

107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
10 August 2019
Calumet, MI

1. Call to order at 1057 hrs by Alex Sackman, 1431st Cdr. 29 Members present.
CPT Sackman informs the membership about the evening festivities.
2. 2018 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by Jim Dougovito, second by Pete Injasoulian. Motion carried.
3. 2018-2019 treasurers' report read. Motion to approve by Jim Dougovito, second by Joe Floriano. 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. 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. No action to date. Is a work in progress.

5. Old Business:

- a. The annual website fees total approximately \$200. This includes the cost of the domain name(107thengineers.org), the editing program and website e-mail address. The redesigned website is up and running. Some of the Bull Sheets and some of the history book chapters have not been uploaded yet. It's a work in progress by the webmaster.
 - a. Request a motion to pay the fees. Motion by Perry Nora, second by Gary Marcotte. Motion carried
- b. Follow-up: 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 much progress. MAJ Rolling will see what he can do to get this idea rejuvenated and make some progress.
- c. Follow-up regarding the battalion plaque in the regimental room at the Fort Leonard Wood museum. (\$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.) MAJ Breen, battalion S-3/full time OIC, committed to accomplish this task before the next reunion.
- d. Follow-up: Investing of Association funds with a financial manager.
 - a. At the reunion in Marquette in 2016, the membership authorized the treasurer to move Association funds to an investment firm to increase the return on investment.
 - b. Tom Perry spoke with Jason Rolling about using his firm. We can do that but Jason wanted more guidance on what we what to accomplish and the level of risk we want to accept before we set up the account(s).
 - c. Discussion: After much discussion a motion was made by Jim Dougovito to invest \$10,000 with J. Rolling's firm at a moderate rate of return (estimated to earn 4-5% per annum). Second by Jim Hutcheson. Motion carried.

6. New Business:
 - a. Nominate 1430th Engineer Co., 107th Engineer Battalion in Traverse City as the location for the 2020 reunion. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by John Hendra. Motion FAILED.
 - b. Dates for 59th annual reunion set for 7-8 Aug 2020.
 - a. Motion by Jim Lienau, Second by Tim Houle. Motion carried.
 - c. Motion by Jim Dougovito with a second by Gary Marcotte to have Tom Perry, Association secretary, to coordinate with MAJ L. Lanczy, battalion commander, to determine a location in the U.P. for the 2020 reunion. Motion carried.
 - d. Slate of officers for 2020. Motion by Hank Ilenich, Second by Perry Nora. Motion carried.
 - i. President, TBD
 - ii. VP, TBD
 - iii. Secretary/webmaster, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A/Det 1, Co B
 - iv. Treasurer, SFC(ret) Perry Nora, HSC
 - v. Public Relations Officer, CW5(ret) Joe Floriano, Co D/HHC
 - vi. Historian, SSG John Peterson, HSC, 107th
 - vii. Chaplain, SGT(ret) Steve Pellinen, HHC
 - viii. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), MAJ Lucas Lanczy
 - ix. 4 Year Director, BG(ret) Pete Injasoulian, HQ, 107th EN Bn
 - x. 3 Year Director, MSG(ret) Joe Battsfore, Co A/1431,HSC
 - xi. 2 Year Director, SFC(ret) Bob Groop, HHC
 - xii. 1 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Jeff Gibson, 1432/Co B, Det 1, Co D
 - e. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the closing of armories across the U.P. The population is decreasing; therefore recruiting to fill slots is getting more difficult. The 1430th Engineer Company has been reassigned to the new Traverse City Armory. This move caused some heartburn with some of the Association members. Baraga is closed and a decision is pending on the Iron River Armory.
 - f. There was also a discussion regarding the necessity of editing our beloved Engineer Song. Many of the lyrics are no longer acceptable in our current culture. An updated version will be sung this evening, with additional editing during the next year before the next reunion.
7. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1431st Engineer Co. for hosting an outstanding reunion.
8. Association Pledge recited.
9. Adjournment at 1200 hrs. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by Perry Nora. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Perry
Secretary