It seems a shame not to have this history on display or available for the public to enjoy. Perhaps we should turn our collection over to a historical society or museum to be cataloged and displayed. We've got pictures, paperwork, WW II items donated by the WW II vets and lots of other “stuff.” I will probably bring this topic up for discussion at the 2017 business meeting at the reunion in Iron River this summer.

Speaking of history research, in the last 5-10 years we have had a number of children of battalion WW II veterans attending the reunion (and joining the Association). They have been going through some of our WW II archives to research what their fathers did in WW II. Almost to a person, they tell me that their fathers told them very little about their war experiences. Even Ed Vickstrom told me one time that he wished he had told his children more about his war experiences. But those guys came back home, went to work, started families and drove on. To them, it was more important to look ahead instead of dwelling on the past. Now that the children are getting to retirement age they have time to spend researching their fathers WW II exploits.

MSG(ret) Bob Smith, former Co C Ops Sgt and HQ S-2 Intel Sec Sgt sent me documents related to the AuTrain ice jam blasting mission back in Jan 1978. See the website to read them.

Donators continued:

HUTCHESON, Jim, West Peoria, IL; INJASOULIAN, Pete, Howard City, MI; JACHIMSKI, Ed, Negaunee, MI; JACOBSON, Jack, Iron River, MI; JAGO, Mike, Newberry, MI; JARVI, Joel, Escanaba, MI; JOHNSON, Idell, Marquette, MI; KENNEDY, Pat, Ishpeming, MI; KESANEN, Eagle Harbor, MI; KOLJONEN, Buckie, Mohawk, MI; LUETZOW, Bill, Ishpeming, MI; MAKI, Dean, Negaunee, MI; MASSIE, Joe, Vancouver, WA; MILLER, Tim, Marquette, MI; OJA, Marie, Republic, MI; PECK, Freeling, Belding, MI; SCHMITT, William, Vulcan, MI; SMALL, Marge, Marquette, MI; VUKONICH, Tom, Oxford, MI; WESOLOSKI, Dave, Menominee, MI; WILLS, Dick(WW II), Marquette, MI

107th ENGINEER ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee for 2016- 2017

President	1LT Jake Pfiester	1432 nd Eng Co, 107 th Eng Bn.
Vice President	SFC Steve Pietila	1432 nd Eng Co, 107 th Eng Bn.
Secretary & Bull Sheet Editor	LTC (ret) Tom Perry	HQ/A/B, 107 th Eng Bn
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Public Relations Officer	MSG(ret) Daniel Kurian	HHC, 107 th Eng Bn
Historian	SFC Perry Nora	HSC, 107 th Eng Bn
Chaplain	MAJ(ret) Ed Jachimski	HQ, 107 th Eng Bn
Permanent Director	LTC Dave Gillahan	Cdr, 107 th Eng Bn
4 Year Director	1SG(ret) Jeff Gibson	1432/Co B/Det 1, Co D, 107 th En Bn
3 Year Director	SSG(ret) Tom Beard	Det 1, HHC, 107 th Engr Bn
2 Year Director	SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald	1437 th Engineer Co
1 Year Director	CSM(ret) Mike Floriano	HQ/Co D, 107 th Eng Bn

There will be limited room to park travel trailers, motor homes, tents, etc at the armory. Contact the armory to reserve a spot.

Partial List of Local Motels <http://www.ironcountylodging.com/iron-county-mi-hotels-area-lodging>

AmericInn Motel & Suites, 40 E. Adams St, Iron River, MI 49935, 1-800-634-3444 or 1-906-265-9100

Chicaugon Lake Inn, 1700 County 424, Iron River, MI 49935, 1-906-265-9244

Lac O' Season Resort, 176 Stanley Lake Rd, Iron River, MI 49935, 1-906-265-4881 or 1-800-797-5226

Lakeshore Motel, 1257 Lalley Rd, Iron River, MI 49935, 1-906-265-3611

Pioneer Lodge, 397 Brule Mountain Rd, Iron River, MI 49935, 1-800-634-3444 or 1-906-265-9100

Ski Brule Village, 397 Brule Mountain Rd, Iron River, MI 49935, 1-800-634-3444 or 1-906-265-9100

Klint Safford Memorial RV Park, Nestled on the Iron River and Apple Blossom Trail, the Klint Safford Memorial RV Park is a full-service RV Park located in downtown Iron River. 1-888-TRY-IRON



107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
16 July 2016
Marquette, MI

Call to order at 1050 hrs by Jake Nyquist. 24 Members present. 2015 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve: Joe Testolin, Second: Bob Groop. Motion carried.

2015 treasurer's report read. Motion to approve: Jim Dougovito, Second: Joel Jarvi. Motion carried.

Lineage and Honors Committee Report No report. The purpose of this committee is to capture the activities and mobilizations of the battalion since September 11, 2001. We are soliciting volunteers to gather info and data about each of the different platoons and companies that deployed. If you want to help in this effort, please contact Tom Perry or Perry Nora.

Old Business:

1. The website fees have been paid by SFC(ret) Ross Stevens (Co A/1431st retiree). Ross said he was not worried about the financial responsibilities for owning and maintaining the website. He considers it a part of his support for the Association. He is also the technical consultant to keep the website running properly.
2. Follow-up on graphic design work to show all the shoulder patches of the organizations which the battalion units have served with in the Global War on Terror(GWOT) is still a goal but not making much progress.
3. Follow-up regarding the battalion plaque in the regimental room at the Fort Leonard Wood museum. LTC Scott House, outgoing battalion commander said WO1(former Bn CSM) Rob Jeannotte is currently at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. He will provide an update upon his return. Tom Perry will contact him for the update. (\$3000 was appropriated at the Gladstone reunion to fund the plaque project.)

New Business:

1. Nominate Det 1, 1432nd Engineer Company in Iron River as the location for the 2017 reunion. Motion to approve: Rob Sexton, Second by Dave Rye. Motion carried.
2. Dates for 56th annual reunion. There was considerable confusion about dates for Annual Training for 2017 which could/would conflict with the reunion dates.. Therefore, no dates were selected for the reunion at this time. A motion was made by Jim Dougovito to authorize Tom Perry to coordinate with the unit and set dates for the 2017 reunion and post them to the website. Seconded by Jim Hutcheson. Motion carried.
3. Slate of officers for 2017. Motion to approve: Pete Injasoulian. Second by: Jim Dougovito. Motion carried.
 - a. President, 1LT Jake Pfiester, 1432nd Engr Co, 107th Engr Bn.
 - b. VP, SFC Steve Pietila, 1432nd Engr Co, 107th Engr Bn.
 - c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A/Det 1, Co B
 - d. Treasurer, 1SG(ret) Donald Bussiere, Co A
 - e. Public Relations Officer, MSG(ret) Daniel Kurian, HHC
 - f. Historian, SFC Perry Nora, HHC
 - g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski, HHC
 - h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), MAJ Dave Gillahan
 - i. 4 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Jeff Gibson, 1432/Co B, Det 1, Co D
 - j. 3 Year Director, SSG(ret) Tom Beard, Det 1, HHC
 - k. 2 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald, 1437th
 - l. 1 Year Director, CSM(ret) Michael Floriano, Co D/HQ
4. After prompting by P. Injasoulian and some discussion a motion was made by Tom Perry and seconded by Dave Crowley to authorize the Association treasurer (Don Bussiere) to move some of our funds to a different financial institution if he can find a better interest rate. Currently all of our money is held in accounts at the TruNorth Credit Union in Ishpeming, MI. Motion carried.
5. The 107th Engineer Battalion monument at Camp Grayling(CG) is in need of repainting and possibly some minor repairs. A motion was made by Mike Floriano and seconded by Joe Testolin to authorize up to \$500 for the maintenance of the monument. Tom Perry will check with CG facility engineering to see if they are authorized to pay those repairs, thus saving us the money.(Note after the fact: CG does not have funding for this project.) Tom Perry will contact Patton Monuments, the original vendor for the monument, for a proposal to do the work.
6. There was some discussion as to whether or not there will be a battalion officers call this October. The matter was referred to the incoming battalion commander and staff to resolve.
7. Mike Fraser informed the Association that Bill Sheldon's wife Barb donated \$1000 to the Ishpeming NCO Club to be used for a memorial in his honor at the Ishpeming Armory.
8. Pete Injasoulian informed the Association that the former Retired Officers Association of Michigan is now the Retired Association of Michigan. The change was made to allow for retired enlisted National Guard members to join.
9. The Association membership extends a big thank you to Field Support Company for an outstanding reunion.
10. Association Pledge. Lead by Chaplain Jachimski
11. Adjournment at 1128 hrs. Motion by Rob Sexton. Second by Tom Perry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted; Tom Perry, Secretary

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: To make or cancel a banquet reservation, please notify the individuals below:

1. **Before 1 Aug 2017** mail the notice below to: 107th Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849-1064
2. **After 1 Aug 2017** Call the Iron River Armory at 906-265-2211, or e-mail SFC Steve Pietila, steven.p.pietila.mil@mail.mil .

PLEASE RETURN THE SECTION BELOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, **WHETHER OR NOT** YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE REUNION, to ensure your contact information is correct. This will also help us a great deal in preparing for this year's reunion and keeping our membership records up to date.

-----CLIP AND SEND IN THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION BELOW / RETAIN THE TOP-----

1. I (will) or (will not) be present for the 56th Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association at Iron River, MI.
(circle your choice)
2. Reserve _____ place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on Saturday, 12 August 2017. My guest(s) for this event will be
(how many)
(names)_____.

3. *(Please check one)*
____My association dues of \$ _____ (\$5.00 per year) are enclosed for _____ years;
-or- _____ (how many)
____My association lifetime membership dues of \$50.00 are enclosed.

-or-
____I am a lifetime member.

(Optional)

____Enclosed are \$ _____ towards printing and mailing expenses.

3. My name and address is _____

4. I joined the 107 at(city/unit) _____ in the year of _____

5. I left the unit in (year) _____ at (city/unit) _____ because _____

(Optional information) Please complete the following:

6. My phone number is: _____.
7. My Email address is: _____.
8. For more info please check the Association web site at "**<http://www.107thEngineers.org>**"