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## Welcome to Marquette – Home of the Forward Support Company(FSC)

The FSC would like to cordially invite you to the 55th Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association. The Soldiers and families of the FSC look forward to hosting this long standing traditional gathering of the Association. This year's reunion will be 15-16 July 2016.

On Friday, July 15th, beginning at 1400 hrs, registration will commence. This is a great time to catch up with old friends, and get to know the new faces. The bar will be open. At 1800 hours the social mixer will kick off with a good old fashioned BBQ and some good background music – the food will be compliments of the FSC, 107 Engineer Club.

On Saturday, plan on enjoying yourself. From 0730-0900 hrs we will start off with, what else, a hearty breakfast. Our company leadership is planning on ensuring you start you day right, for a low price of \$5 per person. For those of you that had too much fun on Friday, there will be Bloody Marys available in lieu of breakfast (for a much lower price).

At 1030 hours, as is customary, we will meet at the flagpole for the Memorial Service. Immediately following the Memorial Service will be the Annual Business meeting.

Following the Annual Business meeting, we will serve lunch at \$5 per plate.

There will be a raffle held. We will be giving away many very nice prizes!!!

For those of you that like golf, the Marquette Golf Club is 2.7 miles down the road.

There will also be a microbrewery tour with cards at every stop. At the end you will use those cards to play a hand of poker.

If you decide to stay at the armory and visit, as always, the bar will be open.

The day's events will build up to the banquet. Cocktails will begin at 1730 hrs, and the colors will be posted at 1800 hrs.

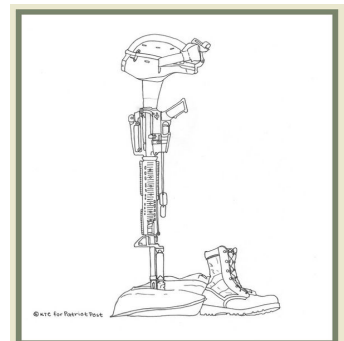
Immediately following the introduction of the reunion committee and the honored guests, there will be a dinner meal. The cost is \$12 per plate. There will be live music for your entertainment; hopefully you will bring your dancing shoes.

As a free service, the unit will supply Soldiers to provide transportation. So for the duration of the weekend, you can enjoy yourself to the full extent, and take advantage of our designated drivers. They will also provide a taxi service from your hotels to the armory in the morning to retrieve your vehicles.

Please RSVP as soon as possible, so that we may adequately plan for the weekend's activities. If you have any questions or requests, please feel free to contact SFC Robert Wilbur at the Marquette Armory (906) 226-8831 extension 1 or [robert.d.wilbur.mil@mail.mil](mailto:robert.d.wilbur.mil@mail.mil). We are looking forward to the opportunity to host this year's Reunion. See you there!

Good As Done!

Jake W. Nyquist  
CPT, EN, MIARNG  
Commander, FSC 107 EN BN



# 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
BASTION, Herbert	Co E, 107 En Reg/Co A, 254 En Bn	13 Apr 15
BOURDEAU, Alfred, SFC(ret)	Det 1, Co A, 107 Engr Bn	28 Apr 15
CALCATERRA, John(Jack), CSM(ret),	Co A, 107 En Bn	27 May 15
DeROCHE, Donald,CW4(ret),	HHC, 107 En Bn	23 Aug 14
ECKLOFF, William, CSM(ret)	HHC, 107 En Bn	27 Jul 15
HINTSALA, Arnold, MSG(ret)	HHC, 107 En Bn	21 Jun 15
HOUGH, George(Sam), 1SG(ret)	HHC, 107 En Bn	1 Aug 15
HYDER, John(Jack)	Co C, 107 En Bn	20 May 03
LEASK, Edward "Chum", MAJ(ret)	1437th Engr Co	29 Oct 14
OLSON, Pete	Det 1, Co A, 107 En Bn	11 Apr 15
PATACONI, Joseph	Co A, 107 En Reg/Co A, 254 En	1 Dec 13

## Association Information

1. Our internet web address is [www.107thengineers.org](http://www.107thengineers.org). The minutes from the 2015 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](mailto:secretary@107thengineers.org).

## "Short Snorts"

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

-- When members send in their RSVPs, they sometimes write a short note. Gerv AUDETTE apologized for submitting his dues late, but he said, "I had cancer and am in remission now." Good news indeed. Norm SHAMION said he's too old to travel to reunions anymore. He's 84. He also writes that back in the late 40s, early 50's there were four Shamion brothers in the Iron River unit, whatever it was called back then. They were Norm, Ed, Bob and Jack. Bill BYKKONEN former Co A Soldier said he got out of the Guard in 1975 after 20+ years because he was delivering milk 7 days a week. Jack JACOBSON joined the Guard in 1949 in Iron River. At the time the unit designation was 593rd AAA Artillery Bn(I think that was the number, it was hard to read his handwriting.) He retired from Co B in 1977. Clyde TAIVALMAA joined the Ironwood unit in 1966. At that time it was Btry A, 3rd Bn, 182 Field Artillery Bn, 8" towed howitzers. I received RSVPs from five of our

## Registered members who attended the 2015 Reunion at the Soo

Aho, Dennis	Soo, MI
Beckman, Jim	Marquette, MI
Belanger, Art	Marquette, MI
Bizeau, Brian	Gladstone, MI
Bussiere, Don	Ontonagon, MI
Cain, Jason	AuTrain, MI
Carlson, Steve	Nisula, MI
Crowley, Dave	Laurium, MI
Dahlgren, Eric	Munising, MI
Dailey, Ann	Soo, MI
DeVerney, Butch	Midland, MI
Dougovito, Jim	L'Anse, MI
Ehrhardt, Fritz	Vulcan, MI
Floriano, Joe	Iron Mtn, MI
Floriano, Mike	Kingsford, MI
Forrest, Roy	Soo, MI
Fredrickson, Jim	Livonia, MI
Gaus, Josh	Indian River, MI
Gilray, John	Soo, MI
Gudin, Levi	Kinross, MI
Hansen, Danny	Escanaba, MI
Hendra, John	Calumet, MI
Hill, Kaitlin	Soo, MI
House, Scott	Lansing, MI
Jachimski, Ed	Negaunee, MI
Jarvi, Joel	Negaunee, MI
Johnson, Idell	Marquette, MI
Kauer, David	Kinchloe, MI
Koljonen, Bucky	Mohawk, MI
McCormick, Mike	Sterling Heights, MI
McDonald, Elizabeth	Soo, MI
McDonald, Jerry	Soo, MI
Menard, Dave	Soo, MI
Menard, Dennis	Soo, MI
Moulds, Jim	Munising, MI
Nora, Perry	Ishpeming, MI
Patton, Sandra/Bob	Troy, MI
Perry, Tom	Ishpeming, MI
Pietila, Steve	Iron River, MI
Plitz, Walter	Soo, MI
Roe, Roger	Soo, MI
Rye, Dave	Fredric, MI
Sullivan, Jim	Nisula, MI
Thomas, Patty	Kingsford, MI
VanDusen, John	L'Anse, MI
Waara, Kristina	L'Anse, MI
Wagner, Darrell	Soo, MI
Wallner, Jason	Negaunee, MI
Ward, Joyce	Mclean, VA
Woodgate, Hal	Soo, 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. )

**"Short Snorts"(cont)** WW II Vets; Dick WILLS, Stan MOLONEY, Al PEGOLO, Howard NICHOLA and Bob McGUIRE. Think about this; unless these guys lied about their ages to get in the Army in the first place, they have to be at least 93 years old. I see Dick Wills around town every once in a while. He is doing well and in pretty good health. I also get RSVPs back from a lot of guys who were in the battalion, post WW II in the 1940s and 1950s.

The Association would like to thank the following members of the 1437<sup>th</sup> Engineer Co who made the reunion a huge success:

Amble, Richard S.; Anderson, Michael R; Andrews, Even I; Bailey, Clifford; Barbeaux, Kaden D.; Barrett, Lance Chester; Blain Mackenzie Bowen; Bock, Joel Christopher; Brown Richard J.; Catterfeld Kegan Thomas; Clark Jared M; Cole Nathanael Philip; Curtin, John M; Cushman, Nathan J; Dailey, Ann R.; Dake, Heather K.; Diepenhorst, Elliot M; Dotson, Jamie T; Doughty Trenton Robert; Dunsmore, Zachary; Eddy, Paul E; Edwards, James M.; Ellis, Lawrence J; Fields, Chad L.; Forrest, John A.; Gaberdiel, Jacob J; Galarowic Joshua J; Gaus, Joshua S.; Gerathy, David P.; Gervasio, Daniel Allan; Green, Jacob P.; Hagner, Bailey Marie; Harrison, Jacob W; Hendrick, Justin N.; Hickman Travis J.; Hickman, Brandon; Hippensteel Joseph B; Hooper, Donald E; Hopper, Joseph R; Howland, Tanner P; Jewell, Joseph L.; Johnston, Chloe M.; Kabelman Andrew Lee; Kallenbach, Whitney; Kent, Michael C.; Killips Kevin Raymond; Kirkpatrick, Kenneth J.; Krautner, Nicholas; Lacoursiere, Austin S; Long, Casey; Lorrison John Charles; Lowes, Tyler W; Maleport, Thomas; Mclarahmore Abraham Iv; Mcleod Brian Keith; Miller Aaron Chadwick; Miller, Todd S.; Millermather Kendall M; Mills Kalce L; Mills, David O; Myotte William Edmond; Newell Donald Charles; Nichols Keith William; Nichols, Charles; Nichols, Earl S; Nylen Eric John; O'green, Justyn K.;Olson, Theodore T; Ostyn Roscoe Jerome; Patrick, Damian; Payment Tylor J; Pemberton, Randall J.; Poquette, Jory A.; Posey, Jeremy S; Potter, Sable; Proulx Justin; Prusi, Seth W.; Ransom Collyn Forrest; Rath Scott; Reppert, Devon M.; Ryan, Micheala S.; Schwandt Brandon Donn; Sibbald Phillip Bruce; Simon Zachary; Simonetti Jacob Matthew; Slattery Sean Patrick; Sleik Jared Lee; Slobodnik, Orion; Smart, Adam; Spohn Cynthia Jay; Stob, Kevin M.; Stokes, Eric B; Suehr, Quincy J; Suszek, Nathan A; Suriano, Anthony F.; Tarris Jeremy Paul; Teeple, Ross; Trempe, Brian; Tyson, William Jareth A; Underwood, Zachary M.; Walters Raymond Scott; Welty Kyle Carl; Whalen, Kristen; Williams, William T.; Willson, Alek E.; Wisner, Jordan R; Wood, Paul David; Young, James A.

**Future Reunion Locations,** Here are the PROPOSED locations, subject to acceptance by the units and approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2017 Iron River, 2018 Baraga/Ishpeming, 2019 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.

New life members for 2015: BEAUCHAMP, Duane, SFC(ret), Escanaba, MI; CALCATERRA, John(Jack), CSM(ret), Marquette, MI; GAGNE, Dave, SGT(ret), Iron River, MI; KAUER, David, Kinchloe, MI; LUETZOW, Bill, CW3(ret), Ishpeming, MI; McDONALD, Jerry, SFC(ret) Soo, MI; ROSE, Steve, MAJ(ret), West Bloomfield, MI; Van DUSEN, John, CPT, L'Anse, MI; WALLNER, Jason, 1LT, Negaunee, MI; WILLS, Dick(WW II), Negaunee, 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; AUDETTE, Gerv, Naples, FL; BEARD, Tom, Marquette, MI; BEAUCHAMP, Duane, Escanaba, MI; BECKMAN, Jim, Marquette, MI; BESSNER, Todd, Hancock, MI; BURDICK, James, Ishpeming, MI; CARLSON, Steve, Nisula, MI; DeVERNEY, Butch, Midland, MI; FLORIANO, Joe, Iron Mtn, MI; FLORIANO, Mike, Kingsford, MI; FRASER, Mike, Ishpeming, MI; FREDRICKSON, Jim, Livonia, MI; FRYE, Jack, Traverse City, MI; GAGNE, Dave, Iron River, MI; GILLIHAN, Dave, Holt, MI; HANSEN, Dan, Escanaba, MI; HENDRA, John, Calumet, MI; HUTCHESON, Jim, West Peoria, IL; INJASOULIN, Pete, Lake Placid, FL; JACHIMSKI, Ed, Negaunee, MI; JACOBSON, Jack, Iron River, MI; JAGO, Mike, Newberry, MI; JARVI, Joel, Negaunee, MI; JEANNOTTE, Rob, Hancock, MI; JOHNSON, Idell, Marquette, MI; KENNEDY, Pat, Gwinn, MI; KOLJONEN, Bucky, Lac LaBelle, MI; KOTZIAN(Hyder), Kaye(WW II legacy), Livonia, MI; LATURI, Phil, Iron River, MI; LORGE, Leonard, The Villages, FL; LUETZOW, Bill, Ishpeming, MI; MAKI, Dean, Negaunee, MI; MARIETTI, Paul, Ishpeming, MI; McGUIRE, Bob(WW II), Centerville, IA; MOLONEY, Stanley(WW II), Bradenton, FL; NICHOLA, Howard (WW II), Dodgeville, MI; OJA, Marie, Republic, MI; PECK, Freeling, Belding, MI; PEGOLO, Al(WW II), Kennington, CT; RUOHOMAKI, Les, Gladstone, MI; SCHMITT, William, Vulcan, MI; SMALL, Marge, Marquette, MI; SMITH, Bob, Milton, FL; WAGNER, Darrell, Soo, MI; WARD, Joyce, Mclean, VA; WILLS, Dick(WW II), Negaunee, MI;



107<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER ASSOCIATION  
Executive Committee for 2015- 2016

President	CW2 Jay Killoran	FSC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Engr Bn
Vice President	SFC Jason Cain	FSC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Engr Bn
Secretary & Bull Sheet Editor	LTC (ret) Tom Perry	HQ/A/B, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
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Public Relations Officer	MSG(ret) Daniel Kurian	HHC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
Historian	SFC Perry Nora	HSC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
Chaplain	MAJ(ret) Ed Jachimski	HQ, 107th Eng Bn
Permanent Director	LTC Scott House	Cdr, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
4 Year Director	SSG(ret) Tom Beard	Det 1, HHC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Engr Bn
3 Year Director	SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald	1437th Engineer Co
2 Year Director	CSM(ret) Mike Floriano	HQ/Co D, 107th Eng Bn
1 Year Director	1SG(ret) William Viau	Co C, 107th 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**

- [Americas Best Value Inn](#), 888-315-2378, (906) 249-1712, 1010 M-28 East, Marquette, MI 49855, [Visit Website](#),
- [Birchmont Motel](#), 877-458-7805, (906) 228-7538, 2090 U.S. 41 South, Marquette, MI 49855, [Visit Website](#)
- [Brentwood Motor Inn Budget Host](#) 800-999-7055, (906) 228-7494 2603 U.S. 41 West Marquette, MI 49855
- [Cedar Motor Inn](#) 888-551-7378, (906) 228-2280, 2523 U.S. 41 West, Marquette, MI 49855, [Visit Website](#)
- [Comfort Suites](#) 800-424-6423, (906) 228-0028, [Visit Website](#), 2463 U.S. 41 West Marquette, MI 49855
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson](#) 2472 US Hwy 41 West, Marquette, MI 49855, (906) 225-1300, [Visit Website](#)
- [Days Inn](#) 800-329-7466, (906) 225-1393 2403 U.S. 41 West Marquette, MI 49855, [Visit Website](#)
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## 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association

Business Meeting Minutes, 8 August 2015, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Call to order at 1300 hrs by President Alek Willson. 36 members present. Intro comments were made by President Willson. The 2014 business meeting minutes were distributed. A motion to approve was made by Joel Jarvi with a second from Jim Beckman. Motion carried. The 2014 treasurer's report was distributed. A motion to approve was made by Joel Jarvi with a second from Dave Crowley. 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.

### 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.
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. Perry Nora suggested that someone from battalion should solicit deployment patches from the units to be used in this project.
3. Follow-up regarding the battalion plaque in the regimental room at the Fort Leonard Wood museum. LTC Scott House, battalion commander, asked for one more year to accomplish this mission. CSM Rob Jeannotte will be going to Ft Leonard Wood in the near future and will do some more research regarding this project.

### New Business:

1. Nominate Field Support Company in Marquette as the location for the 2016 reunion. Motion by Walter Plitz, Second by Jason Cain. Motion carried. Nominated dates for the 55th annual reunion are 15-16 July 2016. Motion by Jason Cain, Second by Perry Nora. Motion carried. Nominated slate of officers for 2016. Motion by LTC Scott House, Second by Kaitlyn Hill. Motion carried.
    - a. President, CW2 Jay Killoran, FSC, 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn.
    - b. Vice President, SFC Jason Cain, FSC, 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn.
    - c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A
    - d. Treasurer, 1SG(ret) Donald Bussiere, Co A
    - e. Public Relations Officer, MSG(ret) Daniel Kurian, HHC
    - f. Historian, SFC Perry Nora, HSC
    - g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski, HHC
    - h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Scott House
    - i. 4 Year Director, SSG(ret) Tom Beard, Det 1, HHC
    - j. 3 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald, 1437<sup>th</sup>
    - k. 2 Year Director, CSM(ret) Michael Floriano, Co D/HQ
    - l. 1 Year Director, 1SG(ret) William C. Viau, Co C
  2. There was discussion about the time of the business meeting. Having the meeting at 1300 hrs was a carryover from past meetings when the Association was working on memorialization and the meetings lasted for hours. The host unit usually had an event planned for the spouses in the afternoon. This year with the enormous interest in the raft ride at 1330 hrs and the business meeting also at 1300 hrs presented a conflict. A motion was made to have the times for the Memorial Service and Business Meeting permanently assigned for future reunions at 1030 hrs and 1100 hrs respectively. Motion by Jim Dougovito, second by Darrell Wagner. Motion carried.
  3. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1437<sup>th</sup> for an outstanding reunion, especially the raft ride through the Soo Locks.
  4. Adjournment at 1320 hrs. Motion by Joel Jarvi, Second by Kristina Waara. Motion carried.
- Respectfully submitted, Tom Perry, Secretary

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

1. **Before 15 July 2016** mail the notice below to: 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849-1064
2. **After 15 July 2016** Call the Marquette Armory at 906-226-8831, ext 1, or e-mail SFC Robert Wilbur, [robert.d.wilbur.mil@mail.mil](mailto:robert.d.wilbur.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 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association at Marquette, MI.  
(circle your choice)
2. Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on Saturday, 16 July 2016. 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**"