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Welcome to Kingsford – Home of the 1432nd Engineer Company

When was the last time the Reunion was hosted in Kingsford????? Not sure??? Us either!!! But, I'm sure you'll let us know. (Editor's Note: 1991) The Soldiers of the 1432nd Engineer Company and their families are looking forward to seeing all your bright shining faces for the 53rd annual 107th Engineer Association Reunion being held on 1-2 August 2014 (remember, Kingsford is in the Central Time Zone... ALL time below are CTZ).

Friday, August 1st,
starting at noon(1200 hrs), the registration tables and bar will open.
1700-1900 hrs, As usual when hosted by the 1432nd, a Friday Fish Fry will be available for a menial cost which can't be beat. It will consist of deep fried perch, French fries, coleslaw, rye bread, and baked beans. You couldn't get all that on sale at your favorite restaurant, let alone have drinks with your buddies. 1SG Gibson's fish fry is even enjoyed by people who don't like fish. You won't want to miss this.... Please get your names in early. When we run out of food... you're eating at McDonalds.

Entertainment for the evening will be a little background music so as to not interrupt your "long time no sees".

Saturday, August 2nd, (Packed full of Fun Events)
*Starts with breakfast from 0730-0900 hours. It will be served buffet style, so as to speed the process up some. We will have scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, toast, and French toast, and "oh yes, SOS".

The bar will be open for Bloody Mary's or whatever is to your liking.

*1130 hrs, The Memorial Service will take place at the Flag Pole.

* Lunch will start at 1200 hrs and be available until 1330 hrs. There will be an open MENU, which you will be able to select from brats, burgers, or a ribeye sandwich, along with all the picnic fixings.

*1300 hrs, The business meeting will be held upstairs in the conference room.

*1300 – 1530 hrs, We will also be hosting the first ever "1432nd Dozer Gambling Extravaganza", in the gym. For a small charge, you will gamble play money (on typical gaming events), for an opportunity to win VERY Nice prizes... or maybe something special.

*So, if you don't attend the business meeting, and don't gamble... The bar will be open for commiserating or a game of cribbage. (I'll meet you there after the business meeting)

*1700 – 1800 hrs, Then you had better go get spruced up for the banquet. Social hour, with hors d' oeuvres

* 1830 hrs, Posting of the Colors.

*Following the dinner, the DJ will kick in with the tunes from Big Band to the Detachments Chair dance of the YMCA. Yup that was us!!!

So as you can see, we have thrown together one heck of a plan for your enjoyment. If you were undecided about whether to attend this year or not, I hope you choose to attend. This will be one to remember. The decorations will be the best ever. We have taken great care to ensure we have thought of EVERYTHING. See you on 1-2 August.

SSG Patricia (Patty) Thomas
1432nd Engineer Company
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	Unit(s)	Date of Death
FOUNTAIN, Maxine(Fred)	Co A/107E	22 Jun 13
JOHNSON, Clyde	F/107R	2 Jan 12
KANANEN, Ronald, SSG(ret)	Co A/107E	18 Jan 13
KENT, Charlie, SFC(ret)	HHC/107E	15 Apr 13
MARCOTTE, Roger	HHC/107E	27 Jan 14
SCHULER, Judson	D/112R, A&HSC/254E, 1121 EN Gp	13 Sep 12
SKUFCA, Ronald, Chap(LTC/ret)	HHC/107E	10 Apr 13

Association Information

1. Our internet web address is www.107thengineers.org. The minutes from the 2013 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.



L to R, MAJ(P) Scott House, incoming bn commander, LTC Ed Hallenbeck, outgoing bn commander, CSM(ret) Mike Floriano, former bn CSM, LTC(ret) Tom Perry, former bn commander

Registered members who attended the 2013 Reunion at Gladstone

ANDERSON, Mel	Negaunee, MI
BARNHART, Craig	Escanaba, MI
BARRIOS, Quinn	Gladstone, MI
BATTISFORE, Joe	Hancock, MI
BEAUCHAMP, Duane	Escanaba, MI
BECKMAN, Jim	Marquette, MI
BELANGER, Art	Marquette, MI
CARLSON, Clint	Escanaba, MI
CHARTRE, Ray	Negaunee, MI
CUMMINGS, Dennis	Escanaba, MI
CUMMINGS, Kevin	Escanaba, MI
D'AMBROSIO, Anthony	Escanaba, MI
DAHLGREN, Eric	Munising, MI
DENOO, Kerry	Vulcan, MI
DeVERNEY, Butch	Midland, MI
FLORIANO, Joe	Iron Mountain, MI
FLORIANO, Mike	Kingsford, MI
FRAZIER, Carol	Marquette, MI
FREDRICKSON, Jim	Livonia, MI
GROOP, Bob	Crystal Falls, MI
HAKKA, Aurelia	Negaunee, MI
HOUSE, Scott	Lansing, MI
JACHIMSKI, Ed	Negaunee, MI
JARVI, Joel	Negaunee, MI
KALLIO, Terry	Chatham, MI
KELLONIEMI, Don	Cornell, MI
KOHTALA, Seth	Ishpeming, MI
KOLJONEN, Barry	Lac LaBelle, MI
LaCHANCE, Dick	Perkins, MI
LaFRENIERE, Gary	Ishpeming, MI
LaVIGNE, Carl	Rapid River, MI
LESSARD, Lloyd	Gladstone, MI
McCORMICK, John	Sterling Heights, MI
McNEILL, Mark	Marquette, MI
MOULDS, Jim	Munising, MI
NOEL, Jim	Gladstone, MI
NYQUIST, Jake	Gladstone, MI
OJA, Marie	Republic, MI
PATRICK, Joe	Wells, MI
PECK, Freeling	Belding, MI
PECK, Terry	Grant, MI
PERRY, Tom	Ishpeming, MI
RITTER, Robert	Escanaba, MI
ROBERTS, Mike	L'Anse, MI
RUSKA, Leroy	Trenary, MI
SEMLER, Ellsworth	Iron Mountain, MI
SMALL, Margery	Marquette, MI
SMITH, Bob	Milton, FL
TESTOLIN, Joe	Iron Mountain, MI
VIAU, Bill	Escanaba, MI
WAARA, Kristina	L'Anse, MI
WARD, Joyce	McLean, VA
WARD, Len III	McLean, VA
WHEELER, Jon	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. Thanks.)

“Short Snorts”

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

The Gladstone reunion was a milestone year for the Association. It was the first year that there were NO battalion WW II veterans in attendance..... Mrs. JOYCE WARD(widow of the late BG Leonard Ward) was the only battalion WW II connection we had this year..... We thank her son Leonard Ward III for driving her to the reunion.....The Gladstone unit did a good job of honoring her.....The youngest WW II guys are in their late 80’s and 90’s, so it’s hard for them to travel anymore.....I hear from or see a couple of our WW II vets once in a while. They attended many reunions in past years..... HERB BASTION, 95, still lives at home with assistance from his family and is doing well in Clawson, MI.....I stop in and visit with ED VICKSTROM, 93, every once in a while here in Ishpeming. He too is doing well and still lives at home with help from his family.....Ed was the Association secretary and Bull Sheet editor for 39 years.....I get an e-mail from DICK WILLS, 93, every once in a while. His wife Edith passed away this year. He is doing well and still serves on the Negaunee, MI city council.....I received a negative RSVP from BOB McGUIRE (WW II), Centerville IA, so I assume he is doing well also. He last attended the reunion in Baraga, 2010, and got a ride in a Blackhawk helicopter. He must have said thank you a hundred times for the chopper ride..... KERRY DENOO was at the reunion for the first time in a long time this year. It was good to see him again.....DON DeROCHE is now living at the Jacobetti Veterans Hospital in Marquette....When some of our members send back their RSVP saying they can’t make the reunion, they include a note or greeting for friends in the Association that they haven’t seen for a while.....Here are some of their greetings and shout outs.....JOE DeSANTIS says hi to everyone, especially MAJ J, Ed Vickstrom and former Co B guys.....DAVE GILLAHAN says sorry to miss the reunion, but he is being deployed.....former battalion commander JIM DOUGOVITO sends his regards to everyone and said he was going to miss the 2013 reunion because he is having knee replacement surgery.....MIKE REHER (WW II) said hi and said he can’t travel anymore because of health issues. His last reunion was Iron River in 2009.....For those of you who attend many reunions, you will note that this is about the fourth time that 1SG Jeff Gibson has been the VP. That must be some kind of record. ☺

New life members for 2013: BATTISFORE, Joseph, MSG, Hancock, MI; BEAUCHAMP, Duane, SFC, Escanaba, MI; CALCATERRA, Jack, CSM(ret), Iron Mountain, MI; CUMMINGS, Dennis, SSG(ret), Escanaba, MI; CUMMINGS, Kevin, SSG(ret), Escanaba, MI; DENOO, Kerry, MAJ(ret), Vulcan, MI; LaVIGNE, Carl, SGT(ret), Rapid River, MI; LIENAU, James, LTC(ret), Green Bay, WI; NIEMISTO, Daniel, SFC(ret), Ishpeming, 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, Mel, Negaunee, MI; ANDERSON, Neil, Soo, MI; AUDETTE, Gerv, Naples, FL; BEARD, Tom, Marquette, MI; BESSNER, Todd, Hancock, MI; BUREAU, Bruce, Ishpeming, MI; CUMMINGS, Dennis, Escanaba, MI; DeSANTIS, Joe, Oak Lawn, IL; DeVERNEY, Butch, Midland, MI; ERVA, Gerald, Houghton, MI; FLORIANO, Joe, Iron Mountain, MI; FLORIANO, Mike, Kingsford, MI; FRAZIER, Carol, Marquette, MI; FREDRICKSON, Jim, Livonia, MI; GAGNE, Dave, Caspian, MI; JACHIMSKI, Ed, Negaunee, MI; JACOBSON, Jack, Iron River, MI; KENNEDY, Pat, Gwinn, MI; LATURI, Phil, Iron River, MI; LIENAU, Jim, Green Bay, WI; LUETZOW, Bill, Palmer, MI; MASSIE, Joe, Quinnesec, MI; McCORMICK, John, Sterling Heights, MI; McNEILL, Mark, Marquette, MI; NICHOLA, Howard, Dodgeville, MI; OJA, Marie, Republic, MI; PATACONI, Joseph, Niagara, WI; PEGOLO, Al, Kensington, CT; PIOWAR, Thaddeus, Allegan, MI; ROBERTS, Mike, L’Anse, MI; ROBSON, Jim, Grayling, MI; SEMLER, Ellsworth, Iron Mountain, MI; SMALL, Marge, Marquette, MI; SMITH, Bob, Milton, FL; VICKSTROM, Ed, Ishpeming, MI; WARD, Joyce, Mclean, VA; WILLS, Dick, Negaunee, MI



A special thanks goes out to SFC(ret) Ross STEVENS, Co A retiree for paying the annual costs for the website. He also provides technical support for the website.

Future Reunion Locations, Here are the PROPOSED locations, subject to acceptance by the units and approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2015 Sault Ste. Marie, 2016 Marquette, 2017 Iron River. 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 or country.

107th ENGINEER ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee for 2013- 2014

President	SSG Patricia Thomas	1432 nd Engineer Co.
Vice President	1SG Jeffrey Gibson	1432 nd Engineer Co.
Secretary & Bull Sheet Editor	LTC (ret) Tom Perry	HQ, 107 th Eng Bn
Treasurer	1SG (ret) Don Bussiere	Co A, 107 th Eng Bn
Public Relations Officer	MSG Daniel Kurian	HHC, 107 th Eng Bn
Historian	SFC Perry Nora	HSC, 107 th Eng Bn
Chaplain	MAJ(ret) Ed Jachimski	HQ 107th Eng Bn
Permanent Director	MAJ Scott House	Cdr, 107 th Eng Bn
4 Year Director	CSM(ret) Mike Floriano	HQ/Co D, 107 th Eng Bn
3 Year Director	1SG(ret) William Viau	Co C, 107 th Eng Bn
2 Year Director	SSG(ret) John Hendra	Co A, 107th Eng Bn
1 Year Director	1SG(ret) Butch DeVerney	HHC, 107th Eng Bn
Secretary Emeritus	Mr. Edward Vickstrom	D, 107th En Rgmt, H&S, 254 th Eng Bn

Local Campgrounds and Motels 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

- Budget Host Inn**, 1585 N Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-774-6792, 906-774-6910
- Comfort Inn of Iron Mountain**, 1565 N Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-774-5505, 906-774-2631
- Country Inn & Suites by Carlson**, 2005 S Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-774-1900, 906-774-4920
- Days Inn**, 2001 S Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-774-2181, 906-774-8252
- Duval's Lakeside Resort**, N4849 Harding Park Drive, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-774-1689
- Econo Lodge**, 1609 S. Stephenson Avenue, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-776-8000, 906-776-9916
- Holiday Inn Express**, 1535 N Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-774-1668, 906-774-1851
- Mountain Host Motor Inn**, 1451 S Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-776-0700, 906-776-0776
- Pine Mountain**, N3332 Pine Mountain Rd, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-774-2747, 906-776-1046
- Woodlands Motel**, N3957 N U S Hwy 2, Iron Mountain, MI 49801, 906-774-6106, 906-774-6866

Partial Listing of Local Campgrounds

Lake Antoine County Park & Camping

Iron Mountain (County Park) 1 mile east of US-2/141 near north city limits (Lake Antoine Road). 80 sites, electricity, concession stand, grills, flush toilets, showers, water, swimming beach, boat launch, dump station. Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. (906) 774-8875

Summer Breeze Campground

W8576 Twin Falls Rd, Iron Mt. North of Jct. US-2/M-95 Second road (Twin Falls Rd) to the left off M-95. 70 large pull through sites, water, electricity, and sewer: fire pits, picnic tables, pool, playground, game area, laundry, ice, sitting room and modem hookup. Open May-Oct. (906) 774-7701 www.summerbreezecampground.com



107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
17 August 2013
Gladstone, MI

1. Call to order at 1114 hrs by President Don Kelloniemi. 32 members present.
2. 2012 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by Jim Beckman, second Joe Testolin, and motion carried.
3. 2013 treasurer's report read. Motion to approve by Jim Moulds, second by Ed Jachimski, and motion carried.(see attached)
4. 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 platoons and companies that deployed. If you want to help in this effort, please contact Tom Perry or Perry Nora. Once again there was discussion regarding this effort, but no one stepped forward to volunteer to lead the gathering of information.
5. Old Business:
 - a. 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.
 - b. The effort to acquire a field desk from the Spanish American War era proved to be a lost cause and the initiative to purchase it was discontinued.
 - c. 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.
6. New Business:
 - a. A nomination for the 1432nd Engineer Company in Kingsford to host the 2014 reunion was proposed. Motion by Ed Jachimski, second by Eric Dahlgren and motion carried.
 - b. Dates for 53rd annual reunion set for 1-2 August 2014. Motion by Joel Jarvi, second by Butch DeVerney and motion carried.
 - c. The slate of officers listed below was nominated for 2014. Motion by Craig Barnhart, second by Butch DeVerney and motion carried.
 - i. President, SSG Patricia Thomas, 1432nd Engr Co.
 - ii. Vice President, 1SG Jeffrey Gibson, 1432nd Engr Co.
 - iii. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A
 - iv. Treasurer, 1SG(ret) Donald Bussiere, Co A
 - v. Public Relations Officer, MSG Daniel Kurian, HHC
 - vi. Historian, SFC Perry Nora, HSC
 - vii. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski, HHC
 - viii. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), MAJ Scott House
 - ix. 4 Year Director, CSM(ret) Michael Floriano, Co D/HQ
 - x. 3 Year Director, 1SG(ret) William C. Viau, Co C
 - xi. 2 Year Director, SSG(ret) John Hendra, Co A
 - xii. 1 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Butch DeVerney, HHC
 - xiii. Secretary Emeritus, Mr. Edward Vickstrom, D 107th En Reg, HSC, 254th En Bn
 - d. LTC Hallenbeck presented information regarding a request for the Association to fund a battalion plaque for the regimental room at the Fort Leonard Wood museum. After much discussion a motion was made by Gary LaFreniere and seconded by Joe Floriano to authorize not more than \$3000 to be spent to complete the plaque. Motion carried. MAJ McNeill and CPT L. Lanczy will work with LTC Hallenbeck to accomplish the mission.
 - e. SSG(ret) Dennis Cummings donated \$100 to the Association in memory of the late SFC John R. (Gar) Maki. The membership gratefully accepted the donation and shared some fond memories of Gar who served in Companies A, D, HHC and C during his time in the battalion.
 - f. The Association membership extended a big thank you to the 1430th for an outstanding reunion.
 - g. Association Pledge was led by Chaplain Ed Jachimski.
 - h. Motion to adjourn at 1144 hrs by Tom Perry, second by Don Kelloniemi and motion carried.

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

1. **Before 15 July 2014** mail the notice below to: 107th Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849-1064
2. **After 15 July 2014** Call the Kingsford Armory at 906-774-6688, Extension 1 or e-mail patricia.r.thomas.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 53rd Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association at Kingsford, MI.
(circle your choice)
2. Reserve _____ place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on Saturday, 2 August 2014. 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 / 112 / 254 / 522 at _____ in the year of _____

5. I left the unit in (year) _____ at (city) _____ 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>"