

107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association  
Business Meeting Minutes  
14 August 2010  
Baraga, MI

The meeting was called to order at 1301 hrs by President Jim Turnunen. There were 32 members present.

Secretary Tom Perry read the 2009 business meeting minutes. A motion was made by Don DeRoche and seconded by Dan Garceau to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Don Bussiere presented the 2010 Treasurers Report which is attached as a part of these minutes. A motion was made by Dan Garceau and seconded by Ed Jachimski to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

Lineage and Honors Committee. No report at this time. Chairman Joe Floriano had drill this weekend.

The purpose of this committee is to capture the activities and mobilizations of the battalion since September 11, 2001. Joe Floriano is 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 Mr. Floriano.

Old Business:

The website fees have been paid by donations from two members, Bob Wilson (Co C retiree) and Ross Stevens (Co A/1431st retiree). A motion was made by Bob Jeannotte and seconded by Jim Dougovito to award Ross a life membership and a 107<sup>th</sup> hat for his work in developing and maintaining the website over the years. Motion carried. The members present also unanimously thanked Bob Wilson (already a Life Member) by acclamation for his generous donations for the past few years to keep the website funded. It was suggested that the Association take ownership and therefore financial responsibility for the website domain and the fees. Secretary Perry checked with Webmaster Ross Stevens. Ross said he was not worried about the financial responsibilities for owning and maintaining the website. He considered it a part of his support for the Association. Issue closed.

Ed Jachimski is still working with Fred Stonehouse to update of the history book from 1981 to 2001. Fred Stonehouse is the author of the original history book published in 1981.

The PVT Joseph Heimes' rock has been moved and is on display at the CCI museum. A professionally matted picture of the rock on display at the museum is hanging in the Calumet Armory. Thanks to Gary LaFreniere for completing these two projects.

The battalion lineage signs on display in the Ishpeming Armory have been repainted. The cost was slightly higher than expected. An additional \$100 is needed to pay for the completed work. Said motion was made by Gerry Harry and seconded by Steve Burton. Motion carried.

New Business:

\*\*A motion was made by Bob Jeannotte and seconded by Ed Jachimski to nominate 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Company in Kingsford as the location for the 2011 reunion. Motion carried.

\*\*A motion was made by Ed Jachimski and seconded by Don Bussiere to set 19-21 August 2011 as the dates for the next reunion. Motion carried.

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

- a. \*\*President, 1LT Jesse Kohtala, 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engr Co
- b. \*\*Vice President, 1SG Douglas Weesner, 1432<sup>nd</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 Edward Hallenbeck
- i. 4 Year Director, 1SG(ret) Butch DeVerney
- j. 3 Year Director, SGM(ret) Danny Garceau
- k. 2 Year Director, SGT(ret) Joseph Testolin
- l. 1 Year Director, MAJ(ret) Edward (Chum) Leask
- m. Secretary Emeritus, Mr. Edward Vickstrom

*\*\*The location and dates for the 2011 reunion had to be changed because the 1432<sup>nd</sup> Engr Co had conflicts with deployment and training requirements. The Association Executive Committee, in conjunction with Battalion leadership, determined that the following changes are warranted for the 2011 reunion.*

*Location: Ishpeming Armory*

*Hosts: Field Support Company with assistance from Headquarters Support Company*

*Dates: 12-14 August 2011*

*President: 1LT Kristina Waara, Cdr, FSC, 107E*

*VP: 1SG Patrick Dinkins, 1SG, FSC, 107<sup>E</sup>*

*Thank you for your understanding in these changes.)*

It was suggested that the Lineage and Honors Committee look into some how commemorating all the commands that the Battalion Soldiers have served with/under during their deployments. Matter referred to committee.

It was suggested that a binder or listing be assembled to show all the deceased members of the Association as listed in the Bull Sheet TAPS section over the years. Don Bussiere volunteered to complete that task.

The Association membership extends a big thank you to the 1431<sup>st</sup> for an outstanding reunion and history room display.

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

Motion to adjourn at 1340 hrs by Tom Perry and supported by Don Bussiere. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas E. Perry  
Secretary