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Welcome to the Soo – Home of the 1437th Multi Role Bridge Company

This issue of the *Bull Sheet* is dedicated to the memory of Ed Vickstrom, Association secretary and *Bull Sheet* editor for 39 years.

The 1437th Multi Role Bridge Company (MRBC) would like to cordially invite you to the 54th Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association. The Soldiers and families of the 1437th MRBC look forward to hosting this long standing traditional gathering of the Association. This year's Reunion will be 7-8 August 2015.

On Friday, August 7th, beginning at 1400 hrs, registration will commence. This is a great time to catch up with old friends, and get to know the new faces. The bar will be open. At 1800 hours the social mixer will kick off with a fish fry, BBQ and some good background music – the food will be compliments of the 1437th Engineer Club.

On Saturday, plan on enjoying yourself. From 0730-0900 hrs we will start it off with, what else, a hearty breakfast. Our company leadership is planning on ensuring you start your day right, for a low price of \$5 per person. For those of you that had too much fun on Friday, there will be Bloody Marys available in lieu of breakfast (for a much lower price).

At 1100 hours, as it is customary, we will meet at the flagpole for the Memorial Service. Following the Memorial Service, we will have a lunch on the lawn, \$5 per plate. We will be serving a standard cook-out menu. While you picnic on the lawn, you can either relax while enjoying the view of the St. Mary's River, or check out the static display of the unit's equipment that will be on the lawn. Bar services will be provided on the lawn.

After lunch, there will be the Annual Business meeting. Also, we encourage you to explore our end of the Upper Peninsula. We will be taking those interested to the downtown area for a tour of the Soo Locks, and check out the local tourist strip.

If there are those of you that like golf, Sault Country Club is a half mile down the road.

There will also be demonstrations of the Dry Support Bridge and Rafting Operations at their respective training areas. Lastly, we will offer rides through the Soo Locks on our raft for those that are interested. As always, the bar will be open at the armory.

The day's events will build up to the banquet. Cocktails will begin at 1730 hrs, and the colors will be posted at 1800 hrs.

Immediately following the introduction of the Reunion Committee and the honored guests, there will be a dinner meal. The cost is \$12 per plate. There will be live music for your entertainment; hopefully you will bring your dancing shoes.

As a free service, the unit will supply Soldiers to provide transportation. So for the duration of the weekend, you can enjoy yourself to the full extent, and take advantage of our designated drivers. They will also provide a taxi service from your hotels to the armory in the morning to retrieve your vehicles. Please RSVP as soon as possible, so that we may adequately plan for the weekend's activities. If you have any questions or requests, please feel free to contact SFC Ann Dailey at the Sault Ste. Marie Armory (906) 632-7861 extension 1 or ann.r.dailey.mil@mail.mil. We are looking forward to the opportunity to host this year's Reunion. See you there!

Alek E. Willson
CPT, EN, MIARNG
Commander, 1437th MRBC
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
BUREAU, Bruce, SFC(ret),	HHC, 107 Engrs	22 Feb 15
BURGHARDT, Glenn	1121 En Gp HQ	UNK
COLLINS, Reuben, SSG(ret)	Det 1, Co A, 107 Engrs	29 Jul 14
DUSCHAINED, Robert, SFC(ret)	Det 1, Co A, 107 Engrs	11 Jan 15
FRENCH, George,SGT(ret)	HHC, 107 Engrs	5 Jan 15
HAYNES, John	Co A, 254 Engrs	23 Oct 13
KLEAVER, Otis F.	HHC, 107 Engrs	25 May 14
MENARD, Terry, SFC(ret)	1437 th Engr Co	19 Nov 14
PIWOWAR, Thaddeus	HHC/Co B, 107 Engrs	24 Aug 13
REHER, LaRue(Mike)	Co B, 254 Engrs	7 Nov 13
SPREITZER, John	Co A, 107E(pre-WW II)	24 Apr 12
TREADO, Vern	Co B, 107 Engrs	UNK
VICKSTROM, Edward	Co D, 107 Reg /H&S, 254 Engrs	15 Nov 14

Association Information

1. Our internet web address is www.107thengineers.org. The minutes from the 2014 business meeting and lots of other info about the battalion and Association is posted on the website.
2. We are 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.



Registered members who attended the 2014 Reunion at Kingsford

There were a large number of members of the host unit, 1432nd Engineers, in attendance who didn't register!

BECKMAN, Jim	Marquette, MI
BELANGER, Art	Marquette, MI
BROWN, Gary	Laurium, MI
BUSSIERE, Don	Ontonagon, MI
CROWLEY, David	Laurium, MI
DAHLGREN, Eric	Munising, MI
DeVERNEY, Butch	Midland, MI
DRISCOLL, Taylor	Ishpeming, MI
EHRHARDT, Fritz	Vulcan, MI
EMANUELSON, Courtney	Ishpeming, MI
ETELAMAKI, Scott	Negaunee, MI
FLORIANO, Mike	Kingsford, MI
FOUNTAIN, Fred	Calumet, MI
FREDRICKSON, Jim	Livonia, MI
FRENCH, Duane	Menominee, MI
GIBSON, Jeffery	Iron River, MI
GIRARD, Terry,	Iron River, MI
GROOP, Bob	Crystal Falls, MI
HENDRA, John	Calumet, MI
HERRIMAN, Rebecca & Andrew	Ishpeming, MI
JACHIMSKI, Ed	Negaunee, MI
JARVI, Joel	Negaunee, MI
JOHNSON, Linn(LJ)	Gulliver, MI
KELLONIEMI, Don	Gladstone, MI
KOHTALA, Seth	Ishpeming, MI
KOLJONEN, Bucky	Lac LaBelle, MI
LIENAU, Jim	Green Bay, WI
LUNDIN, Tina	Ishpeming, MI
LYNTS, Samantha	Ishpeming, MI
MOULDS, Jim	Munising, MI
NELSON, Michael	Appleton, WI
NIEMISTO, Dan	Ishpeming, MI
OJA, Marie	Republic, MI
PATRICK, Joe	Wells, MI
PERRY, Tom	Ishpeming, MI
PIETILA, Steve	Iron River, MI
POIRIER, Bill	Ishpeming, MI
ROBERTS, Mike	L'Anse, MI
SCHMITT, William	Vulcan, MI
SEMLER, Ellsworth	Iron Mountain, MI
TESTOLIN, Joe	Iron Mountain, MI
THARP, Cal	Menominee, MI
THOMAS, Patti	Kingsford, MI
VUKONICH, Tom	Oxford, MI
WARD, Joyce	McLean, VA
WARD, Len III	McLean, VA
WARD-CONSTANTINO, Mary	McLean, VA

(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.)

“Short Snorts”

Random thoughts, musing and news about the reunion and Association in general, as they pop into the head of ye’ ole editor:

--The Gladstone reunion was a milestone year for the Association. It was the first year that there were NO battalion WW II veterans in attendance. The Kingsford reunion continued this trend. Two people who attended the reunion provided a connection with our WW II brethren. They were Mrs. Joyce Ward, widow of BG Leonard Ward and Mr. Tom Vukonich, who is the son of a 254th Engineer Bn WW II deceased veteran.

--In a departure of the long standing *Bull Sheet* policy of not publishing obituaries for deceased Association members, other than the TAPS listing, I provide this short memorial to Ed Vickstrom. Without his hard work over 39+ years as secretary, we wouldn’t have this Association. --Ed Vickstrom, Feb 16, 1920 – Nov 15, 2014. Ed enlisted in the MIARNG, Co D, 107th Engineer Regiment, Marquette, in July 1940, three months before the battalion was mobilized for WW II. He was discharged in September 1945 as a 2LT after receiving a battlefield commission in France. Ed was one of the charter members of the Association and served as the secretary and *Bull Sheet* editor for 39 years(1961-2000). He typed out 43 Bull Sheets, and the envelopes to send them out, on his old Underwood typewriter, no computer! AND he did it back in the day when there were more than 1300 names on the mailing list. The Association has thrived for all these years because of his untiring efforts. He was a good friend and will be missed. For his complete obituary follow this link: <http://www.bjorkandzhulkie.com/home/index.cfm/obituaries/view/id/2813756>

--“*Hammerschlagen*” I have been going to reunions for over 25 years. Each one is different and yet the same in some respects. But there was something really different at the Kingsford reunion last year. The Engineers of the 1432nd may have started a new tradition by introducing the game of *hammerschlagen* to the Saturday evening festivities. It’s a good engineer type game using a hammer, nails and a block of wood. You’ll have to attend a reunion or ask one of those who attended last year to explain it. It was fun. (Hint: There is a picture of one of the participants engaging in the game in this Bull Sheet somewhere.) Good job Kingsford. Come to the Soo this year and see what new fun stuff they have planned for us. --A special thanks goes out to SFC(ret) Ross STEVENS, Co A/1431st retiree for paying the annual costs for the website. He also provides technical support for the website.

New life members for 2014: ANDERSON, Al, SFC(ret), Kingsford, MI; FRYE, Jack, Traverse City, MI; JAGO, Mike, 1SG(ret), Newberry, MI; KERRY, Adam, Hancock, MI; LOVELESS, Randy, Sr, SGT(ret), Skandia, MI; ROCHON, Robert, Norway, MI; THARP, Cal, 1SG(ret), Menominee, 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, Neil, Soo, MI; AUDETTE, Gerv, Naples, FL; BARBER, Willie, Marquette, MI; BASTION, Herb, (WW II) Clawson, MI; BEARD, Tom, Marquette, MI; BUREAU, Bruce, Ishpeming, MI; DeSANTIS, Joe, Oak Lawn, IL; DeVERNEY, Butch, Midland, MI; FLORIANO, Joe, Iron Mtn, MI; FLORIANO, Mike, Kingsford, MI; FREDRICKSON, Jim, Livonia, MI; FRENCH, Duane, Menominee, MI; GIRARD, Terry, Iron River, MI; GROOP, Bob, Crystal Falls, MI; HARRIS, Greg, Highland, MI; HENDRA, John, Calumet, MI; JACHIMSKI, Ed, Negaunee, MI; JACOBSON, Jack, Iron River, MI; JARVI, Joel, Negaunee, MI; JEANOTTE, Rob, Hancock, MI; KOLJONEN, Bucky, Lac LaBelle, MI; LATURI, Phil, Iron River, MI; LIENAU, Jim, Green Bay, WI; MAKI, Dean, Negaunee, MI; McGUIRE, Bob(WW II), Centerville, IA; MOLONEY, Stanley(WW II), Bradenton, FL; NICHOLA, Howard(WW II), Dodgeville, MI; OJA, Marie, Republic, MI; PECK, Freeling, Belding, MI; ROBERTS, Mike, L’Anse, MI; SCHMITT, William, Vulcan, MI; SMALL, Marge, Marquette, MI; SMITH, Bob, Milton, FL; THARP, Cal, Menominee, MI; VICKSTROM, Ed(WW II), Ishpeming, MI; VUKONICH, Tom, Oxford, MI; WARD, Joyce, Mclean, VA; WILLS, Dick(WW II), Negaunee, MI;



Future Reunion Locations, Here are the PROPOSED locations, subject to acceptance by the units and approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2016 Marquette, 2017 Iron River, 2018 Baraga/Ishpeming. 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/country during the summer. There is always the possibility that an armory will be closed.

107th ENGINEER ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee for 2014- 2015

President	CPT Alek Willson	1437 th MRBC
Vice President	SFC Ann Dailey	1437 th MRBC
Secretary & Bull Sheet Editor	LTC (ret) Tom Perry	HQ/A/B, 107 th Eng Bn
Treasurer	1SG (ret) Don 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) Ed Jachimski	HQ 107th Eng Bn
Permanent Director	LTC Scott House	Cdr, 107 th Eng Bn
4 Year Director	SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald	1437th Engineer Co
3 Year Director	CSM(ret) Mike Floriano	HQ/Co D, 107th Eng Bn
2 Year Director	1SG(ret) William Viau	Co C, 107th Eng Bn
1 Year Director	SSG(ret) John Hendra	Co A, 107th 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.

Partial List of Local Motels and Campgrounds

Americas Best Value Inn 3826 I-75 Business Spur	906-632-8882	http://www.abvisaultstemarie.com
Askwith Lockview Motel 327 W. Portage Avenue	906-632-2491	http://www.lockview.com
Aune-Osborn Campground 1225 Riverside Drive	906-632-3268	http://www.sault-sainte-marie.mi.us
Comfort Inn , 4404 I-75 Business Spur	906-635-1118	http://www.choicehotels.com
Days Inn, 3651 I-75 Business Spur	906-635-5200	http://www.DaysInn.com/hotel/05712
Harwood Properties, Inc., 453 W. Three Mile Road	906-632-9047	http://www.harwoodproperties.net
Holiday Inn Express, 1171 Riverview Way	906-632-3999	http://www.hiexpress.com/saultmariemi
Kewadin Casinos, 2186 Shunk Road	906-632-0530	http://www.kewadin.com
Mid-City Motel, 304 E. Portage Avenue	906-632-6832	
Plaza Motor Motel, 3901 I-75 Business Spur	906-635-1881	http://www.plazamotormotel.com
Ramada Plaza Hotel Ojibway, 240 W. Portage Ave	906-632-4100	http://www.ojibwayhotel.com
River Cove Condo Rentals, 2871 Riverside Drive,	906-632-7075	http://www.rivercove.com
Soo Locks Campground, 1001 E. Portage Avenue	906-632-3191	http://www.soolocks campground.com
Soo Locks Lodge, 3295 I-75 Business Spur	906-635-3000	http://www.soolocks lodge.net
St. Ignace Visitors Bureau , 6 Spring Street, Ste 100	906-643-6950	http://stignace.com
Sunset Motel, 8929 S. Mackinac Trail	906-632-9300	http://www.sunsetmotelstemarie.com
Super 8 of Sault Ste Marie, 3525 I-75 Business Spur	906-632-6000	
The Last Resort - Home of Wild Bill's Bait & Tackle, 1100 E. Portage Avenue	906-635-5556	
Timber Ridge Resort, 11963 S. Homestead Road	906-632-2299	http://www.timberidge.com



107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
2 August 2014
Kingsford, MI

Call to order at 1330 hrs by President Patti Thomas. 21 members present.

Intro Comments

The evening events are as follows: hors oeuvres/cash bar, 1700 hrs: posting of the colors, 1800 hrs with banquet to follow. Tom Perry introduced Mr. Tom Vukonich whose Father served with the 254th Engineers in WW II. Tom gave a short presentation about researching his Dad's military history. He also thanked the Association for putting on the reunion and keeping the history alive.

-2013 business meeting minutes read/approved. Motion by Joe Testolin. Second by Joel Jarvi. Motion carried. -2014 treasurer's report read/approved. Motion by Jim Beckman. Second by Ed Jachimski. 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 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 much progress.
3. Follow-up regarding the battalion plaque in the regimental room at the Fort Leonard Wood museum. Mike Floriano and Tom Perry will look into what needs to be done to get this initiative back on track.

New Business:

1. Nominate 1437th Multi Role Bridge Company(MRBC) in Sault Ste. Marie as the location for the 2015 reunion. Motion by Mike Roberts, Second by Butch DeVerney. Motion carried.
2. Dates for 54th annual reunion set for 7-8 August 2015. Motion by Ed Jachimski, Second by Fred Fountaine. Motion carried with one opposed.
3. Slate of officers for 2015. Motion by Mike Roberts, Second by Gary Brown. Motion carried.
 - a. President, CPT Alek Wilson, 1437th MRBC
 - b. Vice President, SFC Ann Dailey, 1437th MRBC
 - 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 Scott House
 - i. 4 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald, 1437th
 - j. 3 Year Director, CSM(ret) Michael Floriano, Co D/HQ
 - k. 2 Year Director, 1SG(ret) William C. Viau, Co C
 - l. 1 Year Director, SSG(ret) John Hendra, Co A
 - m. Secretary Emeritus, Mr. Edward Vickstrom, D 107th En Reg, HSC, 254th En Bn
4. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1432nd for an outstanding reunion.
5. Association Pledge led by Chaplain Jachimski
6. Adjournment at 1351 hrs. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by Cal Tharp. Quick gavel by Patti Thomas and the meeting was adjourned.

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

1. **Before 15 July 2015** mail the notice below to: 107th Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849-1064
2. **After 15 July 2015** Call the Soo Armory at 906-632-7861, ext 1, or e-mail ann.r.dailey.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 54th Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association at Sault Ste. Marie, MI.
(circle your choice)
2. Reserve _____ place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on Saturday, 8 August 2015. 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>"