

107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
8 September 2018
Ishpeming, MI

1. Call to order at 1055 hrs by President Jason Wallner. 29 Members present. President Wallner informs the membership about the evening festivities.
2. 2017 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by Jim Dougovito, second by Ed Jachimski. Motion carried.
3. 2017-2018 treasurers' report read. Motion to approve by Joe Floriano, second by Joe Testolin. Motion carried.

4. 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. LTC Gillahan, Battalion Commander, has also tasked CSM Perez to assist in this effort. Tom Perry and Perry Nora committed to checking with the NMU archives/history department, the Ishpeming Historical Society and the Marquette Historical Society for assistance or advice in updating our history book. They will also check on the possibility of donating our historical items to one of these organizations to be displayed for the public to enjoy. They will report back at the 2019 reunion.

5. Old Business:

- a. The website fees through Feb 2020 have been paid by SFC(ret) Ross Stevens (Co A/1431st retiree). He is also the technical consultant to keep the website running properly. Effective Aug 2018, administration and ownership of the website were transferred to the 107th Engineer Association to insure we can maintain the URL into the future. The website name(URL) costs \$9.99 per month paid on a 3 year basis.
- b. The website(www.107thengineers.org) needs to be updated/redesigned because the software used to edit the website is obsolete. Tom Perry is taking over as webmaster. In order to redesign and update the website he has requested that the Association authorize \$9.99/month payable on a yearly basis for new software to edit and manage the website. Motion to approve the request by Jim Beckman, with a second by Jim Dougovito. Motion carried.
- c. 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. CPT Wallner and 1SG Cain will see what they can do to get this idea rejuvenated and make some progress.
- d. Follow-up regarding the battalion plaque in the regimental room at the Fort Leonard Wood museum. LTC Dave Gillahan, battalion commander, asked for one more year to accomplish this mission. (\$3000 was appropriated at the Gladstone reunion in 2015 to fund this plaque project. If we are not going to participate in this project, we should de-obligate the money.)
- e. The 107th Engineer Battalion monument at Camp Grayling(CG) has been repainted. Patten Monument did an excellent job. \$500 was approved for the work at the 2017 business meeting. The actual cost was \$1500.00. Tom Perry paid the invoice in full and requests to be reimbursed for the expense by the Association. Motion to approve the additional \$1000 by Dave Gillahan, second by Jake Nyquist. Motion carried.

- f. Investing of Association funds with a financial manager. Tom Perry will speak with Jason Rolling regarding feasibility of investing Association funds to increase our return on investment.
6. New Business:
 - a. Nominate 1431st Engineer Co., 107th Engineer Battalion in Calumet as the location for the 2019 reunion. Motion by Joe Testolin, Second by Butch DeVerney. Motion carried.
 - a. (Footnote/thought by LTC Dave Gillahan: The 1430th Engr Co is now stationed in Traverse City. This is a new location for the battalion. Perhaps the 2020 reunion could be held at their armory.)
 - b. Dates for 58th annual reunion set for 9-10 Aug 2019.
 - a. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by Bud Degrote
 - c. Slate of officers for 2019. Motion by Dave Gillahan, Second by Steve Pellinen
 - i. President, CPT Megan Boss, 1431st Engr Co.
 - ii. VP, 1SG Lee DeForge, 1431st Engr Co.
 - iii. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A/Det 1, Co B
 - iv. Treasurer, SFC(ret) Perry Nora, HSC
 - v. Public Relations Officer, 2LT Lexus Pettinger, 1430th Engr Co, 107th Engr Bn
 - vi. Historian, SSG John Peterson, HSC, 107th
 - vii. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski, HHC
 - viii. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Dave Gillahan
 - ix. 4 Year Director, MSG(ret) Joe Battisfore, Co A/1431, HSC,
 - x. 3 Year Director, SFC(ret) Bob Groop, HHC
 - xi. 3 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Jeff Gibson, 1432/Co B, Det 1, Co D
 - xii. 1 Year Director, SSG(ret) Tom Beard, Det 1, HHC
 - d. Discuss advancing funds, for seed money, to the unit hosting the reunion. The individual armory NCO/EM Clubs don't make money like they did in years past. As a result, some of the clubs don't have enough cash reserves to pay for upfront costs for the reunion such as food and beverages. CW2 Rob Jeanotte made a motion to have the Association loan the hosting unit up to \$1,500 for startup costs to be paid back from the hosting unit club receipts after the reunion is over. Second by Perry Nora. Motion carried.
 - e. There was discussion regarding the Association participating in the Ishpeming Memorial Day parade/ceremony and Veterans Day programs in communities where armories are located with a color guard and possibly rifle team on behalf of the Battalion. No one stepped up to coordinate the efforts required to make it happen.
7. The Association membership extends a big thank you to HHC, 107th Engr Bn for an outstanding reunion.
8. Association Pledge recited and lead by Chaplain MAJ(ret) Jachimski
9. Adjournment at 1148 hrs. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by Perry Nora. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Perry
Secretary