

107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
7 August 2021
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

1. Call to order at 1058 hrs by Ben Rodenberg, President/1437th Cdr. 19 Members present. President informs the membership about the evening festivities.
2. 2019 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by Eric Dahlgren, second by Lucas Lanczy. Motion carried.
3. 2019-2020 treasurers' report read. Motion to approve by Jim Dougovito, second by Dave Gillahan. Motion carried.
4. 2020-2021 treasurers' report read. Motion to approve by Jim Dougovito, second by Dave Gillahan. Motion carried.

5. 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. Jim Beckman also informed us about the U.P. Military Museum located at the U.P. State Fairgrounds, POC Dennis Morberg

6. Old Business:

- a. The annual website fees total approximately \$250.00 (prices keep going up). This includes the cost of the domain name (107thengineers.org), the editing program and website e-mail address. It's an ongoing project by the webmaster.
 - a. Request a motion to pay the fees. Motion by Dave Gillahan, second by Jim Dougovito. 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 any progress. There are extensive modifications planned to the Ishpeming Armory in the next year.
- c. Follow-up regarding the battalion plaque in the regimental room at the Fort Leonard Wood museum. DONE! MAJ Megan Breen and CPT Trevor Kay completed the design, casting and dedication at the FLW museum. \$3000 was appropriated for the project, but actual cost was \$2000. Thank you to those motivated Soldiers for following up and completing the mission. Good As Done!
- d. Follow-up: Investing of Association funds with a financial manager. We are still trying to coordinate with Jason Rolling regarding investing Association funds to increase our return on investment.

7. New Business:

- a. Nominate 1432nd Engineer Co., 107th Engineer Battalion in Gladstone as the location for the 2022 reunion. Motion by Eric Dahlgren, Second by Bob Groop. Motion carried.
- b. Dates for 60th annual reunion set for 12-13 Aug 2022.
 - a. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by Jim Dougovito. Motion carried.
- c. Slate of officers for 2022. Motion by Lucas Lanczy, Second by Jim Dougovito. Motion carried.
 - i. President, CPT Alex Sackmann, 1432nd Engr Co.
 - ii. VP, SFC Tricia Magreta, 1432nd Engr Co.
 - 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, SFC John Peterson, HHC, 107th
 - vii. Chaplain, MSG(ret) Bill Hager, HHC
 - viii. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Lucas Lanczy
 - ix. 4 Year Director, SFC(ret) Eric Dahlgren, Co C,
 - x. 3 Year Director, SSG(ret) Dennis Cummings, Co C,
 - xi. 2 Year Director, BG(ret) Pete Injasoulian, HQ, 107th Engr Bn/46th Engr Gp
 - xii. 1 Year Director, MSG(ret) Joe Battsfore, Co A/1431,HSC
- d. The Engineer Song has been updated and published to the website.
- e. Are we ever going to go to Traverse City for a reunion? After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed in principle that Traverse City was a probably a good nomination for the year 2023.
- f. There was quite a discussion about a “White Paper” written by JFHQ recommending moving more of the 107th Engineer Bn force structure downstate, i.e. Traverse City. It was an overall consensus of the members present that the assumptions and recommendations in that letter were not in the best interest of the MIARNG OR 107th Engineer Bn.
- g. The membership was reminded about the statewide engineer reunion at Camp Grayling the 3rd weekend in Sep 2021.
8. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1437th Engineer Co. for hosting an outstanding reunion.
9. Association Pledge recited.
10. Adjournment at 1150 hrs. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by Joe Floriano. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Perry
Secretary