



# THE 13TH (C) ENGINEER

**"IN OMNIA PARATUS"**



**NEWSLETTER OF THE 13TH ENGINEER (C) BN.ASSN.**

APRIL , 2018

## **PRESIDENTS CORNER - ARLIE E. ELLIS**



Subject: Message from the President's corner on 3/14/2018

Time is getting closer to our reunion and everyone must think about your registration for Branson Missouri, a really great place. The Grand Plaza Hotel is one of the best places to stay with a star 5 rating. We were there in 2017 on three different trips to check out places of interest and attend some of the shows that were offered. There are so many restaurants to choose from with every kind of food you could want and the shows were great. We attended the BALKNOBBERS THEATRE and the LEGENDS IN CONCERT, Dick Clark's American Bandstand. Those entertainers were equal to the real stars if not even better. All the show entertainers are first class. Please check your Branson 2017 Vacation Guide that the Chamber of Commerce, Branson Missouri sent you in 2017. My thanks to Julie Peters for her advise with the reunion plus her 171 mail outs to members of the 13th Engineer Bn Association .

The 13th Engineer(C) Bn Association has purchased a 8x5 box in trailer to carry our flags and equipment to all of our reunions in the future, keeping everything together in one area for transport and storage. I will keep it in my back yard behind a locked gate and haul it once every two years to our reunions. I am also building storage PVC tube placement for our flags and equipment. Look for Photos in our news letter of this very useful trailer. To our Veterans "THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE"

Arlie E Ellis -President 13th Engineer(C) Bn Association



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VP Corner

As the reunion gets closer I find myself getting more anxious to get it started. I always appreciate the time spent with my fellow engineers and the swapping of stories. With the passing of Dick Elwood it became even more important for me to spend as much time as possible with my brothers. I hope that every member of the association can be at this upcoming reunion, we really never know when it may be our last. For those who may not be able to attend know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Keep the Faith



IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)

## **WEB SITE CORNER**

### **HARRY E. (GENE) REED**



Nothing new to report on the website. If there are any question or comments please contact me direct at [genereed@genereedins.com](mailto:genereed@genereedins.com) or on the officer's page on the website. My day time phone number is 317-268-6455.

Also anyone that is familiar with WordPress and would like to help with maintaining the website let me know.

Thank You

Gene Reed

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Webmaster 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association

TOM COTTON , 58-59



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Amy Saturday, 7/8/17, 12:48 PM

I am trying to find info on my grandfather. His name was Cpl. Glenn J. Leary. He served in the 13th Engineering Unit of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea until receiving cease fire orders in 1953. Anyone know how I might find what company he was in or any information on him at all? Any direction is greatly appreciated!!!

From: Wisconsin  
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**SECRETARY CORNER - RONALD L. SALVADOR**

Getting ready for Branson!!!!

We are finalizing last minute details, the Grand Plaza is taking reservations, and we've taken the cost down to \$113 per person for reunion activities plus your hotel room. Sounds like a good deal to me --- and the Grand Plaza will let you stay three days before and three days after the reunion dates for the same \$89 room rate.

**Secretary Business:** Effective October 2017, I have moved the following 24 members who are over a year delinquent (2016) to **Inactive** status. This will be the last newsletter they will receive and they will not be permitted to participate in official business of the Association until they reinstate themselves:

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If any member has reason to believe these data are incorrect and dues beyond 2016 have been paid but not credited, please notify the secretary, Ron Salvador, about the discrepancy. If any member has knowledge of any other change of status of the above-named members, please pass that info to Ron Salvador or Billy Quinton.



### New Span Ready for Traffic

Maj. Gen. Chester L. Johnson (center), commanding general 7th Inf. Div., and Mayor Nam Sang Hun cut the ribbon to open the new Bayonet Bridge at Tongduchon, across the Sin Ch'on

River. The 348-foot bridge was built by C Co. 13th Eng. Bn. Lt. Col. Harvey C. Jones (right) and Tongduchon Police Chief Kim Tek Hyon (left) assist in the ceremonies. (USA)

**ARTICLE FURNISHED BY CARTER L.G.LASS  
FROM THE STARS AND STRIPES, 1966**

PICTURES FROM RUSSEL RUTH, A  
FOUNDING FATHER OF THE  
ASSOCIATION.,PIC OF HIM 1967



### NIGHT MARE RANGE WORK 1967



### HQ FOR A Co. CAMP KAISER 1967



### VILLAGE OUT SIDE OF CAMP KAISER

1967



**TREASURE'S CORNER= JES D. MCIVER****13<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER (C) BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
INCOME AND EXPENCE FOR YEAR 2017**

BEGINNING BALANCE 26,066.20

**INCOME**

ACCOUNT INTEREST	11.96	
COIN INCOME	260.61	
DUES	510.00	
NEWSLETTER FUND	345.00	
QUARTERMASTER SALE	190.50	
TOTAL		1,318.07

**EXPENSE**

BATT COINS	672.00	
COIN SALE EXPENSE	18.32	
NEWSLETTER EXPENCE	1,475.42	
QUARTERMSTR SUPPLIES	26.87	
WEB SITE EXPENCE	5,930.99	
TOTAL		8,123.60

ENDING BALANCE 19,260.67



One Long Spring Day in 1953 for the Third Platoon, Company A, 13th Engineers  
by Dean C. Engel

The following is an article from the Korea Edition of the Pacific Stars and Stripes, Vol. 9, No. 145 dated Tuesday, May 26, 1953. It reports an experience that Sgt. Marvin A. Ramthun and I had on the morning of April 16, 1953, as the action was winding down after the battle for Pork Chop Hill described by S. L. A. Marshall in his book, "Pork Chop Hill", and portrayed in the movie, "Pork Chop Hill".

The newspaper article makes it sound as if I were interviewed for the story, but in fact it was drawn from the recommendation for a Bronze Star Medal for Valor which I submitted for my Platoon Sergeant, Marvin A. Ramthun. His name is not mentioned in the newspaper article because he was wounded and it was the policy of the Stars and Stripes not to name persons who were casualties.

Early on that morning of April 16, Sgt. Ramthun and I left the third platoon in a sheltered area behind hill 347, rode an APC (Armored Personnel Carrier) out to Pork Chop and checked in with the Infantry Company Commander in the CP (Command Post) on top of the hill. He told us the hill was "secure" as had the Infantry Battalion Commander before we went out there. The Company Commander indicated that he would appreciate us first clearing out the trench-work, most of it covered by timbers and sandbags. The heavy artillery fire had broken down the overhead cover so badly that much of the covered trench was blocked by debris. Incoming artillery was still falling at about five rounds per minute.

Since the trench near the CP was blocked we ran back down the hill out in the open toward the landing where we could catch an APC back to where the platoon was waiting. Part way down I saw an opening in the overhead cover and jumped in thinking we could proceed the rest of the way in the covered trench to avoid some of the incoming artillery. I just discovered the trench was blocked immediately downhill from the opening when Sgt. Ramthun jumped in behind me. At that instant a single bullet was fired from behind us which hit Ramthun in the back and knocked him down.

In the covered trench up-hill from the opening we jumped into was a sand-bag barricade behind which some Chinese soldiers were holed up in a short section of the trench with the carbine still intact. Ramthun said, "Look out sir, sniper." As I whined around with my carbine one of my first thoughts was, "Don't call me sir up here."

Since the trench down-hill was blocked ahead of us we had no alternative but to stand right there and fire back. Ramthun was in pain but still able to kneel and fire his carbine. We were within 10 yards of the Chinese, but never did see them because there was only a small opening between the top of their barricade and the overhead timbers.

They pushed out two or three grenades which fell right in front of the barricade, but the debris in the trench from the collapsed roof formed a kind of pit into which the grenades dropped, so we could continue to fire through the aperture of their position without having to fall flat. We had no grenades of our own. I decided we had to eliminate the snipers before we could get out of the trap we were in because Ramthun was injured.

The infantry units on the hill were being replaced so I yelled to the passing soldiers to leave their extra grenades on top of the trench containing the Chinese. Ramthun indicated he could continue the fight, so I reloaded my carbine and gave it to him so he

would have two weapons. I still had a .45 pistol in a holster on my belt. I moved closer to the barricade and Ramthun fired while I scrambled out of the trench and on top of the cover over the Chinese.

As indicated in the newspaper story, I was able to put several grenades into the aperture. I think they threw at least one back out, but some of them exploded in the enemy position. When I moved back down into the trench I could hear labored breathing from the enemy. When I could no longer hear the breathing, I decided we should try to leave.

Sgt. Ramthun had a large bruised area on his back, like he had been hit with a baseball bat, but his skin had not been punctured. I think he had one or more broken ribs. I believe the bullet was still inside his jacket.

The bullet had most likely been directed at me but Ramthun jumped between the sniper and me at the split second the round was fired. It just wasn't my day to be shot. There was a dead American BAR man in the trench when we jumped in. I would guess he was a victim of the sniper before we arrived. The body was not dusty so it hadn't been there very long.

When Sgt. Ramthun and I got back to the check point where we had left the platoon, I told him to get his back looked at. I don't know where, or even if, he had his injured back treated before he was re-injured later that day. Artillery was still so heavy out on the hill that I only took a half squad back out to start moving sandbags and timbers, intending to bring the rest of the men out when things cooled down out there. Things never did cool down so most of the platoon spent the day behind hill 347.

That afternoon Sgt. Ramthun came back out to Pork Chop with some explosives and to see if I needed help. I think he had gotten his ribs taped up, but his back was still painful. I told him I didn't want him to stay out there, but before he went back to the platoon I could use some advice on a problem.

The infantry on the hill wanted to use a section of covered trench that had a booby-trapped Chinese body propped against the trench wall. The body was decapitated, the hands were tucked into the opposite sleeves of the jacket, and a green mortar or artillery round was barely visible under one leg. I took Sgt. Ramthun over there to get his opinion about clearing the body from the trench.

He was standing straddling the legs of the body and we were discussing if I might try separating the hands by pulling them apart with communication wire from a distance. I had hold of Ramthun's arm when a mortar round came in through a hole in the overhead cover and exploded a few feet from him. He suffered a shattered elbow, was gut-shot, and was hit in the foot. Since I was on his other side, I didn't get a scratch. Again, it wasn't my day.

He started to sag and would have fallen right on top of the booby-trapped body. I gripped his arm as hard as I could and told him to "stand." He straightened his knees and stood right there straddling the booby-trapped body. He had the personal strength to remain conscious, upright, (and alive) until I got an Infantry Sergeant to help me lift him away from the booby-trap.

The Sergeant who helped me with Sgt. Ramthun had his leg blown off by another mortar round a few minutes later. They both rode back on the same APC. I told Ramthun to be sure they knew he had a foot injury so they didn't give all their attention to his other wounds while he bled inside his boot.

Article Furnished by Dean C. Engel

From the Korean Edition of the Pacific Stars & Stripes.

## Pair Of Yanks Smoke Out Red Suicide Sniper Duo

WITH U.S. 7TH DIV, May 30 —Two engineers recently used infantry tactics to kill a Chinese sniper duo making a suicide stand on a reconquered outpost.

The 3d Platoon of Company A, 13th Engineer Combat Battalion, had moved out to Pork Chop hill to begin the unpleasant task of rebuilding the outpost's shattered defenses. Leaving the men on the hill's reverse slope, Platoon Leader 2d Lt. Dean Engel, Kenmare, N.D., and his platoon sergeant made a reconnaissance of the hill.

"We'd started back," said Engel, recalling the early morning episode, "and mortar rounds were falling at about the rate of five per minute. I was in the lead and jumped through a gap in the overhead cover into a section of trench. The sergeant jumped in after me."

THE SECOND engineer's feet had hardly touched the ground when he was shot in the back by a concealed enemy sniper less than five yards down the trench. "He fell beside me and gasped 'Look out, sir—sniper,'" said Engel.

But the sergeant wasn't finished. He pulled himself to his knees and opened fire in the direction of the enemy. The lieutenant moved in closer to a position from which he delivered crossfire. The sniper continued to fire and throw grenades from behind a barricade of sandbags built across the trench. "But our carbine fire made him keep his head down," explained Engel.

AS FAR AS both engineers knew the sergeant had a bullet in his back. "He was having trouble breathing," continued Engel. "I asked him how he was and he said he didn't know, but that he would continue the fight. I hailed a passing infantryman and borrowed some grenades. The sergeant covered me with both carbines while

I lay on top of the position, reached under, and threw grenades up and over the wall. The sergeant told me when the grenades went over."

Engel threw 13 grenades, five of which exploded in the enemy stronghold. The sergeant refused medical aid in order to provide cover.

DECIDING THAT the sniper was dead, the Bulldozer officer helped his comrade out of the hole and examined his back. The sniper's first shot had gone through the stock of the sergeant's carbine and almost penetrated through his armored vest. Although the wounded man's back was badly bruised and he had possible broken ribs,

He was evacuated out, returned to duty the same day only to be wounded by an enemy shell fragment and he reevacuated.

Engel returned to the outpost the following day on a routine mission and investigated the scene of the action. "I found two dead Chinese in the position," he recounted. "They were facing in opposite directions to cover both ends of the trench."

Ramthun insisted on riding back inside the APC rather than on a stretcher on top. WO Fred Starks, Company Administrator, traced his evacuation route while preparing a casualty report and found he was still feisty and insisted on sitting up while he waited for treatment, probably at NORMASH.

Meanwhile back on Pork Chop, I returned to the trench where Ramthun was wounded and put a small charge on the shell under the booby-trapped body which blew it out through the hole in the roof.

Not far away a sleeping bunker with no aperture had several Chinese soldiers holed up in it denying our troops use of the trench that passed the doorway. I was asked if we could blow a hole in the roof of the bunker. I sent back for a shaped charge, but before I could get one out there a Korean soldier (KATUSA) speaking Japanese, got them to surrender.

There were, I think, about twelve Chinese prisoners taken on "secure" Pork Chop during the day on April 16 in addition to those we killed. Because of that and the continued artillery barrage, I never judged it appropriate to bring the rest of the platoon out to Pork Chop that day. Late in the afternoon I took the half squad back to the check-point, loaded up the rest of the platoon and went back to the company area.

Those men who went out on Pork Chop that day came home dirty, tired, and hungry. The men who waited all day to go out there and were then loaded up and brought back, found it difficult to get supper. Some of those who tried, threw up. "Merely" waiting all that long day was not as easy as it might sound, but they all got their chance on Pork Chop the next day, and the next, and the next.

### Epilogue

Sgt. Ramthun was the only casualty in the Third Platoon that day although the platoon suffered many casualties in the days preceding and following. I once counted 32 killed or wounded in that platoon in the few months I was there.

I never saw Sgt. Ramthun again, although I had a letter from him written from a hospital in Japan on April 29, 1953, by Pat Schoonover who was visiting him there while on R & R. Ramthun's writing arm was in a cast. In a P.S. Pat wrote, "If you can't read this, take it to 'Young' Schoonover. He can." Signed "Big" Schoonover. "Young" Schoonover was Dan Schoonover who was killed in action on Pork Chop July 10, 1953, and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Pat Schoonover died in 1966.

Marvin Ramthun joined the Navy in 1947 for 2 years. He completed his service in the Army in 1951. Although disabled by the injuries to his right arm, he worked as a carpenter in the Hot Springs, AR, area following separation from the Army. He was a member of the VFW, Life member of the Military Order of Purple Heart and a member of the DAV. He died on August 2, 1967. He and his wife, Betty, had seven sons and three daughters. One of their sons died in 2004.



## CHAPLAIN - CHARLES A. KOENIG



### FROM ONE OF OUR PAST CHAPLAINS CORNER . 2004

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APRIL 2004

#### Chaplain's Corner

Rick Atkinson, in the prologue of his three-book history of World War II, *An Army At Dawn*, describes the 27-acre American Military Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia. "Some 240 stones," he writes, "are inscribed with the saddest words in our language: 'Here rests in honored glory a comrade in arms known but to God.'" He goes on to say: "A long limestone wall contains the names of another 3,724 men still missing."

The Tunisian cemetery, where American servicemen are buried who fell in battle, reminds us again how costly it is to the young people of our nation to fight our wars.

The words "known but to God" and "still missing" are sad, lonely words. When we think of these fallen comrades, however, we also think of the most positive words in our language - words such as freedom, courage, faithfulness and sacrifice.

I am reminded, too, of the great words of assurance and hope that come to us from God, words that comfort us and make our hearts glad, especially in times of stress, worry and fear?

Psalm 23 begins: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," and ends, "surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Recall the message the angel brought to the world on that cold winter's night, (we can remember many of those in Korea) "Do not be afraid for I bring you good news, which shall be to all the people."

Or remember the comforting words: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." And now at Easter, we hear the hope-filled statement made at the grave of our Lord who came to give His life for us: "He is not here. He is risen."

Every soldier, every "comrade in arms," probably finds comfort and strength in the familiar words of John Newton who wrote: "Through many dangers, trials and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

Above and beyond the sad words in life there are many more words that make us glad and give us hope.

Earl C. Kettler, Bn Chaplain 52-53



**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**  
**EARL C. KETTLER**

A REPRINT FROM 2006 NL, THOUGHT THE NEWER MEMBERS MIGHT LIKE IT.

## PAST PRESIDENTS CORNER =LEVI O. HRIRE AKA-RABBIT



### THIS WAS WHERE IT ALL STARTED

In 1993 the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association had their reunion in late May early June instead of September in Monterey - Fort Ord, CA. The division was in the process of furling its colors. The 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Commander LTC David Fastabend invited all former veterans of the battalion to spend June 3<sup>rd</sup> with the battalion; we met in the Battalion Headquarters Building, each of us introduced our spouse and ourselves and told of our tour with the battalion. LTC Fastabend Battalion Coimmander presented to The Honorary Colonel of the Battalion George Cookson and Honorary Command Sergeants Major of the Battalion Maurice Reeves AK 47 bayonets from the battalions campaign in Panama (See picture below).

Of interest to several of us were photo albums started by Norm Strickbine at Camp Crawford, Japan and on through his tour in Korea, Norm even developed his pictures when we were up on the Yalu River when the temperature was 50 below zero. The albums were continued for several years, looks as if the same camera was used, captions were in different handwriting about every year.

We had lunch in the Dinning facility??? (mess hall); the afternoon was spent viewing the battalion's equipment and the troops personal gear. A great day, this was my second visit, I had spent a day there a couple years earlier..

LTC Fastabend is still on active duty and is now a Brigadier General, The Battalion XO Charles Smithers is also still on active duty and is now a Colonel, two fine soldiers. Both are long time members of the Association.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK RABBIT FOR ALL THE HISTORICAL ITEMS AND INFORMATION/PICTURES HE HAS OF THE START OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE ASSOCIATION IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A HISTORIAN- "PLEASE VOLUNTEER"**

## QUARTERMASTER- TOM COTTON.



Billy, I'm gonna mail you three pictures of me when I was in beautiful "Korea". I'm not much on scanning and stuff like that, so the snail mail should get there before the cut off time for publication. You're free to select which ever pic your choose to use or none if you choose that, it's okay by me. The pics should have on the back of the what they are.

FOR PICTURES, SEE PAGE-4

I just want to let everyone know that Branson has something for everyone including shopping for the women. Old Branson has probably the only five and dime store in existence that I know of, most women love it, they have so much junk you can't turn around in it. As all our advanced party of our officers stated, Branson is probably one of the most Veteran friendly towns there is and there is entertainment suited for everyone. I imagine we'll stay a few additional days. So I can just about guarantee fun will be had by all.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and anxious to meet our new members, so if the good Lord's willing and the creeks don't rise, we'll see ya in Sept.

I'll get the pics in the mail either today or tomorrow.

Tom Cotton, retiring quartermaster



## KOREAN WAR - CASUALTY SUMMARY

As of May 16, 2008

CASUALTY TYPE	TOTAL	ARMY	AIR FORCE	MARINES	NAVY
Killed in Action	23,613	19,715	209	3,320	369
Died of Wounds	2,460	1,887	14	532	207
Missing in Action - Declared Dead	4,817	3,337	991	386	103
Captured - Declared Dead	2,849	2,792	24	29	4
<b>TOTAL HOSTILE DEATHS</b>	<b>33,739</b>	<b>27,731</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>4,267</b>	<b>501</b>
Missing - Presumed Dead	8	4	4		
Other Deaths	2827	2,121	310	242	154
<b>TOTAL NON-HOSTILE DEATHS</b>	<b>2835</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>TOTAL IN-THEATER DEATHS*</b>	<b>36,574</b>	<b>29,856</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>655</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-THEATER DEATHS</b>	<b>17,672</b>	<b>7,277</b>	<b>5,532</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>3,844</b>
<b>TOTAL DEATHS</b>	<b>54,246</b>	<b>37,133</b>	<b>7,084</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>4,501</b>
Killed in Action - No Remains	1,521	1,072	49	252	148
Died of Wounds - No Remains	22	22			
Missing in Action - Declared Dead - No Remains	4,549	3,276	807	372	94
Captured - Declared Dead - No Remains	1,891	1,850	13	25	3
Non-hostile Missing - Presumed Dead - No Remains	8	4	4		
Non-hostile Other Deaths - No Remains	84	5	37	6	36
<b>TOTAL - NO REMAINS</b>	<b>8,075</b>	<b>6,229</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>WOUNDED - NOT MORTAL</b>	<b>103,284</b>	<b>77,596</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>23,744</b>	<b>1,570</b>
<b>NUMBER SERVING WORLDWIDE**</b>	<b>5,720,000</b>	<b>2,834,000</b>	<b>1,285,000</b>	<b>424,000</b>	<b>1,177,000</b>
<b>NUMBER SERVING IN-THEATER**</b>	<b>1,789,000</b>	<b>1,153,000</b>	<b>241,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>265,000</b>

\*Inclusive dates are June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. Casualty dates after the end date represent service members who were wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds and those service members who were involved in an incident during the period and were later declared dead.

\*\*Estimated Figures

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## Army Building New 'Ambidextrous' Multi-Purpose Grenade

James Rogers, September 22, 2016

### The Enhanced Tactical Multi-Purpose (ET-MP) Grenade (U.S. Army)

Engineers at the U.S. Army's Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey are developing an ambidextrous multi-purpose hand grenade, which is the military's first new lethal hand grenade in more than 40 years.

The Enhanced Tactical Multi-Purpose (ET-MP) grenade will let soldiers set the grenade to fragmentation or concussive effect with the flip of a switch. The weapon is also designed for ambidextrous use so it can be both armed and thrown easily with either hand. Current grenades require a different arming procedure for left-handed users, according to the Army.

War Is Boring reports that the Army's current M67 grenade was designed for right-handed soldiers, so left-handed troops are trained to flip the grenade upside and hold the safety lever down with their left thumb, while pulling out the ring with the opposite hand.

The Army is also touting the new grenade's ability to provide both fragmentation and blast overpressure more effectively and safely. Blast overpressure refers to the impact of the grenade's shock wave on body surfaces.

Defense expert Peter Quentin, a research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in London, sees the ET-MP as an important addition to the Army's arsenal. "What's quite interesting is the objective they are trying to achieve with this, which is a discretionary weapons system," he told FoxNews.com. "This is important because it is all about minimizing collateral damage and civilian casualties, ensuring the appropriate effect is easily achieved and simple concussion/fragmentation selection makes it more likely to employ appropriate force."

The request for a multi-purpose grenade was received from service personnel in 2010 and research began almost immediately. Engineers have been working with the U.S. Army's Infantry School, as well as active-duty soldiers and Marines, to find exactly what troops require in a grenade.

"Our warfighter lost the capability of using an alternate lethal hand grenade when the MK3A2 concussion grenade was taken out of service in 1975 due to an asbestos hazard, leaving the M67 fragmentation grenade," explained Picatinny Arsenal, in a statement.

Engineers with the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) are working on the ET-MP, along with the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning and the Army's Project Manager for Close Combat Systems.

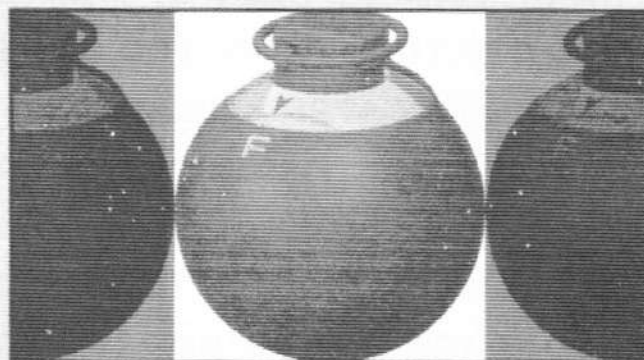
The weapon will give more flexibility to troops. "They are currently carrying one M67 grenade that provides lethal fragmentation effects," said Jessica Perciballi, ARDEC Project Officer for ET-MP, U.S. Army, Grenades & Demolitions Division, in the statement. "With the new multi-purpose grenade, they can carry one ET-MP grenade and have the ability to choose either fragmentation or concussive effects desired for the situation."

The ET-MP also has electronic fuze timing. "Detonation time can now be narrowed down into milliseconds, and until armed, the hand grenade will not be able to detonate," said Matthew Hall, Grenades Tech Base Development Lead, in the Army's statement.

RUSI's Quentin, a former British Army officer who served as a liaison to the U.S. Marine Corps in Afghanistan, emphasized that grenades are unique weapons. "Any weapon system that you use has some sort of sighting device, but with a grenade you're using your own judgment and skill to be precise, it's one of the most dangerous weapon systems that you use," he said. "If you fumble that in a trench, it's not just you but all your comrades around you that are likely to be harmed by that."

The Army's Project Manager Close Combat Systems will get the ET-MP in Fiscal Year 2020.

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## 2018 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

27 – 29 September 2018

Grand Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 245 North Wildwood, Branson, MO 65616



Your Name:

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DUES: For 2 years (2018-2020) @ \$5/year – Total \$10 to stay current \$ \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PAID ACTIVITIES:

#### Thursday, 27 September

**Welcome Buffet** (Sunset Room) at **7:00 PM**. Menu includes choice of Brisket, Chicken, or Ham; Au gratin potatoes; Baked Beans; Buttered Corn; Broccoli Salad; Fresh Dinner Rolls; Dessert (choice of one); Coffee and Tea (Regular or Decaf).

\$18.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Friday, 28 September

**Memorial Service & Show/Dinner** (Dixie Stampede). Board buses in rear parking area of Grand Plaza at **2:00 PM**. Return about 7:30 PM.

\$36.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorial Service Only (No Charge)** I do not want to stay for show after the service. Will need transport to Grand Plaza for \_\_\_\_\_ person x \_\_\_\_\_

#### Saturday, 29 September

**Scenic Train Ride** (Branson Station). Board buses in rear parking area of Grand Plaza at **11:00 AM**. Box lunches will be provided. Return to hotel at about 2:30 PM.

\$36.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing Banquet/ Dinner** (Sunset Room). Pictures for Reunion Booklet begin at **5:30** --- be seated by **6:45** for Welcome/Intros --- Dinner Service at **7:00PM**.

**Common Menu Servings:** Salad; Seasoned Potatoes; Chef's choice of Vegetable; Chef's choice of Dessert; Fresh Dinner Rolls; Coffee and Tea.

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**\*\*\*\*\* Deadline for Reunion registration and Hotel Reservations is 15 September 2018.**

**Reservations phone number for the Grand Plaza is 1-417-336-6646. Ask for Group Sales, Mary Slivka, and be sure to identify yourself as a 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer Reunion attendee.**



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## 2018 REUNION

## Grand Plaza Hotel

Branson, Missouri , September 27 – 29, 2018

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Wednesday, 26 September:** 3:00 PM --- Governing Council Meeting in the Hospitality Room (Sunset Room).

**Thursday, 27 September:** 9:00 AM --- Volunteers to Sunset Room for setup of flags and guidons, bar and any additional requirements for late registrations.

12:00 PM to 5:00 PM: Member and Guest Registration in Grand Plaza Lobby. After 5:00 PM, registration will move to Hospitality Room for registration at any time.

6:30 PM to 10:00 PM: Welcome Buffet. Please be seated by 6:45 PM and buffet service will begin at 7:00.

**Friday, 28 September:** 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM: Complimentary Breakfast in Dining Room which can be carried to the Hospitality Room on the same floor. (Lunch and Dinner are not complimentary).

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM: Free Time period to attend a live show through the hotel Booking Desk if desired. This is an individual action based on the availability of show times during that period.

2:00 PM: Prepare to board buses in the rear parking lot of the Grand Plaza to The Dixie Stampede.

3:00 PM: Military Memorial Service in the Carriage Room. This will be followed by a Pre-Show presentation at about 4:30, and the Main Show with a four-course meal in the Main Arena at about 5:30.

7:30 PM: Prepare to board buses for return to Grand Plaza.

**NOTE:** For those who desire to attend only the Memorial Service and not the show/dinner, we will have a shuttle transport to return you to the Grand Plaza.

**Saturday, 29 September:**

**6:00 to 9:00 AM:** Complimentary Breakfast in Dining Room.

**9:00 AM:** General Business Meeting in the Hospitality Room.  
Maximum attendance of members is expected to conduct our biennial Association business.

**11:00 AM:** Prepare to board buses in the rear parking lot of the Grand Plaza for transport to the Scenic Train Ride. Box lunches will be provided since the train dining car does not open until 5:00 on Saturdays.

**2:00 PM:** Board buses for return to the Grand Plaza.

**5:30 PM:** Begin picture-taking for the Reunion Memento Book. Photographer will be set up, all early arrivals will be appreciated, and orders/payment for the color booklet can be made prior to your picture time.

**6:00 PM:** Cocktails

**6:45 PM:** Dinner Banquet. Please be seated by 6:45 for Welcome and Introductions.

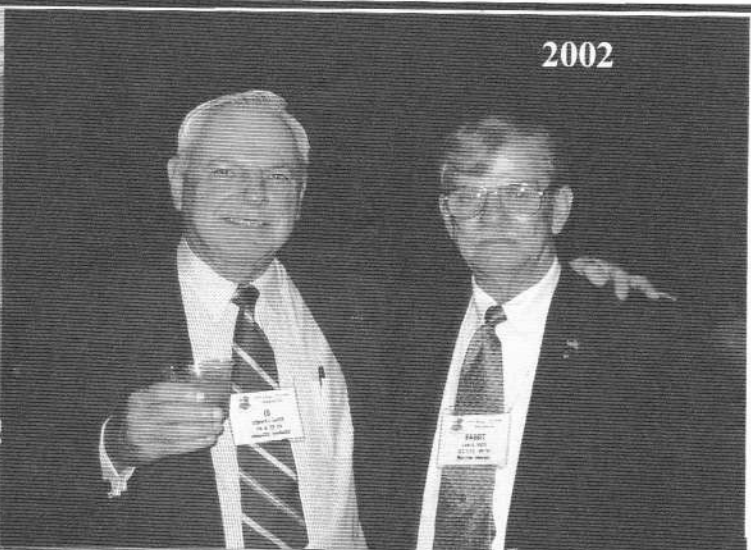
**7:00 PM:** Dinner will be served. Please have your colored meal ticket cards from your registration packet available and visible to assist the servers in getting you the requested meal.

**7:45 PM:** Keynote Speaker followed by selection and distribution of raffle items.

**NOTE:** Tickets for numerous raffle items and the 50/50 Raffle will be available for purchase at the Association registration desk on Thursday and in the Hospitality Room at other times.

**Sunday, 30 September:** If applicable, check out by 11:00 AM.

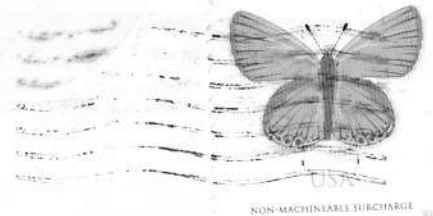
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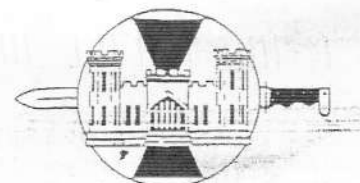
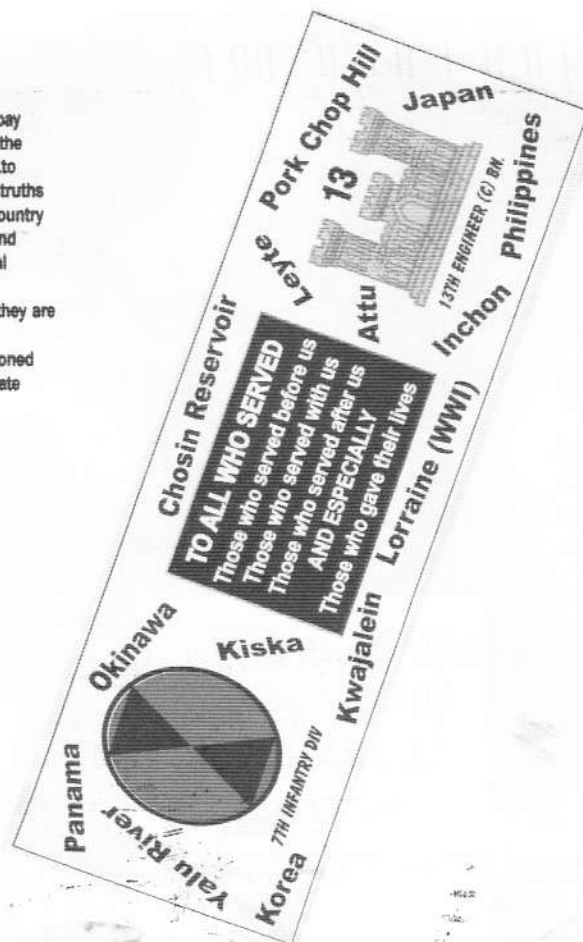
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**TO ALL WHO SERVED**

Those who served before us  
 Those who served with us  
 Those who served after us  
**AND ESPECIALLY**  
 Those who gave their lives

