

107th 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 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/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.
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.
2. Nominated dates for the 55th annual reunion are 15-16 July 2016. Motion by Jason Cain, Second by Perry Nora. Motion carried.
3. Nominated slate of officers for 2016. Motion by LTC Scott House, Second by Kaitlyn Hill. Motion carried.
 - a. President, CW2 Jay Killoran, FSC, 107th Engr Bn.
 - b. Vice President, SFC Jason Cain, FSC, 107th 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, 1437th
- k. 2 Year Director, CSM(ret) Michael Floriano, Co D/HQ
- l. 1 Year Director, 1SG(ret) William C. Viau, Co C

4. 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.

a. Motion by Jim Dougovito, second by Darrell Wagner. Motion carried.

5. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1437th for an outstanding reunion, especially the raft ride through the Soo Locks.

6. Adjournment at 1320 hrs. Motion by Joel Jarvi, Second by Kristina Waara. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Perry
Secretary