

107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association  
Business Meeting Minutes  
16 July 2016  
Marquette, MI

Call to order at 1050 hrs by Jake Nyquist. 24 Members present.

2015 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve: Joe Testolin  
Second: Bob Groop. Motion carried.

2015 treasurer's report read. Motion to approve: Jim Dougovito  
Second: Joel Jarvi. Motion carried.

Lineage and Honors Committee Report

No 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. He is also the technical consultant to keep the website running properly.
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.
3. Follow-up regarding the battalion plaque in the regimental room at the Fort Leonard Wood museum. LTC Scott House, outgoing battalion commander said WO1(former Bn CSM) Rob Jeannotte is currently at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. He will provide an update upon his return. Tom Perry will contact him for the update. (\$3000 was appropriated at the Gladstone reunion to fund the plaque project.)

New Business:

1. Nominate Det 1, 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Company in Iron River as the location for the 2017 reunion. Motion to approve: Rob Sexton, Second by Dave Rye. Motion carried.
2. Dates for 56th annual reunion. There was considerable confusion about dates for Annual Training for 2017 which could/would conflict with the reunion dates.. Therefore, no dates were selected for the reunion at this time. A motion was made by Jim Dougovito to authorize Tom Perry to coordinate with the unit and set dates for the 2017 reunion and post them to the website. Seconded by Jim Hutcheson. Motion carried.
3. Slate of officers for 2017. Motion to approve: Pete Injasoulian. Second by: Jim Dougovito. Motion carried.
  - a. President, 1LT Jake Pfiester , 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engr Co, 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn.
  - b. VP, SFC Steve Pietila, 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engr Co, 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn.
  - c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A/Det 1, Co B
  - d. Treasurer, 1SG(ret) Donald Bussiere, Co A
  - e. Public Relations Officer, MSG(ret) Daniel Kurian, HHC
  - f. Historian, SFC Perry Nora, HHC
  - g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski, HHC
  - h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), MAJ Dave Gillahan

- i. 4 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Jeff Gibson, 1432/Co B, Det 1, Co D
  - j. 3 Year Director, SSG(ret) Tom Beard, Det 1, HHC
  - k. 2 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald, 1437<sup>th</sup>
  - l. 1 Year Director, CSM(ret) Michael Floriano, Co D/HQ
4. After prompting by P. Injasoulian and some discussion a motion was made by Tom Perry and seconded by Dave Crowley to authorize the Association treasurer (Don Bussiere) to move some of our funds to a different financial institution if he can find a better interest rate. Currently all of our money is held in accounts at the TruNorth Credit Union in Ishpeming, MI. Motion carried.
  5. The 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion monument at Camp Grayling(CG) is in need of repainting and possibly some minor repairs. A motion was made by Mike Floriano and seconded by Joe Testolin to authorize up to \$500 for the maintenance of the monument. Tom Perry will check with CG facility engineering to see if they are authorized to pay those repairs, thus saving us the money.(Note after the fact: CG does not have funding for this project.) Tom Perry will contact Patton Monuments, the original vendor for the monument, for a proposal to do the work.
  6. There was some discussion as to whether or not there will be a battalion officers call this October. The matter was referred to the incoming battalion commander and staff to resolve.
  7. Mike Fraser informed the Association that Bill Sheldon's wife Barb donated \$1000 to the Ishpeming NCO Club to be used for a memorial in his honor at the Ishpeming Armory.
  8. Pete Injasoulian informed the Association that the former Retired Officers Association of Michigan is now the Retired Association of Michigan. The change was made to allow for retired enlisted National Guard members to join.
  9. The Association membership extends a big thank you to Field Support Company for an outstanding reunion.
  10. Association Pledge. Lead by Chaplain Jachimski
  11. Adjournment at 1128 hrs. Motion by Rob Sexton. Second by Tom Perry. Motion carried.