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## THUNDERBIRD CHAPTER ARMY ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

### Quarterly Newsletter

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Welcome to our chapter newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in reforming our nonprofit organization and share with you our new and improved logo, new mission statements and recently published values!

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

The Thunderbird Chapter serves to unite active duty, reserve, National Guard, retired, and civilian Army Engineer personnel across Oklahoma and surrounding regions. We are dedicated to preserving and promoting the proud history and traditions of the United States Army Engineers while fostering professional development, camaraderie, and community service.

#### We exist to:

- **Connect** Army Engineers and supporting personnel across all components and generations through meaningful relationships and shared experiences.
- **Develop** professional skills and leadership capabilities through educational opportunities, mentorship, and networking.
- **Honor** the legacy and sacrifice of Army Engineers through memorialization, historical preservation, and recognition of excellence.
- **Serve** our communities through volunteer initiatives that embody the Engineer spirit of service and excellence Core Values.

Join our chapter at  
<https://armyengineer.com/memberships/>

## Engineer Battalion Highlights



Soldiers from the 545<sup>th</sup> Brigade Engineer Battalion conducted NCO induction ceremony and section level training over an IDT weekend. Engineers build the mission, but our support elements make it possible. From sustainment to CBRN support – their expertise is the backbone that keeps our engineers moving, building, and succeeding. The Thunderbird Chapter, AEA strives to provide an inclusive culture for not only engineers but all supporting elements!



**First round of shirt preorders are open until 20 February! Order at QR code:**



### Upcoming Information:

- Fall scholarship application will open in February 2026
- Volunteer requests will open for NGAOK golf tournament and leadership conference
- Save the date: 26 Sep 2026 Engineer Ball
- Volunteer opportunities to be published



## Chapter Highlights

Members of the AEA Thunderbird Chapter volunteered at the 15th Annual Fallen Heroes marathon in September.



Pictured Debbie Mordecai, Alan Merrell, and Ron Mordecai.



Members from the AEA Thunderbird Chapter gathered at socials hosted in Tulsa & OKC.

