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## **Welcome to Ironwood, former home of Co B, 107th Engineer Bn**

The Company B Alumni, 107th Engineer Bn, Ironwood, would like to cordially invite you to the 63rd annual reunion of the 107th Engineer Association. The retired Soldiers and family of the Ironwood unit look forward to hosting this long-standing traditional gathering of the Association. This year's reunion will be 1-2 August 2025 in Ironwood, Michigan. The reunion will be headquartered at the American Legion Post #5, 320 East McLeod Ave, Ironwood, Michigan 49938.

On Friday, 1 Aug, beginning at 1400 hrs (all times CDT) registration will commence. This is a great time to catch up with old friends, and get to know new faces. The bar will be open in the American Legion Post 5 in Ironwood. At 1800 hrs the social mixer will kick off with food, sponsored by and compliments of the Company B Alumni from Ironwood. Bar services will be available.

On Saturday at 0800-0930 hrs breakfast will be served By Barry (Bucky) Koljonen and helpers. Breakfast will be SOS, scrambled eggs, sausage and toast. Cost is \$10 per person.

As it is customary, we will meet at the flagpole at 1030 hrs for the Memorial Service at the American Legion (Memorial Building – Ironwood, MI). Immediately after the Memorial Service, there will be the annual business meeting downstairs in the American Legion Hall.

Following the business meeting, we will have lunch in the Memorial Building – American Legion Hall. Bar services will again be available. Lunch will consist of hamburgers and brats on a Blackstone grill cooked by SFC Davis. Cost will be \$10 per person.

We encourage you to explore the western Upper Peninsula and Gogebic County. Copper Peak is approximately 7 miles north of Ironwood and offers chairlift rides to the top of the jump which overlooks the county and on a clear day you can see Canada across Lake Superior. There are many

waterfalls throughout the area, including Iron County Wisconsin. Ironwood is also home to the world's tallest Indian – Hiawatha. Little Girls Point and Black River Harbor are on Lake Superior and well worth the drive to visit also.

The city of Ironwood will be conducting tours through its Historic Memorial Building after lunch Saturday. There are local campgrounds to choose from – Alpine on US2 in Bessemer, Sunday Lake Park – Wakefield, Curry Park Ironwood (next to the fairgrounds). and Saxon Harbor area has two campsites available – Frontier Bar and the Harbor itself. Area motels will be offering a specific government rate. A list of discounted hotels will follow shortly.

The day's events will lead up to the annual banquet. Cocktails will begin at 1700 hrs at the American Legion Bar and 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 will be \$25 per person.

Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we may adequately plan for the weekend's activities. Please let us know numbers attending for all meals so we can order our food appropriately. If you have any questions or requests, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (906) 362-0890 or by email at lejanssen59@hotmail.com. We are looking forward to hosting this year's reunion. See you there!

Good As Done!

1SG(ret) Len Janssen  
Association President



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.*



Broslma, Matt, LTC	Portage
Gibson, Jeff, 1SG(ret)	Stambaugh
Karinen, Robert, SFC	Pelkie
Magreta, Tricia, SFC	Escanaba
Nepper, Ron, CPT(ret)	Kingsford
Olson, Bruce	Kingsford
Pfiester Jake, MAJ	Eaton Rapids
Saleski, Rob, CPT	Oak Park

Every year some of our members contribute donations to the Association to help with expenses. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Ahola Karl	L'Anse
Beaudry Robert	Kingsford
Beckman Jim	Marquette
Bessner Todd	Hancock
Brisson Joseph	Baraga
Bussiere Donald	Ontonagon
Compton Jon	Ishpeming
Crowley David	Laurium
Dahlgren Eric	Munising
Danis Stephen	Calumet
Dougovito James	L'Anse
Dutcher Tom	Jackson WI
Ehrhardt Fritz	Vulcan
Elliott John	Champion
Floriano Joseph	Iron Mountain
Gillahan Dave	Eaton Rapids
Hendra John	Calumet
Hutcheson James	Peoria IL
Janssen Leonard	Wakefield
Karban David	Vulcan
Koljonen Bucky	Mohawk
Laturi Phillip	Iron River
LaVigne Carl	Rapid River
Luetzow William	Ishpeming
Maki Dean	Negaunee
Miller Tim	Marquette
Niemi Don (Doc)	Quinnesec
Niemisto Dan	Ishpeming
Olson Bruce	Kingsford
Perreault Homer	Calumet
Peterson Brian	Prescott AZ

Name	Date Of Death	Unit(s)
Adams, Daniel	20 Mar 24	Co B
Barber, Wilfred, SSG(ret)	28 Oct 24	Det 1, HHC/HHC
Baudino, George	2 Nov 24	Co A
Blackburn, David	9 May 24	Det 1, HHC
Brown, Gary, SSG(ret)	4 Jan 25	Co A
Contois, Eston, SSG(ret)	20 Sep 24	Det 1, HHC
Crowley, David, MAJ(ret)	25 Jan 25	Co A
Denofre, Michael, Jr	5 Apr 24	HHC
Fleming, Travis, SSG	28 Mar 24	HHC/1431st
Gagne, David, SGT(ret)	12 Mar 24	Det 1, Co B
Gustafson, Dean	7 Dec 24	Co D/RVN
Heckathorn, Shawn	8 Mar 24	Co B
Jajich, James, COL(ret)	10 Mar 24	HHC/HHD, 117 QM
Jarve, Daniel, SGT(ret)	26 May 24	Co A
Jarvi, Joel, SFC(ret)	26 May 24	HHC
Kornewich, Sonia, SSG(ret)	25 Jan 25	HHC/1075th
Loper, Marcus	15 Jun 24	Co C/RVN
Luoma, William, LTC(ret)	23 Jun 24	Co B/HQ
Nepper, Stephen, SFC(ret)	14 Jul 14	Co D
Paquet, William	25 Apr 24	Det 1, Co A
Peters, Troy	1 Nov 24	HHC
Pindral, Kaz	16 Nov 24	Co A
Poquette, Ronald, SGT(ret)	12 Jan 25	Co B
Thompson, Robert	12 Mar 24	Det 1, Co A
Whitlow, William, CW4(ret)	19 Nov 23	HHC/RVN

1. Our internet web address is [www.107thengineers.org](http://www.107thengineers.org)
2. 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](mailto:secretary@107thengineers.org)

Donators(cont):

Proulx Justin	Soo
Schmitt William	Norway
Small Marge	Marquette
Touchinski Michael	Marquette
Tulppo Robert	Caspian
VanDusen John	Kingsford
Wesoloski David	Menominee

**“Short Snorts”**

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

Our current Association membership is 346, with 169 life members. At one time the membership was over 900, when the WW II guys were active.....

You will notice that the Association is doing something different this year in hosting the reunion in a city that no longer has an armory. We haven't been to Ironwood since 2004. There are a lot of battalion veterans living in that area. As per information on the front page, we will be setting up camp at the Ironwood American Legion Post. The initiative of visiting cities that used to have an armory will probably be repeated in future years. Many battalion veterans only attend the reunions in their home armory cities. We miss those Soldiers and want to see them again. We are planning on a big turnout for Ironwood. Please plan on attending!

You will see that there are no pictures of members attending the 2024 reunion posted in this Bull Sheet. I took a lot of digital photos in Kingsford and some how lost them.

Those who attended the 2024 reunion in Kingsford.

Anderson, Mike/Chelsea	Ishpeming
Baker, Jim	L'Anse
Beaudry, Bob/Christine	Kingsford
Beckman, Jim/Andrea	Marquette
Benson, R.R.	Delano, MN
Brolsma, Matt	Portage
Bussiere, Don/Dorothy	Ontonagon
Butterfield, Brandon	
Carlson, Steve	Nisula
Carrier, Ethan	
Crowley, David	Laurium
Cummings, Kevin,	Escanaba
Daugherty, Blair	Kingsford
Davis, Jay	Kingsford
Denoo, Kerry/Liz LaPointe	Leesburg, FL
DeVerney, Butch	Midland
Dougovito, Jim/Linda,	L'Anse
Ehrhardt, Fritz/Mary Kay,	Vulcan
Fisher, Dalton	
Floriano, Joe/Marilu,	Iron Mountain
Floriano, Mike/Debbie,	Kingsford
Fredy, Leeann/Chad	
Gibson, Jeff/Sue,	Stambaugh
Goodwin, Chris	
Hendra, John/Cheryl,	Calumet
Holman, Ethan	
Houle, Tim/Vanessa,	Skaneec
Janssen, Len/Inge,	Wakefield
Jeannotte, Rob	Hancock
Jouppi, Rich	Iron Mountain
Jouppi, Ron	Iron Mountain
Karban, Dave/Lynn	Vulcan
Karinen, Robert	Pelkie
Kay, Trevor	Marquette
Koljonen, Bucky/Liisa	Mohawk
Leahy, Jessica	Marquette
Lienau, Jim/Mary	Green Bay, WI
Maki, Ed	L'Anse
Mason, Dyke	
McNeill, Mark/Amanda M.	Detroit
Miller, Tim/Lisa	Marquette
Needham, Buzzy/Carrol	Kingsford
Niemi, Don(Doc)/Sharon	Quinnesec
Nora, Perry	Ishpeming
Olson, Bruce/Ann	Kingsford
Perry, Tom/Tonya,	Ishpeming
Pfiester, Jake	Eaton Rapids
Pokornowski, Britta	
Proehl, Ben	Rapid River
Richards, Braeden	
Ross, Ron/Donna	Gladwin
Saleski, Rob/Gabrielle	Oak Park
Schmitt, William	Norway
Sikora, Ken/Lynn,	Green Bay, WI
Simmons, Jim/Cindy	Ironwood
Stonehouse, Fred/Lois	Marquette
Sullivan, Jim	Nisula
Thomas, Patty	Calumet
Turunen, Sue	L'Anse
VanDusen, John/Rebecca	Kingsford

107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association  
Business Meeting Minutes(unapproved)  
3 August 2024  
Kingsford, MI

Call to order at 1050 hrs by Pres Trever Mashak, 1432<sup>nd</sup>  
First Sergeant

31 Members present.

Trever Mashak informs the membership  
about the evening festivities.

2023 business meeting minutes read. Motion to approve  
by Jim Simmins, second by Jim Dougovito. Motion  
carried.

2023-2024 treasurers' report read. Motion to approve by  
Joe Floriano, second by Len Janssen. Motion carried.

Lineage and Honors Committee Report

The purpose of this committee is to capture the activi-  
ties 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. A work in progress.

5. Old Business:

a. The annual website fees total approximately \$250.00  
(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.

Request a motion to pay the fees. Motion by Don Bussiere  
second by Jim Dougovito. Motion carried.

Follow-up: The graphic design work to show all the shoul-  
der 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.

Investing of Association funds with a financial manager.  
Perry Nora made a short presentation regarding in-  
vesting some of our Association funds with the Edward  
Jones investment broker that he uses. A motion was  
made by Jim Simmins to invest \$10,000 with the bro-  
ker. Seconded by Jay Davis. Motion carried.

6. New Business:

Where will the 2025 reunion be held? Presentation by Co  
B Alumni, 107<sup>th</sup> Engineers to host the reunion in Iron-  
wood. The reunion will be headquartered at American

Legion Post #5 because there is no longer an armory in  
Ironwood.

Nominate Co B Alumni, 107<sup>th</sup> Engineers in Ironwood as the  
location for the 2025 reunion. Motion by Tom Perry,  
second by Kerry Denoo, Motion carried.

c. Dates for 63<sup>rd</sup> annual reunion set for 1-2 Aug 2025.

Motion by Jim Dougovito, Second by Tim Houle. Motion  
carried.

d. Slate of officers for 2025. Motion by Jay Davis, Second by  
Jim Beckman. Motion carried.

i. President, 1SG(ret) Len Janssen, Co B

ii. VP, SFC(ret) Jim Simmons, Co B/1432<sup>nd</sup>

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, 107<sup>th</sup>

vii. Chaplain, MSG(ret) Bill Hager, HHC

viii. Permanent Director(Bn Cdr), MAJ Matthew Brolsma

ix. 4 Year Director, SFC(ret) Bucky Koljonen, Co A/Co B

x. 3 Year Director, SFC(ret) Jim Simmons, Co B

xi. 2 Year Director, SFC Jay Davis, 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engr C

xii. 1 Year Director, SFC(ret) Eric Dahlgren, Co C

Q: The question was raised about how many granite histo-  
ry plaques we have in storage and what armories have  
plaques on display. Tom Perry will investigate and  
report at the next reunion.

A: There are 1 or 2 plaques in storage at the Ishpem-  
ing Armory. All the current battalion armories plus the  
Calumet Emporium have plaques.

f. A motion 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.

The Association membership extends a big thank you to  
the 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Co. for hosting an outstanding  
reunion.

Association Pledge recited.

Adjournment at 1116 hrs. Motion by Tom Perry, Second by  
Perry Nora. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Perry  
Secretary

107<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER ASSOCIATION  
Executive Committee for 2023-2024

President	1SG(ret) Len Janssen	1432nd Engr Co.
Vice President	SFC(ret) Jim Simmons	Co B/1432nd Engr Co.
Secretary & Bull Sheet	LTC (ret) Tom Perry	HQ/A/B, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
Treasurer	SFC(ret) Perry Nora	HSC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
Public Relations Officer	CW5(ret) Joe Floriano	Co D/HHC 107 <sup>th</sup> Engr Bn
Historian	SFC John Peterson	HSC, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
Chaplain	MSG(ret) Bill Hager	HHC, 107th Eng Bn
Permanent Director	LTC Matthew Brolsma	Cdr, 107 <sup>th</sup> Eng Bn
4 Year Director	SFC(ret) Bucky Koljonen	Co B/Co A, 107th Engr Bn
3 Year Director	SFC(ret) Jim Simmons	Co B/1432nd Engr Co
2 Year Director	SFC(ret) Jay Davis	1432nd Engr Co
1 Year Director	SFC(ret) Eric Dahlgren	Co C, 107th Eng Bn
For information about the Ironwood area, including lodging, follow this link: <a href="https://ironwoodchamber.org/business-category">https://ironwoodchamber.org/business-category</a>		

Did you know the “Snortin’ Bull” battalion/Association logo originated in WW II? Reference Bull Sheet #18, dated Oct 1975. George H. Molentin (S-2 Sec & Bn Photographer), Chicago, IL. was the creator and designer of the Snortin' Bull insignia in 1944 when the 254th was stationed in Newquay, Cornwall, England.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: To make or cancel a reunion reservation, please notify the personnel below:**

**Before 1 Jul 2025** mail the notice below to: 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849

**After 1 Jul 2025** Contact 1SG(ret) Len Janssen, (906) 362-0890 or by email at lejanssen59@hotmail.com

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.

1. These are the meals I/we plan to attend during the reunion:

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

My guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Fri, 1 Aug, 1800-???? hrs, mixer, cost: Free \_\_\_\_\_ (how many)

Sat, 2 Aug, 0800-0930 hrs, breakfast, cost \$10 ea \_\_\_\_\_ (how many)

Sat, 2 Aug, 1200-???? hrs, lunch, cost \$10 ea \_\_\_\_\_ (how many)

Sat, 2 Aug, 1700-???? Hrs, banquet, cost \$25 ea \_\_\_\_\_ (how many)

2. *(Please check one)*

\_\_\_\_\_ My association dues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00 per year ) are enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ (how many) years;

-or-

\_\_\_\_\_ My association lifetime membership dues of \$50.00 are enclosed.

-or-

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a lifetime member.

*(Optional)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards printing and mailing expenses.

Please update the following information. ONLY IF THERE ARE CHANGES:

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_.

My phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_.

My Email address is: \_\_\_\_\_.

I joined the 107th in the year of \_\_\_\_\_. I served in the following units: \_\_\_\_\_

I left the 107th in the year of \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

For more info please check the Association web site at "[www.107thengineers.org](http://www.107thengineers.org)"