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"WELCOME TO BARAGA!"

It has been a long ten years since the Annual Reunion was held in Baraga and we are determined to make this one of the best ever. This year the reunion will be held on 13 through 15 August. Registration will begin at noon on the 13th and, of course, the club will be open. Not only is this a great time to socialize with old and new friends, but for those who haven't been to the Baraga armory in a few years, there are a lot of updates to see. In 2008 a state of the art kitchen was added to the building that includes a handicap accessible entry and restroom. And the club is a sight to see thanks to the extensive renovations made by Jim the (retired) Finn and crew while we were deployed in 2009. Starting at 1800 there will be hors d'oeuvres and other light fare followed by pictures and videos of the unit. Music and dancing will start at 2000. You can get in the chow line on Saturday morning starting at 0700 until 0900 for Sergeant First Class Sullivan's famous SOS and eggs to order at a bargain price. For those so inclined, at 0800 there will be nine holes of golf at the picturesque L'Anse Golf Course. Then the memorial service will be held around the flag pole at 1100 hrs followed by a picnic lunch of hamburgers, brats, dogs and all the fixings. The annual business meeting will be held at 1300 and there will be a shuttle bus to the Ojibwa Casino and Resort throughout the day, or you can just hang out at the armory checking out the historical and equipment displays, throwing some horseshoes and relaxing in the club. In light of our recent deployments we have invited some influential members of the community and supportive employers to get a glimpse of the incredible history and *esprit de corps* of our battalion through participating in a tour of the facilities and some demonstrations in order to thank them for their critical support during our demanding deployments.

The formal banquet will start with cocktail hour from 1700 to 1800 hours followed by the posting of the colors at 1800. And you definitely don't want to miss the legendary mouth-watering banquet prepared by retirees Dan Jarve and Fred Fontaine from 1800 to 1900. After dinner there will be a short program followed by music, dancing, and doubtless some recitals of the Engineer Song. Free transportation will be provided to and from your hotel throughout the night so you can enjoy yourself.

On Sunday morning (not too early) you can expect an encore breakfast feast by Sully and that famous vitamin filled engineer-red drink, followed by some toasts to old and new friends and tearful good-byes until the next year.

We would like to encourage *all* veterans of the 254th and 107th to come and join in the camaraderie and festivities befitting of a unit with such a long and distinguished history of service to our great state and country. At the 1431st (forever known as "A Company" for so many of us) we pride ourselves on our connection to the history of our great battalion. We make a conscious effort to pass our history down to our young Soldiers so that they may realize their connection to our past and the sacrifice, blood, sweat and tears of those whose shoulders we now stand on. Please, come share your experiences (and encourage those reluctant battle-buddies to come with you) with these young bucks and have a great time in doing so. Please RSVP as soon as possible, as this helps us to better plan our events. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at the Baraga Armory at 906-353-6158 or email at timothy.houle@us.army.mil.

SSG Timothy Houle
Vice President, 107th Engineer Association
1431st Engineer Company (Sapper)

TAPS

*Day is done, gone the sun
From the lake, from the hill.
From the sky
All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.
As we go, this we know. God is nigh.*

Name	Units	Date of Death
Asplund (Clyde), Dorothy	107R	10-Aug-09
Bates, SFC(ret), Frank	Co A/107NG	25-Apr-09
Battuello, Anton	Co F/107 R	2-May-09
Boyak, Dennis	Co D/107NG	unk
Erickson, James	Co D/107NG	unk
Frazier, SFC (ret), Robert	B/HHC/107	16-May-09
Garceau, Gary	HHC/107NG	6-Jun-09
Gustafson, SGT(ret), Don	HHC/107NG	31-Aug-03
Hall (Harold), Irene	D/107	17-Jan-10
Harvey, Robert	HHC/107NG	unk
Hauser, Joseph	Band, 107R	5-Mar-08
Hyde, Tom	Co D/107NG	unk
Ketola, William(Kelly)	Co D/107 R	unk
Klagstad, CSM(ret), Ross	HHC/107NG	unk
Mackey, John	Co B/107 R	4-Jan-10
McCormick (John), Josephine	HHC/107NG	unk
Neuman, (Ernie), Carol	HHC/107NG	unk
Patrick, Ronald	Co D/107NG	unk
Ray, Wayne	Co D/107 R	15-Apr-09
Rushford, Donald	Co D/107NG	unk
Small, COL(ret), Donald	HHC/107NG	20-May-09
Former Bn CO		
Strand, Ronald	1437 En Co	unk
Wenger, Carl	B 107R/F 112R/522 Engr	unk



WW II vets who attended the 2009 reunion(L-R) Dick Wills, Negaunee; Bob McGuire, Centerville, IA; Mike Reher, St Paul, MN; Ed Vickstrom, Ishpeming; Herb Bastion, Clawson, MI

Registered members who attended the 2009 Reunion at Iron River

Melvin Anderson Negaunee, MI
 Herb Bastion (WW II) Clawson, MI
 James Beckman Marquette, MI
 Gary Brown Calumet, MI
 Steven Burton Baraga, MI
 Don Bussiere Ontonagon, MI
 Jerry Butler Iron River, MI
 Jason Cain AuTrain, MI
 Steven Carlson Nisula, MI
 Eric Dahlgren Appleton, WI
 Howard Duncan North Vernon, IN
 Butch DeVerney Midland, MI
 Scott Etelamaki Negaunee, MI
 Mike Floriano Kingsford, MI
 Joe Floriano Kingsford, MI
 Fred Fountaine Calumet, MI
 James Freitag Caspian, MI
 Danny Garceau Ishpeming, MI
 Fuzzy Garceau Negaunee, MI
 Mike Giroux Ishpeming, MI
 Joe Hall Wyoming, MI
 Mike Hanmer Iron River, MI
 Jay Hawkins Iron Mountain, MI
 Peter Hill Plainwell, MI
 James Ihlenfeldt Green Bay, WI
 Ed Jachinski Negaunee, MI
 Robert Jeannotte Hubbell, MI
 Russ Johnson Kingsford, MI
 Don Kelloniemi Cornell, MI
 Richard LaChance Perkins, MI
 Gary LaFreniere Ishpeming, MI
 Philip Laturi Iron River, MI
 David Lundin Ishpeming, MI
 John McCormick Sterling Htgs, MI
 Robert McGuire (WW II) Centerville, IA
 Mark McNeill Marquette, MI
 James Moulds Munising, MI
 Perry Nora Ishpeming, MI
 Joe Patrick Wells, MI
 Tom Perry Roscommon, MI
 Steven Pietila Iron River, MI
 Mike Reher (WW II) N. St Paul, MN
 Jason Rolling Marquette, MI
 Ellsworth Semler Iron Mountain, MI
 Ed Shamion Eagle, ID
 Norm Shamion Haines City, FL
 James Spicer Iron River, MI
 Keith Stebbins Iron River, MI
 Rob Sexton Kingsford, MI
 James Sullivan Nisula, MI
 Robert Taylor Escanaba, MI
 Joe Testolin Iron Mtn, MI
 William Viau Escanaba, MI
 Edward Vickstrom (WW II) Ishpeming, MI
 Charles Wagner Gladstone, MI
 Darrell Wagner Sault Ste., MI
 Doug Weesner Iron River, MI
 Jon Wheeler Marquette, MI
 Mike Wheeler Crystal Falls, MI
 Dick Wills (WW II) Negaunee, MI

107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
22 August 2009
Iron River, MI

The meeting was called to order at 1410 hrs by President Doug Weesner. There were 22 members present.

Secretary Tom Perry read the 2008 business meeting minutes. A motion was made by Joe Testolin and seconded by Joe Floriano to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Don Bussiere presented the 2009 Treasurers Report which is attached as a part of these minutes. A motion was made by Dan Garceau and seconded by Butch DeVerney to approve the report as presented with corrections. Motion carried.

Joe Floriano will hold a meeting of the Lineage and Honors Committee right after this meeting. The purpose of this committee is to capture the activities and mobilizations of the battalion since September 11, 2001. He is soliciting volunteers to gather info and data about each of the different platoons and companies that deployed.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Joe Floriano and seconded by Howard Duncan to pay the web site hosting fees of \$10 per month/\$120 per year. Motion carried. It was suggested that the Association take ownership and therefore financial responsibility for the website domain and the fees. Secretary Perry will check with Webmaster Ross Stevens and see how he wants to handle the suggestion. There will be follow up at the 2010 business meeting.

Ed Jachimski has volunteered to oversee the updating of the history book from 1981 to 2001. He will seek help from Fred Stonehouse, the author of the original history book.

At the 2008 business meeting the following question was raised: "Do the by-laws need to be amended to reflect the changing dates of the annual reunion and business meeting?" Answer: No. Reference the following excerpt from the by-laws:

Article VIII, Meetings; Section 1, The Annual Meeting and Convention shall be held between June 15 and August 31 at a time and place selected by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership present at the preceding Annual Meeting.

New Business:

A motion was made by Gary Brown and seconded by Joe Testolin to nominate Det 1, 1431st Engineer Company in Baraga as the location for the 2010 reunion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rob Sexton and seconded by Butch DeVerney to set 13-15 August 2010 as the dates for the next reunion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Burton and seconded by Ed Jachimski to approve the following slate of officers. Motion carried.

- a. President, SFC(ret) James Turnunen, Det 1, 1431st Engr Co
- b. Vice President, SSG Timothy Houle, Det 1, 1431st Engr Co
- c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry
- d. Treasurer, 1SG(ret) Donald Bussiere
- e. Public Relations Officer, MAJ Scott Etelamaki
- f. Historian, CW5 Joseph Floriano
- g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski
- h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Peter Hill
- i. 4 Year Director, SGM(ret) Danny Garceau
- j. 3 Year Director, SGT(ret) Joseph Testolin
- k. 2 Year Director, MAJ(ret) Edward (Chum) Leask
- l. 1 Year Director, CSM Darrell Wagner
- m. Secretary Emeritus, Mr. Edward Vickstrom

PVT Joseph Heimes' rock. The PVT Heimes memorial rock located in the Ishpeming Armory parking lot needs to be moved to make room for parking lot construction. There are two proposals as to where the rock should be moved. One is to locate it at the Calumet Armory, because he was a member of that unit when he died. The other is to move it to the CCI museum because he died on CCI property during the copper strike. The rock was originally carved at the location of his death on CCI property. The CCI museum has pledged to display the rock as a part of local and unit history. A motion was made by Ed Jachimski and seconded by Fuzzy Garceau to donate the rock to the CCI

museum. Motion carried. A second motion was made by Tom Perry and seconded by Gary LaFreniere to spend not more than \$300 to have a diorama made of the rock display. The diorama will be displayed at the Calumet Armory. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about how to handle updating or additional GWOT mobilization plaques at the armories. The consensus was that the Association would buy the plaques and the units would pay for the engraving. A motion was made by Tom Perry and supported by Danny Garceau to refer the matter to the Lineage and Honors Committee for action. Motion carried.

It was noted that the fiftieth Association reunion will be held in 2011. It was noted that Kingsford was the likely location based on the rotation schedule. The location will be confirmed at the 2010 business meeting.

There was a discussion about extending a free one year Association membership to any battalion Soldier who has mobilized in support of the Global War on Terror. A motion was made by Danny Garceau and supported by Scott Etelamaki to implement that idea. Motion carried. Any Soldier who wishes to take advantage of this offer only has to inform the Association or the reunion registration desk to receive their card. They will be taken at their "word of honor" as to eligibility.

A motion was made by Joe Floriano and supported by Howard Duncan to have the reunion hosting unit to have the Friday night reunion activities have an OEF/OIF theme. Motion carried. Activities should include pictures, displays, narrated slide show, mementos, etc.

Motion by Ed Jachimski and seconded by Butch DeVerney to spend not more than \$500 from the Memorialization funds to repaint the battalion lineage signs hanging in the Ishpeming Armory. Motion carried.

MAJ(ret) Ed Jachimski lead the members in reciting the Association Pledge.

Motion to adjourn at 1515 hrs by Don Bussiere and supported by Steve Burton. Motion carried.

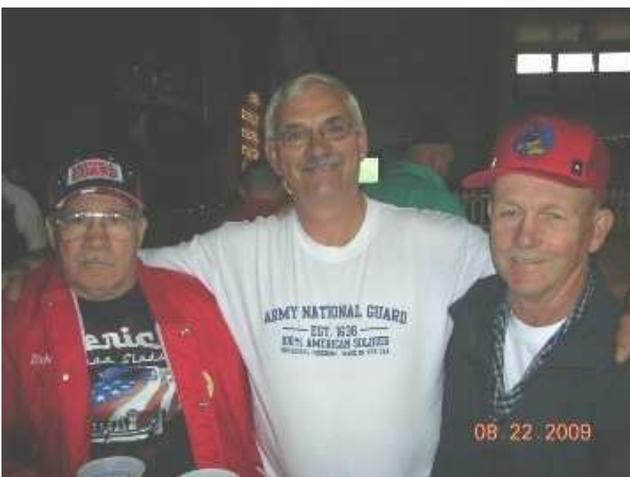
Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas E. Perry
Secretary

Association Information

1. Our internet web address is www.107thengineers.org. The minutes from the 2009 business meeting and lots of other info about the battalion and Association is posted on the website.
2. I am always interested in receiving names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses for ANY battalion retiree or alumni. Send them to me so I can add them to our mailing list.
3. If you have an article, a picture, or whatever that you would like to see printed in the "Bull Sheet" please send them to the Ishpeming Armory address on the Bull Sheet masthead or e-mail me at secretary@107thengineers.org. I am always interested in receiving names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses for ANY battalion retiree or alumni.



1431st/Co A retirees/alumni, Don "Bish" Bussiere, Steve "Wolfman" Carlson, Jim "Sully" Sullivan



1431st/Co A retirees, Richie Cronkright, Don "Bish" Bussiere, Tom "Tomcat" Johnson



Past & present Battalion Commanders and Command Sergeant's Major

Mr. Joe Floriano will hold a **Lineage and Honors Committee** meeting on Saturday, 14 August 2010 right after the Memorial Service (approx 1130 hrs). This will be a working lunch meeting squeezed in between the Memorial Service and the annual business meeting. Committee members should go to the head of the chow line and attend the meeting.

New life members for 2009: Robert CARLSON, Norway, MI, Michael ROBERTS, L'Anse, MI, Richard CRONKRIGHT, Sidnaw, MI, Jim ROBSON, Grayling, MI, Robert MCGUIRE, Centerville, IA, Robert BEAUPREY, JR., Munising, MI, Arthur BELANGER, Marquette, MI, Todd BESSNER, Hancock, MI, Jack FRYE, Acme, MI, Danny HEMMING, Trout Creek, MI, Joseph L'HUILLIER, Marquette, MI, Charles LUNDIN, Ishpeming, MI, James ROWE, Lake Linden, MI, Mike HANMER, Iron River, MI, Steven BURTON, Baraga, MI, Fred FOUNTAINE, Calumet, MI, Gary LAFRENIERE, Ishpeming, MI, Robert TAYLOR, Escanaba, MI

Every year some of our members send in extra money for expense along with their dues. I hope I didn't miss anybody. Mel ANDERSON, Bruce BUREAU, Jack CALCATERRA, Gary CRONKRIGHT, Don DEROCHE, Butch DEVERNEY, Joe FLORIANO, Jake FORD, Mike FRASER, Jack FRYE, Fuzzy GARCEAU, James IHLENFELDT, Ed JACHIMSKI, Joel JARVI, Steve JOHNSON, Gary LAFRENIERE, Charlie LUNDIN, Joe MASSIE, Howard NICHOLA, Joe PATACONI, Al PEGOLO, Pat PEQUET, Thaddeus PIWOWAR, Mike REHER, William SCHMITT, Ellsworth SEMLER, Arthur STEVENSON, Ed VICKSTROM, Darrell WAGNER, Joyce WARD, Dick WILLS.

A special thanks goes out to Bob WILSON, Co C retiree/expat living in Thailand, for paying the annual costs for the website.



Former Co B/1432nd Supply Sergeant, Howard Duncan and his wife Judy.



1432nd/Co B retirees

Future Reunion Locations, Here are the proposed locations, subject to approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2011, Kingsford (The 50th Annual Reunion. The last time the reunion was in Kingsford was 1991, because the units assigned to the armory have not been a part of the battalion. Now they are back in the fold.), 2012, Gladstone, 2013, Calumet. It is difficult to set locations too far in advance because we never know when one of our units will be mobilized or perform AT out of the state or country.



Memorial Service



Battalion Officers

107th ENGINEER ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee for 2009-2010

President	SFC(ret) James Turnunen	Det 1, 1431 nd EN Co, 107 th Eng Bn
Vice President	SSG Timothy Houle	Det 1, 1431 nd EN Co, 107 th Eng Bn
Secretary & Bull Sheet Editor	LTC (ret) Thomas Perry	HQ, 107 th Eng Bn
Treasurer	1SG (ret) Donald Bussiere	Co A, 107 th Eng Bn
Public Relations Officer	CPT Scott Etelamaki	HSC, 107 th Eng Bn
Historian (Apt)	CW5 Joseph Floriano	FSC, 107 th Eng Bn
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2 Year Director	MAJ(ret) Chum Leask	1437 th , 107 th Eng Bn
1 Year Director	CSM Darrell Wagner	HQ, 107 th Engr Bn
Secretary Emeritus	Mr. Edward Vickstrom	H&S Company, 254 th Eng Bn

Local Motels and Campgrounds

Best Western Baraga Lakeside Inn, US-41, Baraga, Michigan 49908, (906) 353-7123

Ojibwa Casino Resort Motel, M-38 & Beartown Road, Baraga, Michigan 49908, (906) 353-7611 / 1-800-323-8045

The 4 Seasons Inn, M-38, Baraga, Michigan 49908, (906) 353-6680

Waterstone Suites, thewaterstonesuites@yahoo.com 17579 Menge Creek Road (on US-41 Hwy), L'Anse, Michigan 49946, (906) 524-2323

Campgrounds

Baraga State Park - 119 Campsites - (906) 353-6558, Located on US-41 just south of Baraga. Sites have electricity, fire pit and picnic table. Two restroom/shower buildings. 3/4 of mile hiking trail.

L'Anse Township Park and Campground - 30 Campsites - (906) 524-6985, Located 2 miles east of L'Anse on the Skanee Road. Sites have electricity, fire pit and picnic table. Flush toilets and showers available.

Ojibwa Recreation Area - 50 Campsites - (906) 353-6955, Located north of Baraga on US 41. Sites have electricity, fire pit and picnic table. Marina, flush toilets and showers available.

Witz's Marina and Campground - 50 Campsites - (906) 524-7795, Located 16 miles east of L'Anse in Skanee, Michigan. Convenience Store, boat launch and fine fishing on Huron Bay.

It is recommended that reservations be made as early as possible because hotel availability is limited and the camp grounds are at peak season.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: To Make or Cancel a Banquet Reservation, Please notify the individuals below:

1. **Before 1 July 2010** mail the notice below to: 107th Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849-1064
2. **After 1 July 2010** Call the Baraga Armory at 906-353-6158.

PLEASE RETURN THE BELOW SECTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, **WHETHER OR NOT** YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE REUNION, to ensure your contact information is correct. This will also help us a great deal in preparing for this year's reunion and keeping our membership records up to date.

-----CLIP AND SEND IN BELOW INFORMATION / RETAIN THE ABOVE-----

1. I (will) or (will not) be present for the **49th** Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association at Baraga, Michigan.
(circle your choice)

2. Reserve _____ place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on 14 August 2010. My guest(s) for this event will be
(how many)

_____.

3. *(Please check one)*

____ My association dues of \$ _____ (\$5.00 per year) are enclosed for _____ years;

-or-

(how many)

____ My association lifetime membership dues of \$50.00 are enclosed.

-or-

____ I am a lifetime member.

(Optional)

____ Enclosed are \$ _____ towards printing and mailing expense.

3. My name and address is _____

4. I joined the 107 / 112 / 254 / 522 at _____ in the year of _____

5. I left the unit in (year) _____ at (city) _____ because _____

For those individuals with internet access please complete the following:

6. My Email address is: _____.

7. For more info please check the Association web site at "**http://www.107thEngineers.org**"