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Welcome to Marquette, home of Forward Support Company, 107th Engineer Bn

The FSC, 107 Engineer Battalion, proudly invites you to the 64th Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association. Whether you served decades ago or just recently hung up your gear, this weekend is about reconnecting, sharing stories, and maybe telling a few that get better every year. This year's reunion will take place 31 July – 1 August 2026 at the Marquette Armory. Marquette offers the perfect mix of tradition, scenery, and just enough distractions to keep everyone, from seasoned veterans to first time attendees, entertained.

Friday, 31 July 2026

1400 hrs (EST): Registration opens at the Armory. Show up, check in, and start spotting familiar faces (or trying to remember names).

1800 hrs: Social Mixer kicks off with food and refreshments, generously sponsored by the FSC Warrior Fund. Bar service will be available, and the stories will likely improve as the evening goes on.

Saturday, 1 August 2026

0800–0930 hrs: Breakfast served — \$10

1030 hrs: Memorial Service at the flagpole in front of the Armory. A time to honor those who paved the way and those we've lost.

1100 hrs (approx): Annual Business Meeting Important updates, future plans, and your chance to have a voice in the Association.

1200 hrs: Lunch — \$10

Classic cookout-style meal. Simple, effective, and exactly what you want.

Afternoon – Explore the Area

If you're sticking around (and you should), Marquette has plenty to offer:

Take in **Lake Superior** views at Presque Isle Park
Hike up **Sugarloaf Mountain** for a view worth the effort
Walk or bike a section of the **Iron Ore Heritage Trail**
Relax lakeside at **McCarty's Cove**
Explore Downtown: coffee, craft breweries, shopping, and a few well-earned beverages

Evening Events

1700 hrs: Cocktails begin

1800 hrs: Posting of the Colors

Following introductions and recognition of honored guests, the annual banquet dinner will be served. Cost is \$25 per person. Come hungry and ready to wrap up the day the right way.

Additional Information

Please RSVP early so we can plan accordingly for meals and events. Additional details, including lodging options, will be shared soon.

Whether this is your first reunion or your fiftieth, we encourage you to show up, bring someone with you, and be part of keeping this tradition strong. The stories don't tell themselves and someone has to make sure the next generation hears them.

SFC Jessica R. Leahy

Vice 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.



New Life Members

Connaher, David	Baraboo, WI
Corullo, Jeffrey	Ironwood
Eskola, Ben	Osceola, WI
Hooyman, Bruce	Ironwood
Houle, Tim	L'Anse
Jarvi, Brian	Ishpeming
Kelsay, Andrew	Winnsboro, TX
Kusz, Gary	Ironwood
Lemire, David	Marquette
Rundell, Ronald	Wakefield
Seppamaki, Ron	Bruce Crossing
Seymour, Henry	Rapid River

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

Anderson Greg	Marquette
Beaudry Robert	Kingsford
Benson R.R.	Delano MN
Bessner Todd	Hancock
Bohlinger Rick	St Clair Shores
Brisson Joseph	Baraga
Burton Steve	Grand Ledge
Bussiere Donald	Ontonagon
Cronkright Jr Gary	Iron River
Danis Stephen	Calumet
Denoo Kerry	Leesburg FL
DeVerney Butch	Midland
Dougovito James	L'Anse
Dutcher Tom	Jackson WI
Ehrhardt Fritz	Vulcan
Floriano Joseph	Iron Mountain
Floriano Michael	Kingsford
Gillahan Dave	Eaton Rapids
Hendra John	Calumet
Hooyman Bruce	Ironwood
Houle Timothy	Skaneec
Hutcheson James	Peoria IL
Janssen Leonard	Wakefield
Jeannotte Robert	Hancock
Kelsay Andrew	Winnsboro TX
Kerry Adam	Hancock
Koljonen Bucky	Mohawk

Name	Date Of Death	Unit(s)
Audette, Gervais	19 Oct 24	Co A
Bastman, Hugo "Ray", SSG(ret)	19 Nov 25	HHC
Bausano, Donald, SFC(ret)	10 Dec 25	Co A
Beaulier, Dale, SSG(ret)	16 Jun 25	Co D
Carne, Willard, SFC(ret)	19 Dec 24	Det 1, Co B
King, Thomas, SGT(ret)	28 May 25	Det 1, Co B
Kinner, Alan	17 Nov 25	Det 1, Co B
Larson, Eugene, SGT(ret)	3 Jan 26	HHC
Latowski, Stanley, SSG(ret)	11 May 25	HHC
Lee, William, SSG(ret)	30 Nov 25	HHC
Luoma, Phillip, SSG(ret)	27 Oct 25	HHC
Marinelli, Jerry, SFC(ret)	21 Jun 25	Co D
Moulds, James, SFC(ret)	21 Feb 26	Det 1, Co D/HHC
Myers, Robert, SSG(ret)	8 Nov 25	Co C
Oien, Anthony, BG(ret)	5 Dec 25	HHC
Risberg, James	5 Nov 25	Det 1, Co B
Salmons, Larry, SSG(ret)	25 Apr 25	Det 1, Co B/RVN
Seija, Leroy	Mar 25	Det 1, Co B
Testolin, Joseph, SGT(ret)	9 Apr 25	Co D
Tharp, Calvin, 1SG(ret)	29 Nov 24	Co D/HHC
Wendt, Paul, SGT(ret)	13 Apr 25	HHC

Association Information

1. Our internet web address is 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

Donators(cont):

Krot Greg	Indian River
Kusz Gary	Ironwood
LaChance Dick	Kingman AZ
Laturi Phil	Iron River
LaVigne Carl	Rapid River
Luetzow William	Ishpeming
Maki Dean	Negaunee
McDonald Jerry	Sault Ste. Marie
Miller Tim	Marquette
Proulx Justin	Sault Ste Marie
Rundell Ronald	Wakefield
Schmitt William	Norway
Schwab James	L'Anse
Touchinski Mike	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 353(+7 from last year), with 177 life members.

A note from LTC(USA ret) Steve Danis formerly of Co A: “I joined Co A in Sep 1947. I completed my enlistment and was enrolled in SROTC at MTU. At that time, all the Co A officers and senior NCO's were WW II veterans. The C.O. was CPT Ed Kohn and Bing Boberg was 1SG.”

The Association now has a Venmo account. You can pay your dues via Venmo or the old fashioned way with your reunion RSVP. See the Association website for the Venmo account number and other information.

I hear from SSG(ret) Phil Laturi, Det 1, Co B every once in a while. He sent me this newspaper clipping from the 23 Apr 2025 edition of the Iron County Reporter, “Remember When, 75 years ago.” At that time I think the armory was an anti-aircraft artillery unit. (continued below)

Those who attended the 2025 reunion in Ironwood

Bessner, Todd/Tami	Hancock
Bohlinger, Rick	St Clair Shores
Brolsma, Matt	Holt
Burton, Steve	Grand Ledge
Bussiere, Don/Dorothy	Ontonagon
Carlson, Steve	Nisula
Corullo, Jeffrey	Ironwood
Dahlgren, Eric/Sally	Munising
Davis, Jay/Katie	Kingsford
Degrote, Bud	Lowell
Denoo, Kerry/Liz	Leesburg, FL
Dougovito, Jim/Linda	L'Anse
Dutcher, Tom/Jean	Jackson, WI
Ehrhardt, Fritz/Mary Kay	Vulcan
Eskola, Ben/Heidi	Osceola, WI
Floriano Mike/Debbie	Kingsford
Floriano, Joe/Marilu	Iron Mountain
Fredrickson, Jim/Diane	Livonia
Hendra, John/Cheryl	Calumet
Hooyman, Bruce	Ironwood
Houle, Tim/Vanessa	Skaneec
Janssen, Len/Inge	Wakefield
Jeannotte, Rob/Michelle	Hancock
Koljonen, Bucky/Liisa	Mohawk
Krot, Greg	Indian River
Kusz, Gary/Mary	Ironwood
Miller, Tim/Lisa	Marquette
Niemi, Don/Sharon	Quinnesecc
Perry, Tom/Tonya	Ishpeming
Pietila, William	Green Bay, WI
Pietila, Jr, William	Howard, WI
Proehl, Ben	Rapid River
Recla, Mike	Ironwood
Rehn, Curt	Kingsford
Ross, Ron/Donna	Gladwin
Rundell, Ron	Wakefield
Sackmann, Alex/Emily	Bessemer
Schwab, Jim	L'Anse
Seppamaki, Ron	Bruce Crossing
Sertich, Jim	Ironwood
Simmons, Jim/Cindy	Ironwood
Sullivan, Jim	Nisula
Tulppo, Bob/Barbara	Caspian
Webber, Jim/Pam	Bessemer

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“Short Snorts”

“75 years ago (1950): The material of ack-ack warfare has finally arrived to give Iron River's national guard unit, Baker battery, some tangible semblance of the anti-aircraft automatic weapons outfit it is supposed to be. Delivered this week to the battery armory on W Minckler street were two 40mm guns mounted on rubber tired carriages and equipped with telescopic directors, as the initial issue of the firing weapons that will eventually reach full strength dimension. The 40mm guns are defense against low-flying aircraft. A convoy from Fort Custer brought the guns, along with such miscellaneous items as two 50-caliber machine guns, a jeep, field glasses, sub-machine guns, gas masks, a field stove, picks and shovels and other tools and equipment.”

-Phil also sent me a roster of all the Soldiers assigned to the Iron River Armory from 20 Dec 1949 (including 42 charter members) through Sep 1990. This includes the artillery battery and Det 1, Co B, 107th Engineers. (Editors note: I assume the late SFC Bob Byczek the unit administrator assembled this roster.) I have scanned the original 20+ pages and it is posted to the website, Iron River Armory Roster.

-One of the armory charter members was PV1 Jack P. Jacobson. He is 96 years old and still sends his reunion RSVP in every year.

-Ye' old secretary is getting old and tired. I've been in the position since about 1999, it's getting to be time to find a younger vet to assume the role. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a good secretary/webmaster, let me know. Tom

-I have the opportunity to go to Europe in Sep 2026 to explore Omaha Beach, the battalion's Battle of the Bulge AOR, among other places. Look for a report on my trip in next year's Bull Sheet. Tom

Good As Done!

2025 Association Business Meeting Highlights

1. Approved the 2024 meeting minutes(draft copy posted to the website) and 2025 treasurers report.
2. Followed up with approving a Venmo account for the Association. You can now pay your dues thru the website using Venmo.
3. Approved Marquette for the 2026 reunion along with the 2025-2026 slate of officers.
4. A motion was approved to have those attending the reunion to pay for their meals in advance to allow the unit the funding to pay for the meal services. Prepay can be done either the conventional way by snail mail or via Venmo on the website.
5. The 107th Engineers monument probably needs to be inspected to see if the paint needs to be touched up. Tom Perry contacted LTC Mark McNeill at Camp Grayling. He will inspect it and report back.
6. We are always looking to increase our Association membership. Many of us are getting up in years. The best way to grow our ranks and keep the Association going is to invite those battalion vets that you know to attend the next reunion.



107th ENGINEER ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee for 2025-2026

President	CPT Heath Welch,	FSC, 107th Engr Bn
Vice President	SFC Jessica Leahy	FSC, 107th Engr Bn
Secretary & Bull Sheet	LTC(ret) Tom Perry	HHC/A/Det 1, Co B, 107 th Eng Bn
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3 Year Director	SFC(ret) Bucky Koljonen	Co B/Co A, 107th Eng Bn
2 Year Director	SFC(ret) Jim Simmons	Co B/1432nd Engr Co
1 Year Director	SFC(ret) Jay Davis	1432nd Engr Co

For information about the Marquette area, including **lodging**, follow this link:

<https://www.travelmarquette.com/>



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

Before 1 Jul 2026 mail the notice below to: 107th Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849

After 1 Jul 2026 Contact SFC Jessica Leahy, 906-662-6175 or by email at jessica.r.leahy.mil@army.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.

The 64th annual reunion of the 107th Engineer Association will be held 31 Jul – 1 Aug 2026 at the Marquette Armory.

1. These are the meals I/we plan to attend during the reunion: **Please send payment for meals with your RSVP.**

My name: _____

My guest(s): _____

Fri, 31 Jul, 1800-???? hrs, mixer, cost: Free _____ (how many)

Sat, 1 Aug, 0800-0930 hrs, breakfast, cost \$10 ea _____ (how many)

Sat, 1 Aug, 1200-???? hrs, lunch, cost \$10 ea _____ (how many)

Sat, 1 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 information please check the Association web site at "www.107thengineers.org"