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# "WELCOME TO CALUMET - BIRTHPLACE OF THE 107TH!!"

Good Morning Engineers,

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association Reunion will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in historic Calumet, hosted by the 1431<sup>st</sup> Engineer Company (Sapper). As always, we are determined to make this one of the best reunions ever. It will be a great time to socialize with old and new friends and there will be a lot to see and do for Soldiers and family members alike.

Registration will begin at 1600 on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> and, of course, the Club will be open for a Social with hors d'oeuvres and other light fare. You can get in the Chow-Line on Saturday morning starting at 0700 until 0900 for the infamous 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 Calumet Golf Course. Then the Memorial Service will be held around the flag pole at 1000 hrs.

After the Memorial Service, our focus will be on displays and interactive events that are open to Soldiers, former Soldiers, family members, employers and friends. Anyone associated with the National Guard is welcome to come to this part of the reunion! So far we have the following scheduled: **Fire Arms Training System** including interactive, simulation firing of the Mark19 40mm Automatic Grenade Launcher, M249 and M240B Machine Guns, and M4 Rifles.

<u>Displays of Current Unit Equipment</u> where interested persons can view and even try on some of our equipment like bodyarmor, helmets, night vision equipment, and thermal imaging systems.

<u>The Michigan National Guard Mobile Event Team</u> will be operating an inflatable, 78 foot obstacle course which will be a hit with the younger crowd.

<u>Static Displays of Past and Current Vehicles</u> including some of the very newest armored vehicles used in combat today.

<u>An interactive Robotics Display</u> that will showcase some of the robots used by U.S. Engineers.

<u>A Trolley Tour</u> of some of the main areas and buildings in the Keweenaw Historic Park in Calumet.

<u>Historic Displays</u> showing some of the many artifacts from the Calumet Armory archives, some of which date back to the 1880s when the Calumet Light Guard was formed. We have uniforms from different eras, maps, and picture albums to look through. Might be a good time to show those sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters where you were and what you did while you served your country and state.

A picnic lunch of hamburgers, brats, dogs and all the fixings will start at 1200 and the Annual Business Meeting will be held at 1300. In addition to the different displays and events listed above, you can throw some horseshoes and relax in the Club throughout the afternoon.

The formal banquet will start with a cocktail hour from 1700 to 1800 followed by the posting of the colors and dinner. 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 lodging throughout the night so you can enjoy yourself.

We would like to encourage all veterans of the 254th and 107<sup>th</sup> 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 Calumet Armory at 906-337-0812 extension 1 or email at timothy.houle@us.army.mil. See you there!

Joseph F. Battisfore SFC, MIARNG 1431<sup>st</sup> Engineer Company (Sapper) President, 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association



# 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                       | Unit(s) D      | ate of Death |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| ANDERSON, MAJ(ret), George | C/107E         | unk          |
| BABB, COL(ret), Carlton    | B/HHC107E      | 30-Aug-11    |
| BENNING, Theodore          | B/254E         | 10 Mar 11    |
| BLAKE,Rodney               | B/254E         | unk          |
| DUNCAN, MSG(ret), Howard   | B/107E         | 30 Aug 11    |
| FORD, SP6(ret), Jake       | C/107E         | 22 Jul-11    |
| FORD, Kathryn(Jake)        | C/107E         | 27 Nov-11    |
| HOSKINGS, Thomas           | D/107E         | unk          |
| MAATA, SSG, Samuel J.      | 1431st Engr Co | 06-Jul-11    |
| MAKI, Werner C.            | HHC/107E       | 9 Jun-11     |
| PAGE, Morris E.            | 112R, A/254E   | unk          |
| RUHL, Robert               | E/112R, B/254  | E 2011       |
| SIVERSON, Terry            | C/107E         | unk          |
| WHEELER, SPC, Joshua       | 1431st Engr Co | 29-May-11    |
| WILLENBORG, Andrew         | C/254E         | unk          |
| WILMERS, John              | F/107R         | 01-Nov-11    |

### **Association Information**

- 1. Our internet web address is <a href="www.107thengineers.org">www.107thengineers.org</a>. The minutes from the 2011 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 email me at <a href="mailto:secretary@107thengineers.org">secretary@107thengineers.org</a>.



Some of the hardworking Soldiers of the FSC!

| Registered members who attended   | the 2011 Reunion at Ishpemir     |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Rebecca Anderson                  | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Chelsea Anderson                  | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Mike Anderson                     | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Melvin Anderson                   | Negaunee MI                      |
| Herbert Bastion(WW II)            | Clawson MI                       |
| Joe Battisfore                    | Hancock MI                       |
| Robert Beauprey, Jr.              | Munising MI                      |
| James Beckman                     | Marquette MI                     |
| Arthur Belanger<br>Todd Bessner   | Marquette MI<br>Hancock MI       |
| Gary Brown                        | Laurium MI                       |
| Donald Bussiere                   | Ontonagon MI                     |
| Jason Cain                        | Autrain MI                       |
| Steven Carlson                    | Nisula MI                        |
| Randy Carlson                     | Champion MI                      |
| Raymond Chartre                   | Negaunee MI                      |
| Jon Compton                       | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Anton(Pops) Crnkovich(WW II)      | Negaunee, MI                     |
| Eric Dahlgren                     | Munising MI                      |
| Donald DeRoche                    | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Wayne(Butch) DeVerney             | Midland MI                       |
| James Dougovito                   | L'Anse MI                        |
| Scott Etelamaki                   | Negaunee MI                      |
| Michael Floriano                  | Kingsford MI<br>Iron Mountain MI |
| Joseph Floriano<br>Fred Fountaine | Calumet MI                       |
| Michael Fraser                    | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Carol Frazier                     | Marquette MI                     |
| James Fredrickson                 | Livonia MI                       |
| Danny Garceau                     | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Jeffrey Gibson                    | Stambaugh MI                     |
| Bob Groop                         | Crystal Falls MI                 |
| Mike Hanmer                       | Iron River MI                    |
| Arnold Hintsala                   | Negaunee MI                      |
| Scott House                       | Lansing MI                       |
| Edwin Jachimski                   | Negaunee MI                      |
| Bill Jannausch                    | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Dan Jarve                         | Calumet MI                       |
| Joel Jarvi                        | Negaunee MI                      |
| Brian Jarvi<br>Robert Jeannotte   | Ishpeming MI<br>Hubbell MI       |
| Marty Judici                      | Gwinn MI                         |
| Jason Killoran                    | Marquette MI                     |
| Clint Kupari                      | Spring Lake NC                   |
| Daniel Kurian                     | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Gary LaFreniere                   | Ishpeming MI                     |
| James Lienau                      | Green Bay WI                     |
| John McCormick                    | Sterling Heights MI              |
| Tim Miller                        | Marquette MI                     |
| James Moulds                      | Munising MI                      |
| Daniel Niemisto                   | Ishpeming MI                     |
| James Noel                        | Gladstone MI                     |
| Perry Nora                        | Ishpeming MI                     |
| Jake Nyquist                      | Gladstone MI                     |
| Marie Oja                         | Republic MI                      |
| Freeling C. Peck                  | Belding MI                       |
| Terry Peck                        | Grant MI                         |
| Greg Peck<br>Steven Pellinen      | Grand Rapids MI                  |
| Steven Pellinen Tom Perry         | Ishpeming MI Ishpeming MI        |
| John Peterson                     | Ishpening MI                     |
| Scott Sebaly                      | Wichita Falls TX                 |
| Ellworth Semler                   | Iron Mountain MI                 |
| Marge Small                       | Marquette MI                     |
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Registered members who attended the 2011 Reunion at Ishpeming (continued)

Robert Smith Milton FL James Sullivan Nisula MI Kimberly Swenor Ishpeming MI Timothy Tebby Marquette MI Joseph Testolin Iron Mountain MI John Tyrrell Ishpeming MI Edward Vickstrom(WW II) Ishpeming MI Kristina Waara L'Anse MI Dick Wills(WW II) Negaunee, MI

(Editor's Note: If you were at the reunion and your name does not appear on this list, there could be two reasons. One, I made a mistake and I apologize. But the most likely reason is; *YOU DIDN'T REGISTER*. Please register with the front desk if you attend the reunion, even if you don't stay for the banquet. Thanks.)



L-R, 1SG(ret) Butch DeVerney, HHC, SGM(ret) Danny Garceau, HHC, CW4(ret) Don DeRoche, HHC/OMS 16, LTC(ret) Tom Perry, HQ, 1SG(ret) Don Bussiere, Co A

New life members for 2011: Gervase AUDETTE, Naples, FL; Herb BASTION(WW II), Clawson, MI; Tony(Pops) CRNKOVICH(WW II), Negaunee, MI; Gary CRONKRIGHT, Iron River, MI; Dave GAGNE, Caspian, MI; Joe HALL, Wyoming, MI; Calvin HARJU, Calumet, MI; Roger HEIKKILA, Calumet, MI; Scott HOUSE, Lansing, MI, Clint KUPARI, Spring Lake, NC; David KUPARI, Big Lake, MN; Leonard LORGE, Hudsonville, MI; Scott SEBALY, Wichita Falls, TX; TimTEBBY, Marquette, MI; Paul WENDT, Gwinn, 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, Negaunee, MI; Herb BASTION(WW II), Clawson, MI; Todd BESSNER, Hancock, MI; Bruce BUREAU, Ishpeming, MI; Gary CRONKRIGHT, Iron River, MI; Eric DAHLGREN, Munising, MI; Don DeROCHE, Ishpeming, MI; Joe DeSANTIS, Oak Lawn, IL; Butch DeVERNEY. Midland, MI; Mike FLORIANO, Kingsford, MI; Jim FREDRICKSON, Livonia, MI, Jack FRYE, Acme, MI; Joe HALL, Wyoming, MI; Mike HANMER, Iron River, MI; Calvin HARJU, Calumet, MI; Ed JACHIMSKI, Negaunee, MI; Joel JARVI, Negaunee, MI; Bob JEANNOTTE, Hubbell, MI; Pat KENNEDY, Gwinn, MI; Fritz KESANEN, Eagle Harbor, MI Jim LIENAU, Green Bay, WI, Leonard LORGE, Hudsonville, MI WernerMAKI Ishpeming, MI, Dean MAKI, Negaunee, MI; John McCORMICK, Sterling Heights, MI; Howard NICHOLA(WW II), Dodgeville, MI; Marie OJA, Republic, MI; Freeling PECK, Belding, MI; Al PEGOLO(WW II), Kensington, CT; Pat PEQUET, Flushing, MI; Thaddeus PIWOWAR, Allegan, MI; Roland REVELLO, Norway, MI; William SCHMITT, Vulcan, MI; Judson SCHULER(WW II), Millersburg, OH; Bob SMITH, Milton, FL, Gordon USITALO, Calumet, MI; Ed VICKSTROM(WW II), Ishpeming, MI; William VOREL(WW II), Bridgman, MI, Darrell WAGNER, Sault Ste Marie, MI; Dick WILLS(WW II), Negaunee, MI

A special thanks goes out to SFC(ret) Ross STEVENS, Co A retiree for paying the annual costs for the website. He also provides technical support for the website.

**Future Reunion Locations,** Here are the PROPOSED locations, subject to acceptance by the units and approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2013, Gladstone, 2014 Kingsford, 2015 Sault Ste. Marie. 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.





### 107th Engineer Association Business Meeting Minutes 13 August 2011 Ishpeming, MI

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 1302 hrs by President Kristina Waara. There were 33 members present.
- 2. Secretary Tom Perry read the 2010 business meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jim Dougovito and seconded by Joe Testolin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer Don Bussiere presented the 2011 Treasurers Report which is attached as a part of these minutes. A motion was made by Bob Beauprey and seconded by Butch DeVerney to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.
- 4. Lineage and Honors Committee. The purpose of this committee is to capture the activities and mobilizations of the battalion since September 11, 2001. Joe Floriano is 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 Mr. Floriano. He handed out info sheets to unit POC's. Bob Beauprey and Jim Moulds presented a 1940 MIARNG yearbook to the Association to add to our historical archives.

#### Old Business:

- 1. The website fees have been paid by donations from Ross Stevens (Co A/1431st retiree). Secretary Tom Perry checked with Webmaster Ross Stevens. Ross said he was not worried about the financial responsibilities for owning and maintaining the website. He considered it a part of his support for the Association. He will continue to pay the annual fees. Issue closed.
- 2. Per a suggestion at the 2010 business meeting, Don Bussiere volunteered to complete a listing to show all the deceased members of the Association as listed in the Bull Sheet TAPS section over the years. Don presented the completed notebook at the meeting. The members present thanked him for completing the task in his usual excellent manner.

#### New Business:

- 1. A motion was made by Bob Jeannotte and seconded by Don Bussiere to nominate 1431st Engineer Company in Calumet as the location for the 2012, 51st annual reunion. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Jim Dougovito and seconded by Bob Beauprey to set 10-12 August 2012 as the dates for the next reunion. Motion carried.
- 3. A motion was made by Tom Perry and seconded by Butch DeVerney to approve the following slate of officers. Motion carried.
  - a. President, SFC Joseph Battisfore, 1431st Engr Co
  - b. Vice President, SFC Joshua Yaniskivis, 1431st Engr Co
  - c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry
  - d. Treasurer, 1SG(ret) Donald Bussiere
  - e. Public Relations Officer, SFC Perry Nora
  - f. Historian, CW5 Joseph Floriano
  - g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski
  - h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Edward Hallenbeck
  - i. 4 Year Director, SSG(ret) John E. Hendra
  - j. 3 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Butch DeVerney
  - k. 2 Year Director, SGM(ret) Danny Garceau
  - 1. 1 Year Director, SGT(ret) Joseph Testolin
  - m. Secretary Emeritus, Mr. Edward Vickstrom
- 4. There was much discussion about how to change the reunion format to ease the burden to the hosting unit. Ideas included: later start for registration on Friday, cancel Sunday all together, and get more retirees involved. The bottom-line consensus of the members present is that the reunion format is up to the hosting unit. They are free to manage the reunion as they see fit as long as the weekend agenda is published in the Bull Sheet. Then members who are planning on attending will know well in advance what is going on and can make their plans accordingly.
- 5. SFC Joe Battisfore has an opportunity to purchase a US Army field desk from the Spanish American War era. He and MAJ(ret) Gene LaRochelle are working with the owner of the desk. He asked for funding from the Association to purchase the desk if it's authentic and in good shape. A motion was made by Bob Beauprey and seconded by Perry Nora to authorize up to \$500 for the purchase. Motion carried.
- 6. SFC Battisfore, who has a degree in graphic design, will work with MAJ Etelamaki in designing a sign to show all the shoulder patches of the organizations which the battalion units have served with in the Global War on Terror(GWOT).
- 7. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the Field Support Company(and HSC) for an outstanding reunion.
- 8. MAJ(ret) Ed Jachimski lead the members in reciting the Association Pledge.
- 9. Motion to adjourn at 1400 hrs by Tom Perry and supported by Don Bussiere. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Draft copy, not approved by the membership. Thomas E. Perry Secretary

# 107<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER ASSOCIATION Executive Committee for 2011- 2012

| President                | SFC Joseph Battisfore     | 1431 <sup>st</sup> Engineer Co.       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Vice President           | SFC Joshua Yaniskivis     | 1431st Engineer Co.                   |
| Secretary & Bull Sheet   | LTC (ret) Thomas Perry    | HQ, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn          |
| Editor                   |                           |                                       |
| Treasurer                | 1SG (ret) Donald Bussiere | Co A, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn        |
| Public Relations Officer | SFC Perry Nora            | HSC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn         |
| Historian (Apt)          | CW5 Joseph Floriano       | HHC/FSC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn     |
| Chaplain (Apt)           | MAJ(ret) Edwin            | HQ 107th Eng Bn                       |
|                          | Jachimski                 |                                       |
| Permanent Director       | LTC Edward Hallenbeck     | Cdr, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn         |
| 4 Year Director          | SSG(ret) John Hendra      | Co A, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn        |
| 3 Year Director          | 1SG(ret) Butch DeVerney   | HHC, 107th Eng Bn                     |
| 2 Year Director          | SGM(ret) Danny Garceau    | HHC, 107th Eng Bn                     |
| 1 Year Director          | SGT(ret) Joseph Testolin  | Co D, 107th Eng Bn                    |
| Secretary Emeritus       | Mr. Edward Vickstrom      | H&S Company, 254 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn |

# **Local Motels and Campgrounds**

Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce website <a href="http://www.keweenaw.org/">http://www.keweenaw.org/</a>

# **Campgrounds**

(Limited camping is available at the Calumet Armory. If you want to stay there, please call the armory.) McLain State Park, 18350 State Highway M-26, Hancock, MI 49930,

Phone: 906-482-0278, 800-44-PARKS

<u>Hancock Recreational Boating & Camping Facility, M-203</u>, 1 mile west of downtown Hancock, Hancock, MI 49930, Phone: 906-482-7413, 906-482-2720, <a href="http://www.cityofhancock.com/recreation-beach-campground.php">http://www.cityofhancock.com/recreation-beach-campground.php</a>

<u>City of Houghton RV Park, West Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931, Phone: 906-482-8745, 906-482-1700, Email: rvpark@chartermi.net, http://www.cityofhoughton.com/rec-rv.php</u>

Schoolcraft Township Rustic Campground, Lake Linden, MI, Call 906-296-8721 for reservations.

## Hotels/Motels within 5 miles

<u>AmericInn of Calumet</u>, 56925 S. Sixth Street, Calumet, MI 49913, Phone: 906-337-6463, 800-634-3444 <a href="http://www.americinn.com/display\_property.aspx?id=32">http://www.americinn.com/display\_property.aspx?id=32</a>

<u>Arcadian Motel,</u> 51950 US Highway 41, Calumet, MI 49913, Phone: 906-482-0288, 888-482-4288 Email: <u>arcadian@pasty.net http://www.pasty.com/arcadian</u>

<u>Hotel Michigan</u>, 300 Sixth Street, Calumet, MI 49913, Phone: 906-337-1910, Email: <a href="mailto:mhouse@pasty.com">mhouse@pasty.com</a> <a href="mailto:http://www.michiganhousecafe.com/lodging.html">http://www.michiganhousecafe.com/lodging.html</a>

Trailside Lodge, 57900 US-41, Calumet, MI 49913, (906) 337-9905.

http://www.exploringthenorth.com/trailside/lodge.html

<u>Laurium Manor Inn</u>, 320 Tamarack Street, Laurium, MI 49913, Phone: 906-231-7710, 906-337-2549

Email: innkeeper@Laurium.info, http://www.laurium.info/

White House Motel, 3606 US Highway 41, Mohawk, MI 49950, Phone: 906-337-3010, Fax: 906-934-2010 Email: whitehousemotel@yahoo.com, http://www.whitehousemotel.com/

### Hotels/Motels within 15 miles

Magnuson Copper Crown Motel, 235 Hancock Street, P. O. Box 217, Hancock, MI 49930, Phone: 906-482-6111, 800-925-7144, <a href="http://www.magnusonhotels.com/M20421">http://www.magnusonhotels.com/M20421</a>

Ramada Waterfront, 99 Navy Street, Hancock, MI 49930, Phone: 906-482-8400, 877-482-8400 http://www.ramadahancock.com/

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, 919 Razorback Drive, Houghton, MI 49931, Phone: 906-487-6700, 888-201-1746, http://www.countryinns.com/houghtonmi

Downtowner Motel, 110 Shelden Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931, Phone: 906-482-4421, 800-430-0083

Holiday Inn Express, 1110 Century Way, Houghton, MI 49931, Phone: 906-482-1066, Fax: 906-482-2292

Email: htnkw@chartermi.net , http://www.hiexpresshoughton.com/

<u>Super 8 Motel</u>, 1200 E. Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931, Phone: 906-482-2240, Fax: 906-482-0686 Email: hs8@charterinternet.com,

http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property\_info?propertyId=03513

Magnuson Franklin Square Inn, 820 Shelden Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931, Phone: (906) 487-1700, 888-487-1700, <a href="http://www.houghtonlodging.com">http://www.houghtonlodging.com</a>

# <u>Recent Battalion History in Support of Global War on Terror</u> Assault and Obstacle Platoon in support of 224<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, IAARNG

Beginning in the year 2004 the 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion was tasked multiple times to support the Global War on Terror(GWOT). The first tasker the battalion received from National Guard Bureau(NGB) was to provide a 40 Soldier Assault and Obstacle(A&O) platoon to fill a battalion out of Iowa. This A&O platoon was to become part of Company A, 224<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion of the Iowa Army National Guard. The 224<sup>th</sup> was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom(OIF) to provide engineer support in order of priority: route clearance, convoy security, general engineering, and fight as infantry.

The timeline for the mobilization started with a "Tasker" from NGB to HQ, Michigan Army National Guard on 10 September 2004. Before the official Tasker was received, the battalion had received informal notification of the pending orders and had started to build the manning document for the platoon. The A&O platoon's alert order was dated 25 September 2004. On 30 September 2004 the NGB mobilization order(MOBORD) was published and received. The MOBORD directed the A&O platoon to Ishpeming for pre-mobilization processing 30 October – 1 November 2004. They were further ordered to report to the mobilization station(MOBSTA), Ft Sill, OK on 2 November 2004. The platoon departed from KI Sawyer Airport by commercial air to Ft Sill, OK on 2 November 2004.

The 224<sup>th</sup> spent 59 days at MOBSTA. They departed Ft Sill on 31 December 2004 and arrived in Kuwait 1 January 2005. They were in Kuwait until 15 January 2005 when they started their convoy motor march into Iraq. They arrived in Iraq 16 January 2005.

Upon mission completion they convoyed to Kuwait 5-6 December 2005. They departed Kuwait 8 December and arrived at Ft Sill, OK for demobilization processing on 9 December 2005. They were at Ft Sill from 9-15 December 2005. They arrived back at KI Sawyer Airport on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2005 and returned to their homes of record and families.

The platoon was composed of 10 Soldiers from each company in the battalion; HHC, A, B, and C.

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|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Manning Roster: |                   |                 |
| Plt HC          | )                 |                 |
| 1LT             | LaFave, Thomas    | Escanaba, MI    |
| SFC             | Wallis, James     | Marquette, MI   |
| PFC             | LaFernier, Melvin | Watton, MI      |
| PVT             | Solberg, Jesse    | L'Anse, MI      |
| Obsta           | cle Section       |                 |
| SSG             | Heikkila, Michael | Iron River, MI  |
| SGT             | Reitmeyer, Louis  | Iron River, MI  |
| SGT             | Lindow, David     | Florence, WI    |
| SGT             | Mowitt, Charles   | Ironwood, MI    |
| SGT             | Lavigne, Carl     | Rapid River, MI |
| SGT             | Rundell, Ronald   | Ironwood, MI    |
| SGT             | Williams, Ronald  | Bark River, MI  |
| SGT             | Jurecic, John     | Gaastra, MI     |
| SPC             | Esterline, Erwin  | Ironwood, MI    |
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| Obstacle Section (continued) |                     |                   |  |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| SPC                          | Gibson, Christopher | Iron River, MI    |  |
| SPC                          | Devos, James        | Escanaba, MI      |  |
| SPC                          | Peterson, Steven    | Ishpeming, MI     |  |
| SPC                          | Campbell, David     | Marquette, MI     |  |
| PFC                          | Benson, Stosh       | Stanwood, MI      |  |
| PFC                          | Dezelski, Joseph    | Traverse City, MI |  |
| PFC                          | Kohtala, Andrew     | Ishpeming, MI     |  |
| PFC                          | Lahti, Nathan       | Hancock, MI       |  |
| PVT                          | Besonen, Jarod      | Hancock, MI       |  |
|                              |                     |                   |  |



| Assault Section 1 |                    |                | Assault Section 2 |                   |                     |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| SSG               | Jenshak, Kevin     | Bark River, MI | SFC               | Kotila, Jack      | Hancock, MI         |
| SGT               | Geltz, Joshua      | Bark River, MI | SGT               | Warm, Kevin       | Gladstone, MI       |
| SPC               | Freeze, Robert     | Calumet, MI    | SGT               | Timmons, Courtney | Skandia, MI         |
| SGT               | McClung, James     | Marquette, MI  | SPC               | Turnunen, Daniel  | L'Anse, MI          |
| SPC               | Gates, Mark        | Appleton, WI   | SPC               | Pierce, Adam      | Wisconsin Dells, WI |
| SPC               | Krook, Heath       | Negaunee, MI   | SPC               | Pascoe, Thomas    | Ishpeming, MI       |
| SPC               | Jannausch, William | Ishpeming, MI  | SPC               | Stacy, Stephen    | Marquette, MI       |
| SPC               | Latowski, Dennis   | Harrison, MI   | PFC               | Grace, Cole       | Shelby Twp, MI      |
| PVT               | Dumoulin, Derrick  | Negaunee, MI   | PFC               | Niemi, Elwood     | L'Anse, MI          |

There is more historical information about the A&O platoon and the 224<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion on the 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association website, <a href="https://www.107thengineers.org">www.107thengineers.org</a>





These gentlemen were the only battalion WW II veterans to attend the reunion. At the time of the reunion they were all over 91 years old. Front, L-R, Anton (Pops) Crnkovich, Negaunee, MI; Herb Bastion, Clawson, MI; back, L-R, Dick Wills, Negaunee, MI; Ed Vickstrom, Ishpeming, MI



1SG(ret) Don Bussiere, Co A with SFC(ret) Jim Sullivan, Mess Sergeant Extraordinaire, Co A and HHC

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: To make or cancel a banquet reservation, please notify the individuals below:

- 1. **Before 15 July 2012** mail the notice below to: 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849-1064
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| 2.  | eserve place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on Saturday, 11 August 2012. My guest(s) for this event will be (how many)  ames)   |  |  |  |
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