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## Welcome to Traverse City, Home of the 1430<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company(EVCC)

Hello!

The 1430th Engineer Company (EVCC) would like to invite you to the 61st annual reunion of the 107th Engineer Association. The Soldiers of the 1430 EN CO look forward to hosting this long-standing traditional gathering of the Association, below the bridge for the first time ever(Editor's note: actually the second time. 1<sup>st</sup> time 1974), as this year's Reunion will be 04-05 August 2023 in Traverse City!

On Friday, August 4th, beginning at 1400, registration will begin at the Traverse City Armory at 1402 Carlisle Rd. Traverse City, MI. The 1430th Club will be open and available to all members. At 1800 hours the social mixer will kick off with an assortment of appetizers so all can reengage with friends old and new.

On Saturday, breakfast will begin at 0730 at our armory and for just \$5 you can start your day off right. At 1100 hours, we will meet at the flagpole for the Memorial Service. Immediately after the Memorial Service, there will be the Annual Business meeting inside the armory. Lunch will follow the meeting and will be the classic combo of burgers and hot dogs. Feel free to explore the armory, speak with Soldiers, and check out the equipment of the 1430th.

We encourage you to explore and experience everything Traverse City has to offer. From relaxing on the beach in Traverse Bay, hiking through the famous Sleeping Bear Dunes, golfing at any number of excellent golf courses, to simply enjoying a drink with friends at one of the many wineries, distilleries, or

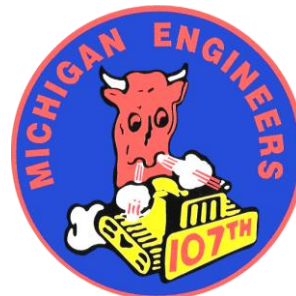
breweries, we are confident you'll enjoy the Leelanau area. The 1430th Club will also be made available to those who wish to stay close.

Saturday's events will culminate in the banquet at the Traverse City Armory. For \$20, you will enjoy a splendid meal with refreshments being made available from the 1430th Club.

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 Joe Boesler at the Traverse City Armory (231) 715-4826 or [joseph.t.boesler.mil@army.mil](mailto:joseph.t.boesler.mil@army.mil).

We are looking forward to hosting this year's reunion. See you there!

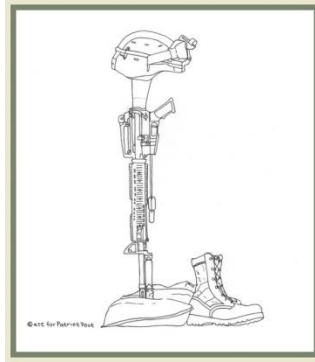
Matthew R. Gonzalez  
CPT, EN, MIARNG  
Commander, 1430 EN CO (EVCC)  
Association President



# 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)
ANDERS, Donna	9 Aug 22	Co D
ANDERSON, Mel SSG(ret)	4 Dec 22	HHC/(RVN)
BRACCO, Greg SFC(ret)	6 Dec 22	Co A
CARLSON, Hugo SSG(ret)	4 Oct 22	Co A
DENEAU, Roger	26 Nov 22	Co C/(RVN)
GRIER, John	3 Jan 23	Co D
HODGES, Bob SFC(ret)	21 Dec 22	HHC
JACHIMSKI, Edwin MAJ(ret)	26 Mar 22	Det 1 Co B/HHC
JULIO, Anthony SFC(ret)	5 Dec 22	Co A
LESSARD, Lloyd MSG(ret)	15 Sep 22	1437/Co C
LILJEQUIST, Mark SGT(ret)	10 Apr 22	Co D
LUNDIN, Charlie LTC(ret)	24 Oct 22	Co C/HHC/(RVN)
PUTALA, Arnold	27 Apr 22	Det 1 Co A
SHIMON, Tom SSG(ret)	17 Apr 22	Det 1 HHC
WATERS, Charlie SP5(ret)	13 Sep 22	HHC

## Association Information

1. Our internet web address is [www.107thengineers.org](http://www.107thengineers.org)
2. 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, musings and news about the reunion and Association in general, as they pop into the head of ye' ole editor:

The Ishpeming Armory is essentially closed until early in 2024 because it is being remodeled. The interior is pretty much gutted and under going \$5.9M in renovations including upgraded locker rooms and latrines. (It's about time!) The unit full time staff members are working out of the Marquette Armory. They are also drilling there during the construction. All Ishpeming office phone numbers have been forwarded to the temporary Marquette Armory offices. Mail is also being forwarded to Marquette.....

Current unit and home armory locations: HHC, Ishpeming; FSC, Marquette; 1430<sup>th</sup> Traverse City; 1431st Calumet; 1432<sup>nd</sup> Gladstone; Det 1, 1432<sup>nd</sup> Kingsford; 1437<sup>th</sup> Soo. All other armories have been closed and sold. ☹️.....  
Our current Association membership is 358, with 163 life members. At one time the membership was over 900.....

## New Life Members

CHARTER, Walt MSG(ret)	Iron River
GRENTZ, Don SSG(ret)	Nisula
KUSZ, Gary 1SG(ret)	Ironwood
LEEMAN, Peter	Gaylord
MONCK, Jeff MSG(ret)	Barbeau
PALO, Jeremy	Ishpeming
PALUDA, Mike COL(ret)	Marquette
SIMMONS, Jim SFC(ret)	Ironwood
STRAHAN, Tom SSG(ret)	Crystal Falls

Every year some of our members contribute donations to the Association to help with expenses. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

BERTHAUME, Wayne	Escanaba;
BESSNER, Todd	Hancock;
BOHLINGER, Rick	St Clair Shores;
CARLSON, Steve	Nisula;
CHARTER, Walt	Iron River;
COMPTON, Jon	Ishpeming;
CROWLEY, David	Laurium;
DAHLGREN, Eric	Munising;
DANIS, Stephen	Calumet;
DENOO, Kerry	Leesburg, FL;
DEVERNEY, Butch	Midland;
EHRHARDT, Fritz	Vulcan;
FLORIANO, Joe	Iron Mountain;
FLORIANO, Mike	Kingsford;
GILLAHAN, Dave	Eaton Rapids;
GRAHAM Chris	Ishpeming;
HAAPALA, Gus	Calumet;
HADFIELD, Brent	Charlotte;
HENDRA, John	Calumet;
HUTCHESON, James	Peoria IL;
IRON COUNTY NATIONAL GUARD CLUB;	
JACOBSON, Jack	Iron River;
JARVI, Joel	Brooksville FL;
JOHNSON, Timothy	Ishpeming;
KERRY Adam	Hancock;
KOLJONEN, Bucky	Mohawk;
KOSKI, Brian	Iron River;
KROT, Greg	Indian River;
LACHANCE, Richard	Kingman AZ;
LATURI, Phillip	Iron River;
LAVIGNE, Carl	Rapid River;
LUETZOW, William	Ishpeming;
MAKI, Dean	Negaunee;
MANNINEN, John	South Range;
MILLER, Tim	Marquette;
PALUDA, Mike	Marquette;
PETERSON, Brian	Prescott, AZ;
PROULX, Justin	Sault Ste Marie;
SCHMITT, William	Norway;
SIMMONS, Jim	Ironwood;
SMALL, Marge	Marquette;
TULPPO, Robert	Rock;
WESOLOSKI, David	Menominee

Who attended the 2022 reunion in Gladstone:

AHOLA, Karl	L'Anse
ANDERSON, Mike	Ishpeming
BEAUDRY Jr., Bob/Christine	Kingsford
BECKMAN, Jim/Andrea	Marquette
BESSNER, Todd/Tami	Hancock
BOHLINGER, Rick	St Clair Shores
BUSSIERE, Don/Dorothy	Ontonagon
CARLSON, Steve	Nisula
CHARTRE, Kay	Negaunee
COMPTON, Jon	Ishpeming
CROWLEY, David	Laurium
DAHLGREN, Eric/Sally	Munising
DAVIS, Jay	Kingsford
DEGROTE, Bud	Lowell
DENOO, Kerry/Liz	Leesburg, FL
DeVERNEY, Butch	Midland
DOUGOVITO, Jim/Linda	L'Anse
EHRHARDT, Fritz/Mary Kay	Vulcan
FLEMING, Ben	Felch
FLORIANO, Joe/Marilu	Iron Mountain
FLORIANO, Mike/Debbie	Kingsford
GRAHAM, Chris	Ishpeming
HADFIELD, Brent	Charlotte
JANSSEN, Len/Inge	Wakefield
KAY, Trevor	Marquette
KELLONIEMI, Don	Cornell
KOLJONEN, Bucky/Liisa	Mohawk
KROT, Greg	Indian River
KUPARI, Clint	Knox, IN
LEAHY, Jessica	Marquette
LENNERT, Phil	Escanaba
McNEILL, Mark	Detroit
MILLER, Tim/Lisa	Marquette
NORA, Perry/Jessi	Ishpeming
OLSON, Bruce/Ann	Kingsford
PERRY, Tom	Ishpeming
PROULX, Justin	Sault Ste Marie
ROSS, Ron/Donna	Gladwin
SACKMANN, Alex	Bessemer
SCHMITT, William	Norway
SIMMONS, Jim	Ironwood
STONEHOUSE, Fred/Lois	Marquette
SULLIVAN, Jim	Nisula
TESTOLIN, Joe	Iron Mountain
TOUPIN, Karissa	Marquette
WALLNER, Jason	Negaunee
WHITLOW, Bill	Sunset Beach, NC

Not on this list, did you register at the front desk???

**Future Reunion Locations,** Here are the PROPOSED locations, subject to acceptance by the units and approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2024 Kingsford, 2025 Marquette, 2026 Ishpeming. 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.

Highlights from the 2022 business meeting minutes at Gladstone:

On-going business.

1. Lineage and Honors Committee: 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.
2. The annual website fees total approximately \$250.00(prices keep going up). This includes the cost of the domain name(107thengineers.org), the editing program and website e-mail address.
3. The 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 any progress.

New business.

1. We are going to go to Traverse City for the 2023 reunion.
2. One our members made comments about the website: "Together We Served," is a good resource for finding people that you served with in any branch. (Editor's note: I am also a member of this website and agree it's a good one.)
3. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Co. for hosting an outstanding reunion.
4. Association Pledge recited.

**"Short Snorts" (continued)**

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

For those of you who don't get our TAPS email messages, you will note in the TAPS listing above that MAJ(ret) Ed "MAJ J" Jachimski passed away last year. He was a 107<sup>th</sup> legend and the topic of many a story over the years.....

If you want to receive TAPS email messages notifying everyone about deaths of battalion veterans and their funerals/memorial services, send your email address to

[secretary@107thengineers.org](mailto:secretary@107thengineers.org) .....

From MAJ Breen, Bn XO/Rear Det OIC: "A team of 143 Soldiers from 107th Engineer Battalion has deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield under the direction of United States Central Command. The 107th Engineers will execute construction management and support missions across the theater of operations while providing a headquarters element to five non-organic units from different states.".....

This year I have taken the initiative to send ALL Association life members a new membership card with your Bull Sheet. If you think you are a life member and didn't get a card, you never paid the \$50 life membership dues. Just because you retired from the battalion does NOT mean you are a life member!.....

2023 is the first year we have held the reunion in Traverse City. Let's make it a big success. Some members have heartburn with a reunion "below the bridge," but it has occurred before. In 1974 the reunion was in Detroit. The 1430<sup>th</sup> is a part of the 107<sup>th</sup>, so let's support them as such!



**107<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER ASSOCIATION  
Executive Committee for 2022-2023**

President	CPT Matthew Gonzalez	1430 <sup>th</sup> Engr Co.
Vice President	SFC Joseph Boesler	1430 <sup>th</sup> Engr Co.
Secretary & Bull Sheet	LTC (ret) Tom Perry	HQ/A/B, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
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Chaplain	MSG(ret) Bill Hager	HHC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
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4 Year Director	SFC Jay Davis	1432 <sup>nd</sup> Engr Co
3 Year Director	SFC(ret) Eric Dahlgren	Co C, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
2 Year Director	SSG(ret) Dennis Cummings	Co C, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
1 Year Director	BG(ret) Pete Injasoulion	HQ, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn/HQ, 46 <sup>th</sup> Eng Gp

**For a listing of local campgrounds, motels, hotels, etc, see the Traverse City Visitors and Convention website: <https://traverscity.bookdirect.net>**



**SPC Garrett Johnson sings  
the National Anthem**



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

1. **Before 15 Jul 2023** mail the notice below to: 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849
2. **After 15 Jul 2023** Contact SFC Joseph Boesler at the Traverse City Armory (231) 715-4826 or [joseph.t.boesler.mil@army.mil](mailto:joseph.t.boesler.mil@army.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 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion of the 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association at Traverse City, MI.  
(circle your choice)

2. Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on Saturday, 5 August 2023. 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please also update the following information:

6. My phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_.

7. My Email address is: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. For more info please check the Association web site at "**www.107thengineers.org**"