

107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association  
Business Meeting Agenda  
12 August 2017  
Iron River, MI

Called to order at 1250 hrs by President Jake Pfiester. 22 Members present. President Pfiester provided details of the afternoon and evening festivities.

2016 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by Joe Testolin, second by Joel Jarvi. Motion carried.

2016-2017 treasurers' report presented. Motion by Joel Jarvi, second by Joe Testolin. Motion carried.

Lineage and Honors Committee 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. LTC Gillahan, Bn Cdr, has also tasked CSM Perez to assist in this effort.

Old Business:

1. The website fees have been paid by SFC(ret) Ross Stevens (Co A/1431<sup>st</sup> 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 Dave Gillahan, battalion commander, asked for one more year to accomplish this mission. (\$3000 was appropriated at the Gladstone reunion(2015) to fund the plaque project. If we are not going to participate in this project, we should de-obligate the money.)
4. The 107<sup>th</sup> 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 contact Patton Monuments, the original vendor for the monument, for a proposal to do the work. This was a carryover item from last year. Tom Perry committed to get it done before the next reunion.

New Business:

1. Nominate HSC, 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion in Ishpeming as the location for the 2018 reunion. This will be the tenth anniversary of the HSC/FSC return from mobilization in Iraq. Motion by Joe Floriano, second by Bob Groop. Motion carried.
2. Dates for 57<sup>th</sup> annual reunion were set for 14-15 Sep 2018. Motion by Butch DeVerney, second by Joe Floriano. Motion carried.
3. Slate of officers for 2018. Motion by Chris Graham, second Bob Groop. Motion carried.
  - a. President, CPT Jason Wallner, HSC, 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn.
  - b. VP, CPT Kristina Waara, HSC, 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn.
  - c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A/Det 1, Co B
  - d. Treasurer, SFC(ret) Perry Nora, HSC
  - e. Public Relations Officer, 1LT Cody Cass, HSC, 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn
  - f. Historian, SSG John Peterson, HSC, 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn

- g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski, HHC
  - h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Dave Gillahan
  - i. 4 Year Director, SFC(ret) Bob Groop, HHC
  - j. 3 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Jeff Gibson, 1432/Co B, Det 1, Co D
  - k. 2 Year Director, SSG(ret) Tom Beard, Det 1, HHC
  - l. 1 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald, 1437<sup>th</sup>
4. Don Bussiere asked to step down as the Association treasurer after over 10 years in the position. The Association members thanked him for his service. They also thanked Perry Nora for volunteering to assume the treasurer duties.
  5. MAJ Jason Rolling who is the current battalion XO and a financial advisor/investor in civilian life volunteered to assist the Association with investing their funds. His firm would waive their fees. After much discussion, it was moved by Jim Dougovito and seconded by Joe Floriano to have the treasurer and secretary meet with MAJ Rolling to work out an agreement. The treasurer and secretary would then meet with the executive committee, if possible, before the next reunion to present the arrangements. The executive committee will then make a recommendation to the membership at the next business meeting as to how to proceed.
  6. It was suggested Chris Graham, that there may be an outing to the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club for shooting during the 2018 reunion. Steve Pellinen and others said they would be more interested in doing that instead of golfing. The idea will be proposed to the HSC 2018 reunion committee.
  7. There was an overwhelming consensus of the members present that the unit did a great job with the Memorial Service.
  8. The Association membership extends a big thank you to Det 1, 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engr Co for an outstanding reunion.
  9. The Association Pledge was recited.
  10. Adjournment at 1319 hrs. Motion by Don Bussiere, second by Tom Perry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Perry  
Secretary