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Welcome to Ishpeming, Home of Headquarters & Headquarters Company

The HHC would like to cordially invite you to the 57th annual reunion of the 107th Engineer Association. The Soldiers and families of the HHC look forward to hosting this long standing traditional gathering of the Association. This year's reunion will be 7-8 September 2018 at the Ishpeming Armory located at 900 Palms Avenue in Ishpeming.

On Friday, September 7th, beginning at 1400hrs, 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 beginning at 1500hrs for a social mixer. At 1730hrs we will be hosting a fish fry – the food will be compliments of the HHC 107 Engineer Club.

On Saturday, September 8th, plan on enjoying yourself. From 0730-0900hrs we will start it off with a hearty breakfast by our cheerful staff. Our company leadership is planning on ensuring you start the 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 1030hrs, as it is customary, we will meet at the flagpole for the Memorial Service. Immediately following will be the annual business meeting located in the Bull Room. Following the annual business meeting, we will serve lunch at \$5 per plate.

There will be a raffle held with the opportunity to receive many great prizes. For those of you that like to golf, the Wawonowin Country Club is 6 miles down the road. There will also be a local mine tour at the Cliffs Shaft Museum in Ishpeming. A section of the museum is dedicated to Private Joseph Heimes, who was the first Soldier to die while in service of the battalion during the Ishpeming mine strike on 6 September 1895.

We are also working on additional activities and will provide information about those at a later date. Also, if you would prefer to just stay at the armory and visit, the bar will be open beginning at 1400hrs.

The day's events will build up to the banquet. Social activities will begin at 1600 hrs. The colors will be posted at 1700 hrs. Immediately following the introduction of the reunion committee and honored guests, there will be a dinner meal. The cost is \$12 per plate. There will be music for your entertainment; hopefully you will bring your dancing shoes.

As a free service, the unit will supply Soldiers to provide transportation. 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 have any special requests, please feel free to contact 1SG Jason Cain at the Ishpeming Armory (906) 485-2521 or jason.d.cain2.mil@mail.mil. We are looking forward to the opportunity to host this year's reunion.

“Good as Done!”

Jason A. Wallner
CPT, EN, MIARNG
Commanding
Association President

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	Date Of Death	Unit(s)
BABCOCK, Walt, SFC(ret)	12 Jun 17	1437th En Co
CARLSON, Rick SFC(ret)	23 Apr 17	Det 1, HHC, 1075th Maint
HAATAJA, Rudy	26 Jun 17	Det 1, Co A, 107th
JOHNSON, Linnell(L.J.), SSG(ret)	21 Sep 17	Co B/Det 1, HHC, 107th En Bn, 1146 Engr Det, 1075 Maint Co
LEASK, Dave MAJ(ret)	13 Jul 17	1437th Engr Co
LENY, Robert	5 Jul 16	Co D, 107th, 1075th Maint Co
McCORMICK, John (Mac)	3 Jul 17	Co B/Det 1, HHC, 107th
MINKIN, Roy	4 Jul 17	Co B/HHC, 107th
MOLONEY, Stanley(WW II)	30 Apr 17	Co B, 107th En Reg/254th Engrs
NELSON, Jack, LTC(ret)	14 Sep 17	Co B/Det 1, HHC 107th En Bn
PRYOR, Lloyd, LTC(ret)	4 May 17	Co D, 107th
RUOHOMAKI, Les	7 Dec 17	HHC/Co C, 107th
SHIRKEY, Cal SFC(ret)	13 Nov 07	Recruiting/HHC, 107th
TAMMINEN, Gary, SPC(ret)	13 Jan 18	HHC, 107th
WARD, Joyce(BG LC Ward)	19 Oct 17	HQ, 107th

Association Information

1. Our internet web address is www.107thengineers.org. The minutes from the 2016 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@gmail.com

2018 New Life Members. BURGAN, Tom, Bradenton, FL; FRASER, Mike, SFC(ret), Ishpeming, MI; KROT, Greg, COL(ret), Indian River, MI; LIENAU, Jim LTC(ret), Green Bay, WI; NORA, Perry, SFC(ret), Ishpeming, MI; PROULX, Justin, 1SG, Soo, MI; ROLLING, Jason, MAJ, Negaunee, MI; WESOLOSKI, Dave, LTC(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; ANTONICH, Vincent, Spring Lake, MI; AUDETTE, Gervais, Naples, FL; BEARD, Tom, Marquette, MI; BEAUCHAMP, Duane, Escanaba, MI; BEAUDRY, Bob, Kingsford, MI; BECKMAN, Jim, Marquette, MI; BESSNER, Todd, Hancock, MI; BURGAN, Tom, Bradenton, FL; CROWLEY, Dave, Laurium, MI; DeVERNEY, Butch, Midland, MI; DOWD, Bill, Iron River, MI; EHRHARDT, Fritz, Vulcan, MI; FLORIANO, Joe, Iron Mtn, MI; FREDRICKSON, Jim, Livonia, MI; FRYE, Jack, Traverse City, MI; GAGNE, Dave, Iron River, MI; GILLAHAN, Dave, Holt, MI; GROOP, Bob, Crystal Falls, MI; HANMER, Mike, Iron River, MI; HARRIS, Greg, Highland, MI; HENDRA, John, Calumet, MI; HUTCHESON, Jim, West Peoria,

Donations (continued)

IHLENFELDT, Jim, Green Bay, WI; JACHIMSKI, Ed, Negaunee, MI; JACOBSON, Jack, Iron River, MI; JARVI, Joel, Escanaba, MI; KESANEN, Fritz, Eagle Harbor, MI; KOLJONEN, Bucky, Lac La Belle, MI; KUETZOW, Bill, Ishpeming, MI; NICHOLA, Howard(WW II), Dodgeville, MI; NIEMI, Doc, Quinnesec, MI; PECK, Freeling, Belding, MI; SCHMITT, William, Norway, MI; SMITH, Bob, Milton, FL; THARP, Cal, Menominee, MI; TULPPO, Bob' Iron River, MI; VUKONICH, Tom, Oxford, MI; WESOLOSKI, Dave, Menominee, MI; WILLS, Dick(WW II), Marquette, MI

Registered members who attended the 2017 reunion in Iron River

APPLEBERRY, Bill	Warren, MI
BAUMGARTNER, Bob	Iron River, MI
BOSS, Megan	Calumet, MI
BUSSIERE, Don	Ontonagon, MI
BUTLER, Jerry	Iron River, MI
CADUTO, Tony	Iron Mtn, MI
CAGLE, Forrest	Black River Falls, WI
CARLSON, Steve	Nisula, MI
CHARTER, Walt	Iron River, MI
CROWLEY, Dave	Calumet, MI
DAHLGREN, Eric	Munising, MI
DAVIS, Jay	Kingsford, MI
DEDO, Mike	Iron River, MI
DENOO, Kerry	Leesburg, FL
DeVERNEY, Butch	Midland, MI
DOUGOVITO, Jim	L'Anse, MI
EHRHARDT, Fritz	Vulcan, MI
FLORIANO, Joe	Iron Mtn, MI
FLORIANO, Mike	Kingsford, MI
FREDRICKSON, Jim	Livonia, MI
GIBSON, Jeff	Iron River, MI
GILLAHAN, Dave	Holt, MI
GRAHAM, Chris	Ishpeming, MI
GROOP, Bob	Crystal Falls, MI
HANMER, Mike	Iron River, MI
HOULE, Tim	Skaneec, MI
HOUSE, Scott	Lansing, MI
IHLENFELDT, Jim	Green Bay, WI
JACOBSON, Jack	Iron River, MI
JANSSSEN, Len	Wakefield, MI
JARVI, Joel	Ishpeming, MI
JEANNOTTE, Rob	Hancock, MI
KOLJONEN, Bucky	Lac La Belle, MI
LATURI, Phil	Iron River, MI
MAKI, Ed	Pelkie, MI
NOEL, Jim	Gladstone, MI
NYQUIST, Jake	Gladstone, MI
PELLINEN, Steve	Ishpeming, MI
PEREZ, Luis	Barbeau, MI
PERRY, Tom	Ishpeming, MI
PFIESTER, Jake	Iron River, MI
PIETILA, Steve	Iron River, MI
PLITZ, Walt	Soo, MI
ROLLING, Jason	Negaunee, MI
ROSE, Steve	West Bloomfield, MI

Attendees (continued)

ROUNDSVILLE, Bill	Iron River, MI
SALMONS, Larry	Iron River, MI
SEXTON, Rob	Michigamme, MI
SOBIEK, Jerry	Iron River, MI
SOLBERG, Ross	Wakefield, MI
STAHLMANN, Sam	Gladstone, MI
SULLIVAN, Jim	Nisula, MI
TESTOLIN, Joe	Iron Mtn, MI
TULPPO, Bob	Iron River, MI
VUKONICH, Tom	Oxford, MI
WARD, Joyce	McLean, VA
WEESNER, Doug	Crystal Falls, MI
WILLIAMS, Jerry	Iron River, 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 or want to pay your dues.

Future Reunion Locations, Here are the PROPOSED locations, subject to acceptance by the units and approval of the membership, for the next 3 years; 2019 Calumet, 2020 Gladstone, 2021 Kingsford. 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.

“Short Snorts”

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

I received an RSVP from four WW II/254th Engineer Battalion vets last year. Unfortunately one of them was a TAPS notification for STAN MOLONEY. I met Stan and his wife years ago. They attended many reunions over the years. If my memory serves me correctly, the last time they attended was at the Soo in 2007.....DICK WILLS is living in the Jacobetti Veteran's Hospital in Marquette. He must be 98 years old now, in pretty good health and doing well. He wrote, “I miss going(to the reunion) but have to be realistic I'm old let's face it.” I stop and visit him once in a while.....After a SNAFU in the mail in 2016, I also heard from HOWARD NICHOLA in 2017. Howard is always one of the first ones to send back his RSVP. I never received one in 2016. Lo' and behold in 2017, I received two RSVPs. One was postmarked 2016 and one 2017. Evidently the 2016 RSVP got hung up in the mail somewhere. I heard from Joe Battisfore that Howard is doing well and still living at home with help from family. He is 102 years young! Howard wrote on his RSVP that his reason for leaving the battalion in 1945, “War was over.”.....I also heard back from BOB McGUIRE. He lives in Centerville IA. His last reunion was Baraga where he was able to take a ride in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter..... BUCKY KOLJONEN (not WW II) writes that he retired “to pursue trout, deer, bear and anything else edible. Elk too!”.....

“Short Snorts” (continued)

Those of you who have attended a reunion in the last number of years will have seen JIM BECKMAN's collection of Boy Scout patches. He has collected a vast number of patches and usually displays them on the drill floor area during the reunion. Stop and check them out next time you are at the reunion.....DAVE WESOLOSKI is doing well in Menominee. He is serving as the Menominee Township Treasurer and keeping bees as a hobby.....JIM HUTCHESON writes that he couldn't make it to Iron River for the reunion and was disappointed he was going to miss Jeff Gibson's fish fry. Hutch said to say hi to all the great engineers.....DOC NIEMI wrote that he was unable to make the reunion. He spent 24 years with Co D and 9 with the MP's. He is still an engineer at heart.....NORM SHAMION wrote that he was living in FL and said he was too old at 86 years of age to drive to the reunion. He said he's doing “great.”.....

Two of our battalion/Association vets are serving as Veterans Service Officers(VSO) in their respective counties. JOE BATTISFORE is the VSO for Houghton and Keweenaw counties. His contact info is: 906-482-0102, e-mail VSO@houghtoncounty.net . JERRY WILLIAMS is the VSO for Iron County. His contact info is: 906-265-3819, e-mail icvso@att.net . Contact them for help with VA benefits. Thank you gentlemen for continued service to your country!

2018 is the tenth anniversary of HSC/FSC's return from a tour of duty in Iraq. Come to the reunion and link up with your battle buddies.

Are you a history buff or know someone who may be interested in organizing or cataloging our collection of historical items? The Association has a lot of historical documents, pictures and memorabilia. It is stored at the Ishpeming Armory, my garage and other places. It seems a shame not to have this history on display or available for the public to enjoy. Perhaps we should turn our collection over to a historical society or museum to be cataloged and displayed. We've got pictures, paperwork, WW II items donated by the WW II vets and lots of other “stuff.”

A special presentation at the reunion by Jim Dougovito.

In 1974 President Gerald Ford convened a Clemency Board as part of his Clemency Program to heal the wounds of the Vietnam War. The Board's purpose was to review requests from Vietnam veterans to have their less than honorable discharges reviewed and potentially upgraded. President Ford wanted a Vietnam veteran from Michigan to serve on that Board. Our own COL(ret) Jim Dougovito served on that Board as a captain while still serving in the MIARNG. He will give an overview of his experience as a member of that Clemency Board at the reunion immediately after the business meeting or whenever we can fit it into the schedule on Saturday.(Editor's note: I have heard his presentation. It's very good and emotional. It will be of interest to all veterans, especially those of the Vietnam era. I highly recommend that you attend.)

107th ENGINEER ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee for 2017- 2018

President	CPT Jason Wallner	HHC, 107 th Eng Bn.
Vice President	CPT Kristina Waara	HHC, 107 th Eng Bn.
Secretary & Bull Sheet Editor	LTC (ret) Tom Perry	HQ/A/B, 107 th Eng Bn
Treasurer	SFC(ret) Perry Nora	HSC, 107 th Eng Bn
Public Relations Officer	1LT Cody Cass	HSC, 107 th Eng Bn
Historian	SSG John Peterson	HSC, 107 th Eng Bn
Chaplain	MAJ(ret) Ed Jachimski	HQ, 107th Eng Bn
Permanent Director	LTC Dave Gillahan	Cdr, 107 th Eng Bn
4 Year Director	SFC (ret) Bob Groop	HHC, 107 th Eng Bn
3 Year Director	1SG(ret) Jeff Gibson	1432/Co B/Det 1, Co D, 107 th Eng Bn
2 Year Director	SSG(ret) Tom Beard	Det 1, HHC, 107th Engr Bn
1 Year Director	SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald	1437th Engineer Co

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 West End Motels and Campgrounds

Michigamme Shores Campground, Po Box 6, Us Highway 41 West, Champion, MI, Phone: (906) 339-2116

Jasper Ridge Inn or Jasper Ridge Vacation Homes or Country Village RV Park and Campground, 1000 River Parkway, Ishpeming, MI, Phone: (906) 485-2378

Magnuson Hotel, 850 Us Highway 41 West, Ishpeming, MI, Phone: (906) 485-6345

Maple Ridge Resort, 134 Brown Road HCI Box 2101, Michigamme, MI, Phone: (906) 323-6334

Pine Crest Resort, 12199 Pine Crest, Republic, MI, Phone: (906) 376-8237



107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
Iron River, MI
12 August 2017

Called to order at 1250 hrs by President Jake Pfiester. 22 Members present. President Pfiester provided details of the afternoon and evening festivities.

2016 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by Joe Testolin, second by Joel Jarvi. Motion carried.

2016-2017 treasurers' report presented. Motion by Joel Jarvi, second by Joe Testolin. Motion carried.

Lineage and Honors Committee Report No 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. LTC Gillahan, Bn Cdr, has also tasked CSM Perez to assist in this effort.

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. He is also the technical consultant to keep the website running properly.
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. LTC Dave Gillahan, battalion commander, asked for one more year to accomplish this mission. (\$3000 was appropriated at the Gladstone reunion(2015) to fund the plaque project. If we are not going to participate in this project, we should de-obligate the money.)
4. The 107th Engineer Battalion monument at Camp Grayling(CG) is in need of repainting and possibly some minor repairs. A motion was made by Mike Floriano and seconded by Joe Testolin to authorize up to \$500 for the maintenance of the monument. Tom Perry will contact Patton Monuments, the original vendor for the monument, for a proposal to do the work. This was a carryover item from last year. Tom Perry committed to get it done before the next reunion.

New Business:

1. Nominate HSC, 107th Engineer Battalion in Ishpeming as the location for the 2018 reunion. This will be the tenth anniversary of the HSC/FSC return from mobilization in Iraq. Motion by Joe Floriano, second by Bob Groop. Motion carried.
2. Dates for 57th annual reunion were set for 14-15 Sep 2018. Motion by Butch DeVerney, second by Joe Floriano. Motion carried. After the reunion, the dates were changed to 7-8 Sep 18 because of conflicts with the unit training requirements.
3. Slate of officers for 2018. Motion by Chris Graham, second Bob Groop. Motion carried.
 - a. President, CPT Jason Wallner, HSC, 107th Engr Bn.
 - b. VP, CPT Kristina Waara, HSC, 107th Engr Bn.
 - c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry, HQ/Co A/Det 1, Co B
 - d. Treasurer, SFC(ret) Perry Nora, HSC
 - e. Public Relations Officer, 1LT Cody Cass, HSC, 107th Engr Bn
 - f. Historian, SSG John Peterson, HSC, 107th Engr Bn
 - g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski, HHC
 - h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Dave Gillahan
 - i. 4 Year Director, SFC(ret) Bob Groop, HHC
 - j. 3 Year Director, ISG(ret) Jeff Gibson, 1432/Co B, Det 1, Co D
 - k. 2 Year Director, SSG(ret) Tom Beard, Det 1, HHC
 - l. 1 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jerry McDonald, 1437th
4. Don Bussiere asked to step down as the Association treasurer after over 10 years in the position. The Association members thanked him for his service. They also thanked Perry Nora for volunteering to assume the treasurer duties.
5. MAJ Jason Rolling who is the current battalion XO and a financial advisor/investor in civilian life volunteered to assist the Association with investing their funds. His firm would waive their fees. After much discussion, it was moved by Jim Dougovito and seconded by Joe Floriano to have the treasurer and secretary meet with MAJ Rolling to work out an agreement. The treasurer and secretary would then meet with the executive committee, if possible, before the next reunion to present the arrangements. The executive committee will then make a recommendation to the membership at the next business meeting as to how to proceed.
6. It was suggested by Chris Graham, that there may be an outing to the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club for shooting during the 2018 reunion. Steve Pellinen and others said they would be more interested in doing that instead of golfing. The idea will be proposed to the HSC 2018 reunion committee.
7. There was an overwhelming consensus of the members present that the unit did a great job with the Memorial Service.
8. The Association membership extends a big thank you to Det 1, 1432nd Engr Co for an outstanding reunion.
9. The Association Pledge was recited.
10. Motion to adjourn at 1319 hrs by Don Bussiere, seconded by Tom Perry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Perry, Secretary

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

1. **Before 1 Sep 2018** mail the notice below to: 107th Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849-1064
2. **After 1 Sep 2018** Call the Ishpeming Armory at 906-485-2520, or e-mail 1SG Cain, jason.d.cain2.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 57th Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association at Ishpeming, MI.
(circle your choice)
2. Reserve _____ place(s) for me at the banquet / dance on Saturday, 8 September 2018. 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 at(city/unit) _____ in the year of _____

5. I left the unit in (year) _____ at (city/unit) _____ 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>"