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Welcome to Gladstone – Home of the 1430th Engineer Company (Vertical)

Good Morning Engineers,

The 52nd Annual 107th Engineer Association Reunion will be held on August 16th and 17th, 2013 in Gladstone, hosted by the 1430th Engineer Company (Vertical). 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 16th 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- 0900 hrs** for the infamous SOS and eggs to order at a bargain price. For those so inclined, at **0800 hrs** there will be nine holes of golf at the Irish Oaks Golf Course. At **1000 hrs** the Memorial Service will be held around the flag pole. Right after the Memorial Service, but not later than **1100 hrs**, we will conduct the Annual Business Meeting. At **1200 hrs** a picnic lunch of hamburgers, brats, dogs and all the fixings will start.

Then the 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:

Displays of Current Unit Equipment where interested persons can view and even try on some of our equipment like body armor, helmets, night vision equipment, and thermal imaging systems.

The Michigan National Guard Mobile Event Team will be Sending some equipment from the UP State Fair which will be a hit with the younger crowd.

Static Displays of Past and Current Vehicles, including some of the very newest armored vehicles used in combat today.

An interactive Robotics Display that will showcase

some of the robots used by U.S. Engineers.

Historic Displays showing some of the many artifacts will be presented by Pointman Ministries.(Bill Issetts)

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.

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 hrs** followed by the posting of the colors and dinner. 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 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 1430th (forever known as "C 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 Gladstone Armory at 906-428-1344 extension 2 or email at craig.e.barnhart.mil@mail.mil. See you there!

Donald M. Kelloniemi

SFC, MIARNG

1430th Engineer Company (Vertical)

President, 107th 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)	Date of Death
ARCHAMBEAU, Dan, MSG(ret),	A/HHC, 107NG,	13 Aug 12
BASTIAN, Clyde,	E/107R,	30 Dec 12
BEAUPREY, Robert, MAJ(ret),	HHC/107NG,	13 Jan 12
BENSON, Chet,	B/107 NG,	Dec 11
CRONKOVICH, Anton,	A/107R/A/254 En Bn,	16 Sep 12
HEMMING, Danny, SFC(ret),	A/107NG,	14 Jan 13
HEWITT, William,	C/107R,	Unknown
LASICH, Bernie, CW3(ret),	HHC/107NG,	31 Oct 12
LeBOMBARD, Art MSG(ret),	HHC/107NG,	29 Jan 12
METRO, A.J. "Tiny",	H&S, 254 En Bn,	31 May 12
MLADENOFF, William, SPC,	1431 st Engr Co	23 Jun 12
REVELLO, Roland,	D/107NG,	17 Jul 12
SHEEHAN, Charles,	112R/254 EN Bn,	4 Nov 10

Association Information

1. Our internet web address is www.107thengineers.org. The minutes from the 2012 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.



Here are the only WW II Vets to attend the reunion.
l-r, Howard Nichola, 92, Dodgeville, MI, Herb Bastion, 93, Clawson, MI, Dick Wills, 92, Negaunee, MI. Also in attendance but not available for the photo was Mrs. Joyce Ward, widow of BG Leonard Ward, a WW II vet and former battalion commander. We still have a large number of WW II vets on our membership rolls, but age makes it difficult for them to travel to reunions.

Registered members who attended the 2012 Reunion at Calumet

Anderson, Melvin	Negaunee, MI
Antonich, Vincent	Spring Lake, MI
Bastion, Herbert(WWII)	Clawson, MI
Bates, Chris	Hancock, MI
Battisfore, Joe	Hancock, MI
Baudino, George	Hancock, MI
Beckman, Jim	Marquette, MI
Belanger, Arthur	Marquette, MI
Bramble, Mathew	Laurium, MI
Brown, Gary	Laurium, MI
Bussiere, Don	Ontonagon, MI
Bykkonen, William	Calumet, MI
Bykkonen, Robert	Lake Linden, MI
Calcaterra, Jack	Iron Mountain, MI
Carlson, Randy	Ishpeming, MI
Carlson, Steve	Nisula, MI
Chartre, Raymond	Negaunee, MI
Compton, Jon	Ishpeming, MI
Crowley, David	Laurium, MI
Dahlgren, Eric	Munising, MI
DeForge, Lee	Atlantic Mine, MI
DeVerney, Wayne(Butch)	Midland, MI
Dougovito, James	L'Anse, MI
Ehrhardt, Fritz	Vulcan, MI
Floriano, Mike	Kingsford, MI
Fontaine, Fred	Calumet, MI
Fredrickson, James	Livonia, MI
Gassittie, Dennis	Laurium, MI
Gibson, Jeff	Stambaugh, MI
Groop, Robert	Crystal Falls, MI
Hansen, Danny	Escanaba, MI
Harry, Gerald	Hancock, MI
Heikkila, Roger	Calumet, MI
Hendra, John	Calumet, MI
Herriman, Andrew	Ishpeming, MI
Herriman, Rebecca	Ishpeming, MI
Houle, Timothy	Skaneateles, MI
Hueter, Scott	Hancock, MI
Ilenich, Henry	Laurium, MI
Jachimski, Edwin	Negaunee, MI
Jackovich, John	Lake Linden, MI
Janssen, Leonard	Wakefield, MI
Jarve, Dan	Calumet, MI
Jarvi, Joel	Negaunee, MI
Jeannotte, Robert	Hubbell, MI
Jukuri, Gordon	Keweenaw Bay, MI
Kerry, Adam	Hancock, MI
Kezele, Robert	Mohawk, MI
Kilpela, John	Hancock, MI
Koljonen, Barry(Bucky)	Lac LaBelle, MI
LaFreniere, Gary	Ishpeming, MI
LaRochelle, Eugene	Calumet, MI
Lutz, Edward	Kearsarge, MI
McCormick, John	Sterling Heights, MI
McNeill, Mark	Marquette, MI
Mohar, Paul	Calumet, MI
Moulds, James	Munising, MI
Nemetz, Mike	Negaunee, MI
Nichola, Howard(WW II)	Dodgeville, MI
Niemi, Joshua	Marquette, MI
Niemisto, Dan	Ishpeming, MI
Noel, Jim	Gladstone, MI
Nyberg, Chuck	Elk River, MN
Oja, Marie	Republic, MI

Registered members who attended the 2012 Reunion at Calumet (continued)

Peck, Freeling C.(WW II legacy)	Belding, MI
Perry, Tom	Ishpeming, MI
Phillips, Frank	Chassell, MI
Reilly, Daniel	Laurium, MI
Rogers, Paul	Farmington Hills, MI
Rowe, Jim	Lake Linden, MI
Rule, Larry	Laurium, MI
Sexton, Robert	Kingsford, MI
Sullivan, Jim	Nisula, MI
Swenor, Kimberly	Ishpeming, MI
Thomas, Patricia	Kingsford, MI
Turunen, Jim	L'Anse, MI
Turunen, Matt	Atlantic Mine, MI
Usitalo, Gordon	Calumet,MI
Ward, Joyce(WW II)	McLean, MI
Wills, Richard(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.)



SFC Joe Battsfore, 1431st Engineer Co. unveils the new veterans' memorial headstone at Lakeview Cemetery.

New life members for 2012: BATES, Chris, Hancock, MI; BAUMGARTER, Jim, Iron River, MI; BRAMBLE, Matt, Laurium, MI; BROWN, Gary, Laurium, MI; COLLINS, Ron, Marquette, MI; COSTELIC, Ronald, Paris, IL; CROWLEY, David, Laurium, MI; DODGE, Roger, Ishpeming, MI; FOUNTAINE, Fred, Calumet, MI; GILLAHAN, Dave, Fife Lake, MI; KOLJONEN, Barry, Lac Labelle, MI; MOHAR, Paul, Calumet, MI; PERREAULT, Homer, Calumet, MI; REILLY, Dan, Laurium, MI; SPACKMAN, James, Laingsburg, MI; SULLIVAN, James, Nisula, MI; TULPPO, Robert, Iron River, MI; VUKONICH, Tom (WWII Legacy), Oxford, MI

Every year some of our members send in extra money for expenses along with their dues. I hope I didn't miss anybody. ANDERSON, Mel, Negaunee, MI;

AUDETTE, Gervase, Naples, FL; BASTION, Herb(WW II), Clawson, MI; BEARD, Tom, Marquette, MI; BUREAU, Bruce, Ishpeming, MI; BYKKONEN, Bill, Calumet, MI; CALCATERRA, Jack, Iron Mountain, MI; COSTELIC, Ron, Paris, IL; DeSANTIS, Joe, Oak Lawn, MI; DeVERNEY, Butch, Midland, MI; EHRHARDT, Fritz, Vulcan, MI; FLORIANO, Mike, Kingsford, MI; FRASER, Mike, Ishpeming, MI; FRAZIER, Carol, Marquette, MI; FREDRICKSON, Jim, Livonia, MI; FRYE, Jack, Acme, MI; GAGNE Dave, Caspian, MI; HENDRA, John, Calumet, MI; JACHIMSKI, Ed, Negaunee, MI; JARVI, Joel, Negaunee, MI; JEANOTTE, Rob, Hubbell, MI; KENNEDY, Pat, Gwinn, MI; LADD, George(WW II), Bremerton, WA; LIENAU, Jim, Green Bay, WI; MAKI, Dean, Negaunee, MI; MARIETTI, Paul, Ishpeming, MI; NICOLA, Howard(WW II), Dodgeville, MI; OJA, Marie, Republic, MI; PECK, Freeling(WW II Legacy), Belding, MI; PEQUET, Pat, Flushing, MI;

PIWOWAR, Thad, Allegan, MI; SCHMITT, William, Vulcan, MI; SMALL, Marge, Marquette, MI; SMITH, Bob, Milton, MI; SPACKMAN, James, Laingsburg, MI; TULPPO, Robert, Iron River, MI; USITALO, Gordon, Calumet, MI; VICKSTROM, Ed (WW II), Ishpeming, MI; WILLS, Dick(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.

Association Joins Forces to Honor Fallen Veterans

On Tuesday, September 25, 2012, a monument was dedicated in the veterans section of the Lakeview Cemetery in Calumet. The monument is a grave marker for 23 veterans who were interred without having a grave marker to commemorate their burial or service. For whatever reasons, these 23 veterans were buried in the cemetery without individual headstones. The graves date from 1899 to 1959.

At the 2012 Association business meeting held in Calumet, MAJ(ret) Gene LaRochelle asked if the Association would like to support the efforts to purchase a monument to honor these fallen veterans. The members

present overwhelmingly approved their support and made a donation (see business meeting minutes). MAJ LaRoche was the driving force behind this effort which has been ongoing for the last six years. The Association joined seven other veterans and community organizations to complete the mission. Those other groups included: American Legion Post 61, VFW Post 3900, Copper Country Veterans Association, Houghton County Veterans Affairs Board, Copper Country Elks Lodge 404, Lakeview Cemetery Board and Lakeview Monuments Charles Ryan. We thank all these organizations for honoring these veterans and their service to our country.

Future Reunion Locations, Here are the PROPOSED locations, subject to acceptance by the units and approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2014 Kingsford, 2015 Sault Ste. Marie, 2016 Marquette. 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
Executive Committee for 2012- 2013

President	SFC Donald Kelloniemi	1430 th Engineer Co.
Vice President	SSG Craig Barnhart	1430 th Engineer Co.
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	MSG Daniel Kurian	HHC, 107 th Eng Bn
Historian	SFC Perry Nora	HSC, 107 th Eng Bn
Chaplain	MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski	HQ 107th Eng Bn
Permanent Director	LTC Edward Hallenbeck	Cdr, 107 th Eng Bn
4 Year Director	1SG(ret) William Viau	Co C, 107 th Eng Bn
3 Year Director	SSG(ret) John Hendra	Co A, 107th Eng Bn
2 Year Director	1SG(ret) Butch DeVerney	HHC, 107th Eng Bn
1 Year Director	SGM(ret) Danny Garceau	HHC, 107th Eng Bn
Secretary Emeritus	Mr. Edward Vickstrom	D, 107th En Rgmt, H&S, 254 th Eng Bn

Local Campgrounds and Motels There will be limited room to park travel trailers, motor homes, tents, etc at the armory. Contact the armory to reserve a spot.

Campgrounds

Fuller Park Campground, 2003 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone, MI 49837, (906) 786-1020

Gladstone Bay Campground, PO Box 32, Gladstone, MI 49837-0032, (906) 428-1211

Pioneer Trail Park, 2003 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone, MI 49837, (906) 786-1020,

parks@deltacountymi.org

Motels

America's Best Value Inn, 2301 North Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, MI 49829-9569, (906) 789-1000, abviescanaba@yahoo.com

Best Western Pioneer Inn & Suites, 2635 Ludington St, Escanaba, MI 49829-1398, (906) 786-0602, 23022@hotel.bestwestern

Comfort Suites, 3600 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829, (906) 786-9630, gm.mi266@choicehotels.com

Econo Lodge, 921 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, MI 49829-1500, (906) 789-1066, escecono@gmail.com

Lake Side Inn, 26 Lowrie Avenue, Gladstone, MI 49837-2013, (906) 428-3170, lakesidewaves@hotmail.com

Terrace Bay Inn, PO Box 453, Escanaba, MI 49829-0453, (906) 786-7554, terracebay@terracebay.com

Lincoln Host Motor Inn, 620 N. Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, MI 49829, (906) 789-6000

Super 8 Motel, 2415 N. Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, MI 49829, (906) 786-1000

107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
11 August 2012
Calumet, MI

1. Call to order at 1125 hrs by President Joe Battisfore. 24 members present.
2. SFC Joe Battisfore provided introductory comments regarding the casualties suffered by 1433rd En Co in Afghanistan. One Soldier was KIA and four other seriously injured, including two 1431st Soldiers who were cross-leveled to the 1432/1433.
3. 2011 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by Dan Hansen and seconded by Mike Floriano. Motion carried.
4. 2011 treasurer's report was read and Treasurer Don Bussiere noted a couple of corrections to the report. Motion to approve with corrections by Rob Jeannotte and seconded by Gene LaRochelle. Motion carried.

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.

Old Business:

1. The website fees have been paid by SFC(ret) Ross Stevens (Co A/1431st retiree). Ross said he was not worried about the financial responsibilities for owning and maintaining the website. He considers it a part of his support for the Association.
2. Follow-up on the Spanish American War desk by SFC Battisfore. This effort is still in the works. It appears that the lead is not going to pan out, but SFC Battisfore is still working on it. Issue remains open.
3. Follow-up on 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). Issue still in the works and left open.
4. SFC Battisfore has done research and provide information about a couple of E-books he found on the internet. They are digitized books about the history of the Calumet Light Guards and the Michigan Army National Guard. The links to the e-books can be found on the 107th Association website, www.107thengineers.org.

New Business:

1. Nominate 1430th Engineer Company in Gladstone as the location for the 2013 reunion. Motion by Joel Jarvi, Second by Rob Sexton
2. Dates for 52nd annual reunion set for 16-17 August 2013. Motion by Mel Anderson, Second by Eric Dahlgren
3. Slate of officers for 2013. Motion by Rob Sexton, Second by Gene LaRochelle. Motion carried.
 - a. President, SFC Donald Kelloniemi, 1430th Engr Co.
 - b. Vice President, SSG Craig Barnhart, 1430th Engr Co.
 - c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A
 - d. Treasurer, 1SG(ret) Donald Bussiere, Co A
 - e. Public Relations Officer, MSG Daniel Kurian, HHC
 - f. Historian, SFC Perry Nora, HSC
 - g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski, HHC
 - h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Edward Hallenbeck
 - i. 4 Year Director, 1SG(ret) William C. Viau, Co C
 - j. 3 Year Director, SSG(ret) John Hendra, Co A
 - k. 2 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Butch DeVerney, HHC
 - l. 1 Year Director, SGM(ret) Danny Garceau, HHC
 - m. Secretary Emeritus, Mr. Edward Vickstrom, D, 107th En Reg, HSC, 254th En Bn
4. MAJ(ret) Gene LaRochelle made a presentation on behalf of American Legion Post 61 of Calumet. He was seeking a donation from the Association to support the purchase of a grave marker. The headstone is for a common grave in Lakeview Cemetery, Calumet containing the remains of 23 Copper Country veterans that has never had a proper headstone. A motion was made by Ed Jachimski to donate \$200 to the effort. The motion was seconded by Henry Ilenich. Motion carried.
5. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1431st for an outstanding reunion.
6. The reciting of the Association Pledge was led by Chaplain Jachimski
7. Adjournment at 1143 hrs. Motion by Tom Perry, second by Rob Sexton. Motion carried.

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

1. **Before 15 July 2013** mail the notice below to: 107th Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849-1064
2. **After 15 July 2013** Call the Gladstone Armory at 906-428-1344, Extension 1 or e-mail donald.m.kelloniemi.mil@mail.mil

PLEASE RETURN THE SECTION BELOW 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 THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION BELOW / RETAIN THE TOP-----

1. I (will) or (will not) be present for the 52nd Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association at Gladstone, MI.
(circle your choice)
2. Reserve _____ place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on Saturday, 16 August 2013. My guest(s) for this event will be
(how many)
(names) _____.
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 expenses.
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 _____

(Optional information) Please complete the following:

6. My phone number is: _____.
7. My Email address is: _____.
8. For more info please check the Association web site at "**http://www.107thEngineers.org**"