

107th Engineer Association
Business Meeting Minutes
2 August 2025
Ironwood, MI
(Location: American Legion Post 5)

1. Call to order at 1055 hrs by Pres Len Janssen, retired Co B First Sergeant
21 Members present.
Len informs the membership about the evening festivities.
2. 2024 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve by Jim Dougovito, second by Eric Dahlgren. Motion carried.
3. 2024-2025 treasurers' report read. Motion to approve by Joe Floriano, second by Jim Baker. Motion carried.
4. 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. Tom Perry and Perry Nora committed to checking with the NMU archives/history department, the Ishpeming Historical Society and the Marquette Historical Society for assistance or advice in updating our history book. They will also check on the possibility of donating our historical items to one of these organizations to be displayed for the public to enjoy. A work in progress.
5. Old Business:
 - a. The annual website fees total approximately \$300.00(prices keep going up). This includes the cost of the domain name(107thengineers.org), the editing program and website e-mail address. It's an ongoing project by the webmaster.
 - a. Request a motion to pay the fees. Motion by Mike Floriano, second by Tim Houle. Motion carried.
 - b. Follow-up: The 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 any progress.
 - c. This motion was made at the 2024 reunion in Kingsford by Jim Simmons to authorize the Association treasurer to establish a VENMO account to facilitate the paying of dues online. Second by Jay Davis. Motion carried. Once the account is setup, it will be posted to the website. (UPDATE/Clarification at the 2025 reunion: There is a service fee for using the Venmo service. Do we still want to set up the account? The consensus at the meeting was yes we still want to set up the account.)
6. New Business:
 - a. Nominate Forward Support Co.(FSC), 107th Engineer Battalion located in Marquette as the location for the 2026 reunion. Motion by Joe Floriano, Second by Jim Dougovito. Motion carried.

- b. Dates for 64th annual reunion set for July 31 - 1Aug 2026.
 - a. Motion by Mike Floriano, Second by Bud Degrote. Motion carried.
- c. Slate of officers for 2026. Motion by Don Bussiere, Second by Lenny Janssen. Motion carried.
 - i. President, CPT Heath Welch, FSC, 107th Engr Bn
 - ii. VP, SFC Jessica Leahy, FSC, 107th Engr Bn
 - iii. Secretary/webmaster, LTC(ret) Tom Perry, HQ/Co A/Det 1, Co B
 - iv. Treasurer, SFC(ret) Perry Nora, HSC
 - v. Public Relations Officer, CW5(ret) Joe Floriano, Co D(-)/HHC
 - vi. Historian, SFC John Peterson, HHC, 107th (He would like to step down.)
 - vii. Chaplain, MSG(ret) Bill Hager, HHC (has never attended a reunion since being appointed)
 - viii. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Matthew Brolsma
 - ix. 4 Year Director, CSM(ret) Mike Floriano, Co D/HQ, 107th Engr Bn
 - x. 3 Year Director, SFC(ret) Bucky Koljonen, Co A/Co B
 - xi. 2 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jim Simmons, Co B
 - xii. 1 Year Director, SFC Jay Davis, 1432nd Engr Co
- d. There was a lot of discussion about how to recruit more Association members. The most effective is probably is that we all need to make personal invitations to those we see in our travels around town.
- e. A motion was made by Mike Floriano and seconded by Bucky Koljonen to have reunion meals prepaid with RSVPs. Motion carried. A check can either be sent in with the RSVP or paid through the Venmo account via the website.
- f. The 107th monument in Grayling probably needs to be inspected to see if it needs to have the paint touched up again.
- g. In order to cater to the younger more computer savvy Soldiers, we should set up a way to register for the reunion on the website. Tom Perry will get with LTC Matt Broslma for assistance in that effort.
7. The Association membership extends a big thank you to the Company B Alumni for hosting the first non-traditional and outstanding reunion.
8. Association Pledge recited.
9. Adjournment at 1121 hrs. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by Len Janssen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Perry
Secretary