

107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
5 August 2023
Traverse City, MI

1. Call to order at 1115 hrs by Pres Matthew Gonzalez, 1430th Cdr. 8 Members present.
M. Gonzalez informs the membership about the evening festivities.
2. 2022 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by M. Gonzalez, second by J. Dougovito. Motion carried.
3. 2022-2023 treasurers' report read. Motion to approve by T. Perry, second by J. Simmons. 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. Jim Beckman also informed us about the U.P. Military Museum located near the U.P. State Fairgrounds, POC Dennis Morberg. A work in progress.

5. 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 S. Rose, second by J. 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.
- c. 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.

6. New Business:

- a. Nominate 1432nd Engineer Co., 107th Engineer Battalion in Kingsford as the location for the 2024 reunion. Motion by J. Simmons, Second by P. Injasoulian. Motion carried.
- b. Dates for 62nd annual reunion set for 2 - 3 Aug 2024.
 - a. Motion by S. Rose, Second by J. Simmons. Motion carried.
- c. Slate of officers for 2024. Motion by M. Gonzalez, Second by J. Dougovito. Motion carried.
 - i. President, 1SG Trever Mashak, 1432nd Engr Co.
 - ii. VP, SSG Derek Lambert, 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 Christopher Graham
 - ix. 4 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jim Simmons, Co B
 - x. 3 Year Director, SFC Jay Davis, 1432nd Engr Co
 - xi. 2 Year Director, SFC(ret) Eric Dahlgren, Co C
 - xii. 1 Year Director, SSG(ret) Dennis Cummings, Co C
- d. There was a discussion about the possibility of the battalion veterans/alumni who live in the Ironwood area to host the reunion in 2025. There a number of 107th vets in the Ironwood area and they gather periodically to socialize and stay in contact with each other. Len Janssen and Jim Simmons committed to check with the other vets in the area to see if they are interested in hosting the reunion in 2025. They will get back to Tom Perry well before the 2024 reunion which is being held in Kingsford. If they decide not to do the reunion, we will continue with the “normal” rotation of units/armories for 2025.
- e. The question was raised about how many granite history plaques we have in storage and what armories have plaques on display. Tom Perry will investigate and report at the next reunion.
- f. As a point of interest, it was explained to the vets in attendance by M. Gonzalez that Soldiers who live 50 miles or more from their assigned armory get paid per diem to attend drills. Huh!
7. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1430th Engineer Co. for hosting an outstanding reunion for the first time in Traverse City.
8. Association Pledge recited.
9. Adjournment at 1147 hrs. Motion by T. Perry, Second by S. Rose. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Perry
Secretary