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107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association  
Business Meeting Minutes  
22 August 2009  
Iron River, MI

The meeting was called to order at 1410 hrs by President Doug Weesner. There were 22 members present.

Secretary Tom Perry read the 2008 business meeting minutes. A motion was made by Joe Testolin and seconded by Joe Floriano to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Don Bussiere presented the 2009 Treasurers Report which is attached as a part of these minutes. A motion was made by Dan Garceau and seconded by Butch DeVerney to approve the report as presented with corrections. Motion carried.

Joe Floriano will hold a meeting of the Lineage and Honors Committee right after this meeting. The purpose of this committee is to capture the activities and mobilizations of the battalion since September 11, 2001. He is soliciting volunteers to gather info and data about each of the different platoons and companies that deployed.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Joe Floriano and seconded by Howard Duncan to pay the web site hosting fees of \$10 per month/\$120 per year. Motion carried. It was suggested that the Association take ownership and therefore financial responsibility for the website domain and the fees. Secretary Perry will check with Webmaster Ross Stevens and see how he wants to handle the suggestion. There will be follow up at the 2010 business meeting.

Ed Jachimski has volunteered to oversee the updating of the history book from 1981 to 2001. He will seek help from Fred Stonehouse, the author of the original history book.

At the 2008 business meeting the following question was raised: "Do the by-laws need to be amended to reflect the changing dates of the annual reunion and business meeting?" Answer: No. Reference the following excerpt from the by-laws:

Article VIII, Meetings; Section 1, The Annual Meeting and Convention shall be held between June 15 and August 31 at a time and place selected by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership present at the preceding Annual Meeting.

New Business:

A motion was made by Gary Brown and seconded by Joe Testolin to nominate Det 1, 1431<sup>st</sup> Engineer Company in Baraga as the location for the 2010 reunion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rob Sexton and seconded by Butch DeVerney to set 13-15 August 2010 as the dates for the next reunion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Burton and seconded by Ed Jachimski to approve the following slate of officers. Motion carried.

- a. President, SFC(ret) James Turnunen, Det 1, 1431<sup>st</sup> Engr Co

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- b. Vice President, SSG Timothy Houle, Det 1, 1431<sup>st</sup> Engr Co
- c. Secretary, LTC(ret) Thomas Perry
- d. Treasurer, 1SG(ret) Donald Bussiere
- e. Public Relations Officer, MAJ Scott Etelamaki
- f. Historian, CW5 Joseph Floriano
- g. Chaplain, MAJ(ret) Edwin Jachimski
- h. Permanent Director(Battalion Commander), LTC Peter Hill
- i. 4 Year Director, SGM(ret) Danny Garceau
- j. 3 Year Director, SGT(ret) Joseph Testolin
- k. 2 Year Director, MAJ(ret) Edward (Chum) Leask
- l. 1 Year Director, CSM Darrell Wagner
- m. Secretary Emeritus, Mr. Edward Vickstrom

PVT Joseph Heimes' rock. The PVT Heimes memorial rock located in the Ishpeming Armory parking lot needs to be moved to make room for parking lot construction. There are two proposals as to where the rock should be moved. One is to locate it at the Calumet Armory, because he was a member of that unit when he died. The other is to move it to the CCI museum because he died on CCI property during the copper strike. The rock was originally carved at the location of his death on CCI property. The CCI museum has pledged to display the rock as a part of local and unit history. A motion was made by Ed Jachimski and seconded by Fuzzy Garceau to donate the rock to the CCI museum. Motion carried. A second motion was made by Tom Perry and seconded by Gary LaFreniere to spend not more than \$300 to have a diorama made of the rock display. The diorama will be displayed at the Calumet Armory. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about how to handle updating or additional GWOT mobilization plaques at the armories. The consensus was that the Association would buy the plaques and the units would pay for the engraving. A motion was made by Tom Perry and supported by Danny Garceau to refer the matter to the Lineage and Honors Committee for action. Motion carried.

It was noted that the fiftieth Association reunion will be held in 2011. It was noted that Kingsford was the likely location based on the rotation schedule. The location will be confirmed at the 2010 business meeting.

There was a discussion about extending a free one year Association membership to any battalion Soldier who has mobilized in support of the Global War on Terror. A motion was made by Danny Garceau and supported by Scott Etelamaki to implement that idea. Motion carried. Any Soldier who wishes to take advantage of this offer only has to inform the Association or the reunion registration desk to receive their card. They will be taken at their "word of honor" as to eligibility.

A motion was made by Joe Floriano and supported by Howard Duncan to have the reunion hosting unit to have the Friday night reunion activities have an OEF/OIF theme. Motion carried. Activities should include pictures, displays, narrated slide show, mementos, etc.

Motion by Ed Jachimski and seconded by Butch DeVerney to spend not more than \$500 from the Memorialization funds to repaint the battalion lineage signs hanging in the Ishpeming Armory. Motion carried.

MAJ(ret) Ed Jachimski lead the members in reciting the Association Pledge.

Motion to adjourn at 1515 hrs by Don Bussiere and supported by Steve Burton. Motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas E. Perry  
Secretary

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