



# THE 13TH (C) ENGINEER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER - BILLY D.QUINTON SR.



Hello to One and All

Plans for our upcoming Reunion at St. Robert, MO (Fort Leonard Wood Area) are well under way. Working with the Fort Leonard Wood Protocol Office we are in the process of planning our Friday trip. They have agreed to furnish an individual for a guided tour of the base to include the Engineer Museum and the World War II complex if possible. We will have lunch on post (cost on your own), tour of the base and other activities, if possible. Unfortunately, the complete itinerary will not be available until later as they do not have a schedule of their demonstrations and activities this far in advance.

The Reunion Chairman, Allen Phetteplace is busy with the caterers and planning our meals for our Thursday Welcome dinner and our Saturday Night Banquet. If you have special request please contact him.

Our Vice President and Reunion Committee Member, Richard G. Elwood has volunteered to take over the setting up and running of the Hospitality Room, The Association furnishes all the refreshments, beverages and snacks. Yes, it is a free bar. If you have any suggestions or need space/tables for items to be displayed let him know. If you would like to assist him I am sure he would appreciate the help.

I plan to have the Reunion Registration Form and a schedule of events in the April 2014, Newsletter. This looks like an interesting and fun Reunion so plan on attending if at all possible.

As many of you know Don Bohrer our original Webmaster who developed the original Website, and is a vital part of our organization, he did an outstanding job until his health declined. It is with sadness that we recently learned of Don's death. Our most recent Webmaster, Tom Stiefel, who has also done an admirable job has resigned due to health issues. When I asked for volunteers for this position, once again, Allen Phetteplace stepped up to the plate. Thanks again Allen for taking over. Please check out our Website often as there have been some changes and more planned for in the future. If anyone has any ideas/suggestions on how to improve the site you can e-mail me them.

I have included in this issue a Membership Application for your use. We need members to replace members we are losing to keep the Association active. Between our Newsletter, a few members finding new members and a recent advertisement in the military Magazine, we have been able to obtain more new members than we lost since the last Newsletter. I would like to encourage all members to assist in finding new members. Just check with your friends and ask if they know of anyone that might be eligible to join. If found ASK THEM. Also included is a suggested outline for submitting information for the THEN & NOW of individuals to be printed in a Newsletter. Please check out the Website for prior entries.

JoJo and I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - RICHARD G.ELWOOD



Hi Everyone!

The year is going by fast, before we know it the Holidays will be here. I see on the website that we have some new members. Which is GREAT, sorry to say we have also lost some members. If you get a chance to sign up any new members please do so.

Bill is working hard with the post Commanders help to get things lined up for the Ft. Leonard Wood reunion.  
Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Richard "Dick" Elwood

## REUNION CHAIRMAN CORNER=ALLEN G. PHETTEPLACE



Hello 13th,

The reunion committee does not have all the info on the 2014 reunion yet, but you should be marking your calendars for September 25, 26 and 27. We hope to see a lot of you there. Last year was my first one and we had a great time.

I am bringing some information on the Wisconsin Dells area for our 2016 reunion. If anyone has any ideas of other locations, please bring any info to present for a vote.

Our President has lined up some very exciting activities for Ft. Leonard Wood and surrounding area. Something for everyone!

Hope to see you all there.

Reunion chair, Al

### It's All About "Location, Location, Location!"

Recently, a Southern California man was put under 72-hour psychiatric observation when it was found he owned 100 guns and had (by rough estimate) 1 million rounds of ammunition stored in his home. The house also has a secret escape tunnel.

The television reporter said: "Wow! He has about a million machine gun bullets!" and the headline referred to it as a "massive weapons cache."

By California standards someone owning even 100,000 rounds would be called "mentally unstable."

If he lived elsewhere, such as Arizona, he'd be called "an avid gun collector."

In Oklahoma, he'd be called "a novice gun collector."

In Utah, he'd be called "moderately well prepared," but they'd probably reserve judgment until they made sure that he had a corresponding quantity of stored food.

In Montana, he'd be called "the neighborhood 'Go-To' guy."

In Idaho, he'd be called "a likely gubernatorial candidate."

In Wyoming, he'd be called "an eligible bachelor."

And...in Texas, he'd be called "a Hunting Buddy".



### Teachers

These are actual comments made on students' report cards by teachers in the New York City public school system. All teachers were reprimanded. (But they are funny!).

12. Since my last report, your child has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
11. I would not allow this student to breed.
10. Your child has delusions of adequacy.
9. Your son is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.
8. Your son sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
7. The student has a 'full six-pack' but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together.
6. This child has been working with glue too much.
5. When your daughter's IQ reaches 50, she should sell.
4. The gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.
3. It's impossible to believe the sperm that created this child beat out 1,000,000 others.
2. The wheel is turning but the hamster is definitely dead.
1. If this student were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.



### KOREAN VIGNETTES A FACE OF WAR

Ernest	H.	Wotring	RA16314043
First Name	MI	Last Name	Serial No
"Hoppy"	1 Dec 1932	1745	S/Sgt
"Nickname"	Birthday	MOS	Grade/Rank
D/13ENG/7 & A/1/17/7		Sept '50-Nov '51-	Indianapolis, IN
Unit(s)		Duty Tour in Korea	Home Town
Silver Star	Purple Heart/OLC	Good Conduct Medal	OM-J&G
Medals & Awards			
Combat Infantry Badge	KCSM/6 stars	NSDM	UNSM

### COMBAT ENGINEER TRANSFERS TO INFANTRY

After the Inchon landing, we moved south to Anyang. I learned real quick what fear was. Baptism by fire in my 17th year was now part of my lexicon. I sure wasn't crazy about it. I just wanted to do my best and not bring shame on myself or my family. After securing Anyang we started to march south. A little Korean kid gave me a South Korean flag about 14 inches square. I still have it, and treasure it after all these years. We later moved south to Pusan where we boarded ship for a second water invasion of North Korea. We landed at Iwon with no opposition, then started inland.

I remember it was so cold that I knew I would never get warm again. It would take all the fires of Hell to thaw me out. As I was feeling sorry for myself, I saw a little Korean boy by the roadside. All he had on was a small vest garment and a pair of felt slippers. I didn't feel any warmer, but it made me realize that there were others worse off. I felt so sorry for that little kid. I just wanted to hug him and get him warm. It wasn't possible. The column moved on, and I was a soldier in it. I have never forgotten, and have often wondered what happened to him, if he found his mother or dad, whether he lived or died.

Those roads were so narrow and winding that when we rode in trucks, I just knew we would tip and roll down those steep hillsides. Just before Thanksgiving day, our Lieutenant took all our clothing sizes for Class A uniforms. He said that General MacArthur was going to hold a victory parade in Tokyo and we had to look sharp. It made me feel good. It was all over except for the shouting. Little did we know. The next day was Thanksgiving, 23 November. We had dinner that day with Marines, and were told we were now attached to them. The following day we began reconn patrols and setting up outposts. The day after, I was assigned to a two man team and put on outpost. We were to pick up enemy movement and notify the main body. Our outpost was in the area of the Chosin Reservoir.

Late that afternoon a patrol of 5 Chinese came into view about 75 yards in front of our two man position. We were down in a pocket, partially hidden from view. The man with me said he would go back and report. The Chinese spotted him after he had gone back maybe 20 yards and opened up. They missed him, but were close enough that I dropped two of them. The rest hit the dirt, separated, and began to crawl up on me. I was able to get the center one, and could see the one on the right, but lost track of the one on the left.

When the one on the right got within about 100 feet he had to crawl over a slight hump in the ground. I could see his soft cap and was able to nail him in the head. I heard the snow crunch on my left, almost next to me. It was the one I had lost sight of. He was on his feet, running, bayonet slanted down at me. I had momentary visions of being pinned to the ground like a bug on the end of a stick, but the last two rounds in my clip stopped him. I waited about 20 minutes, then went back to where I had left the others that morning. There was no one around.

After 5 hungry days of evading Chinese I came upon one of our ambulances with a driver and two wounded. They said they were surrounded and would have to surrender. "No way," I said, "I could not stand captivity." We made it out of there. I was placed on a plane 1 Dec to Itazuke in Japan. After my hospital stay for frostbite, I was assigned to the 34th Inf. When I got to Korea, I had somehow lost my orders. I did locate 7th Division Rear. New orders were cut. I was assigned to the 17th Infantry. I had been reported MIA. My family had been worried, but it was straightened out as soon as I wrote them.



**SECRETARY CORNER - RONALD L. SALVADOR**

Greetings from the Upper Ohio Valley where we have gone from Monsoons in July to Tornado Watches in November --- maybe those global-warming guys and their weather changes aren't so far off base.

Since the August newsletter, we have welcomed five new members to the Association, and numerous others have brought their dues status up-to-date through 2014. As of this writing (15 Nov), we show a total Active membership of **217**.

On the negative side, there are 24 members whose dues expiration was October 2012, and they have just completed one year of delinquency. Each has received an individual reminder note, and, if they have not renewed through 2014 by **15 December**, as of year-end they will be moved to Inactive status. Their receipt of the newsletter will be discontinued, and they will lose the privilege of voting on Association business until they renew and are reinstated.

Of the same concern are 16 members whose dues expired in October 2013. They are beginning their delinquency year and are vulnerable to becoming Inactive by our reunion in 2014.

I appeal to all whose address details may have changed, or who know of other members with changes, to drop a note or a quick phone call/email to record those changes. A correct current roster is a valuable tool for all members.

With less than a year until our reunion, I'm really starting to get excited about seeing everyone again.

Ron



### KOREAN VIGNETTES A FACE OF WAR

Roy	G.	Wilson	RA 16300985
First Name	MI	Last Name	Serial No
"Bonc's"	Engineer(C)	29 Sep '29	Sgt
"Nickname	MOS	Birthday	Grade/Rank
A/13Eng(C)/7	Aug '50-May '51		Perryville, MO
Unit(s)	Duty Tour(s) in Korea		Home Town
KCSM w/4stars	UNSM	NDSM	Meritorious Unit Citation
Medals & Awards			

### THE HAZARDS OF ARMY LIFE

An engineer is a working soldier. In the Combat Engineers, he is very often a fighting soldier also. Frequently, along with his brothers in the infantry, he is a scratching soldier. Living in ones clothes for days on end, sometimes weeks, gives rise to a whole host of problems. Various indigenous insects end up by staking residential claims on the tender western body and clothing of the engineer soldier. The Korean blood suckers seemed to favor an Occidental taste in their cuisine. The worst were the biters. Head lice, pubic lice, body lice, bed bugs, You name 'em, Korea had 'em, and we got 'em.

In the late spring of 1951, after several weeks of front line duty, we were overjoyed at the opportunity of getting a good shower and a shave. Several enterprising entrepreneurs set up shop as barbers and at 25 cents a head clip we got rid of the shaggy locks. That was when we discovered many of us had head lice. We had all pitched our pup tents. The sun was shining, so most of us decided to give our sleeping bags a good airing. We had been sleeping in them with our boots on since we were in a combat zone. The result was a dirty sleeping bag that smelled as bad as we had until we bathed. After a bath, the stink of the sleeping bag was unbearable. I took my bag, turned it inside out, swept and shook it, then sprinkled it good with some of that famous GI powder that was an item of issue to every soldier. I then laid it out on top of our pup tent in the sun, turning it several times during the day. A few days later we headed back to the front again. I soon began itching and scratching. Found I had a good dose of crabs. They weren't there before I aired out that bag and dusted it with GI powder. They must have been in somebody else's bag, mutinied and then deserted. I know what all the wise apples say about crabs, but at that time and place? Anyway, I dusted myself and the bag at every opportunity. Those crabs were Korean crab lice. They thrived. I itched. The next time we came back to a rest area, the medics cleaned house. I wasn't the only one. I don't know what happened to that old sleeping bag, but I hope the next GI kept them as fat and healthy on that famous GI powder as I did.

The Army is famous for its nutritious food, high in calorie and vitamin content, incorporating within its little cans everything needed to keep a soldier at the peak of fighting trim. There is only one minor flaw. Everything tastes terrible. How the Army can take things like lima beans, sausage, cheese or chicken and make it all taste like cardboard, no soldier has ever figured out. Every chance he has, the GI will use any pretext, or none at all, to find something local that he can burn or boil. He knows it will taste better than his rations. So when I saw this chicken, I decided that chicken was mine. He was a real sprinter and dodger, but I was hungrier and faster. After boiling some water, I plucked it, then cajoled the mess sgt into giving me a little grease and some flour. After looking around, I found a pot and fried the chicken in it. Brown and Kucker, two of my buddies, and I had a chicken feast. Afterward while enjoying the feeling of a good chicken dinner, Kucker asked me how I had managed to find a pan to fry it in. I showed him the pot. He looked at it, showed it to Brown, and both of them raised all kinds of hell with me. Seemed one of the guys had been using that pot to soak his piles. How was I to know?

Another time Sgt Bennett sent Williams and me on patrol. We came upon this mud house, kicked the door in and looked around. These 5 North Korean civilians(?) were squatting and eating. They offered us a bowl of their soup. Looked like pretty good soup, turnips, some meat, some greens, a few potatoes. After we had finished eating I tried to find out what kind of soup it was. One of them pointed into a corner. And there it was, a dog hide. We ran outside and lost our bowls of soup. I told Sgt Bennett, he just laughed and said we didn't have enough Indian blood in us to appreciate good food.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT = EDWARD F. LARKIN****From the IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

By the time you read this you will already have been satiated by your Thanksgiving Dinner, tired from your Black Friday shopping experience, and in need of a tremendous amount of rest after wrapping, shipping addressing, signing and decorating in connection with the approaching Holiday Season. Toward the end of that Season is when we make our New Year's resolutions for the coming year. May I suggest one of your resolutions be, especially if you have never done so before, that you resolve to attend the Association's 2014 Reunion in St. Robert, Missouri. It will be an experience you will enjoy, a chance to meet and make new friends and learn in person what the Association is about.

It was great to learn of the activation of a core group enabling the 7th Infantry Division to again be part of the active United States Army. Eventually it may lead to the reactivation of the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion. This would be terrific as a source for additional members. We have been under a severe handicap to attract new members since the unit was deactivated back in the 1999's.

If you enjoy these Newsletters, and I'm sure you do, it will always be appreciated if you would write out a check, mark it for Newsletter, in the memo block and mail it to Jes McIver, our Treasurer. Jes's address can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter. We do not need to wait for the blank on the Registration Form for the Reunion.

In closing, my wife, Bobbie, and I wish each and every one of you a glorious Holiday Season such that the wonder and spirit of Christmas is present with you and yours.

SEE YOU IN MISSOURI IN THE FALL.

Ed

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY PRIOR 13TH ENGR. INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS, PLEASE PASS THIS APPLICATION TO THEM AND ASK THEM TO JOIN (PLEASE)**

## 13<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER © BN.ASSOCIATION



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/ST. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

13<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER COMPANY SERVED WITH \_\_\_\_\_

DATES SERVED IN 13<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEERS, FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER / INCLUDE AREA CODE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL & WEBB ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DUES ARE \$5.00 PER YEAR PAYABLE TWO (2) YEARS AT A TIME,  
FROM - REUNION TO REUNION

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO, 13TH ENGR. (C) Bn.  
ASSOCIATION

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# TAKEN FROM THE BOOK-HISTORY OF THE U.S.ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, 2008



## U.S. Army Engineer School Distinctive Unit Insignia

The United States Army Engineer School, part of the Army Training and Doctrine Command, develops, trains, and supports the engineer force to provide maneuver engineering, force support engineering, and geospatial engineering to Army, Joint, Interagency, and Combined Operations. In 1989, the Engineer School moved to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Personnel assigned to the Army Engineer School are authorized to wear this emblem as a dress uniform device.



## Regimental Distinctive Insignia

The entire U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as a branch of the Army, is a regiment in the Army's regimental system. The system is designed to enhance loyalty and commitment, esprit de corps, and combat effectiveness. Established in 1986, the regiment officially includes engineer officers and enlisted personnel and civilian employees throughout the Army. The regiment also is closely connected to retired engineer soldiers and civilians and their families. Engineer officers and enlisted personnel wear the regimental insignia on their dress uniforms.



## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Shoulder Sleeve Insignia

Although associated with the Corps of Engineers becoming a major Army command in 1979, the shoulder sleeve insignia was actually approved for wear by military personnel serving in the Corps' divisions, districts, and other field organizations in 1977 as a way of recognizing those who performed the Corps' military construction, civil works, and other distinctive missions. From 1979 to 2006 the shoulder sleeve insignia was the distinctive component of the Corps' major Army command flag.



## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Distinctive Unit Insignia

Designed to distinguish the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers when it became a major Army command on June 16, 1979, this insignia incorporated the traditional Corps motto, "Essayons," and a stylized castle above a globe symbolizing the Corps' world-wide responsibilities. It was expected that this distinctive unit insignia would remain unchanged when USACE transitioned from a major Army command to a direct reporting unit in 2006.

## Essayons Button

As the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' oldest and most time-honored insignia, the Essayons button has not changed since its first definitely known use during the War of 1812. It is still the required button for the engineer officers' dress uniforms. It is difficult to determine the early history of the castle and the button because the building containing the earliest West Point and Corps of Engineers records burned in 1838. However, early Army records mention "the button of the Engineers" and its already existing device and motto. When the Army prescribed new uniforms by General Orders 7 on February 18, 1810, it described the button as "an eagle holding in his beak a scroll with the word, 'Essayons,' a bastion with embrasures in the distance surrounded by water and a rising sun." Like the castle, the bastion with embrasures symbolized the coastal fortification responsibilities of the Corps. In 1902 when the Army adopted a standard regulation button, it allowed only the Corps of Engineers to retain its own distinctive Essayons button in recognition of the traditions it represented.



## Coat of Arms

In 1867, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers adopted this Coat of Arms that incorporated the emblems of the Corps of Engineers and the Corps of Topographical Engineers, which had been required during the Civil War. This legacy symbol is used primarily for awards, plaques, and honorary presentations related to the military functions of the Corps.



## Traditional Castle

Based on the Inactive Corps castle emblem, this official graphic is authorized for use in special and limited circumstances that call for a sense of the Corps' traditions and history. Since November 30, 1993, it has been a registered trademark of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



## Communications Mark

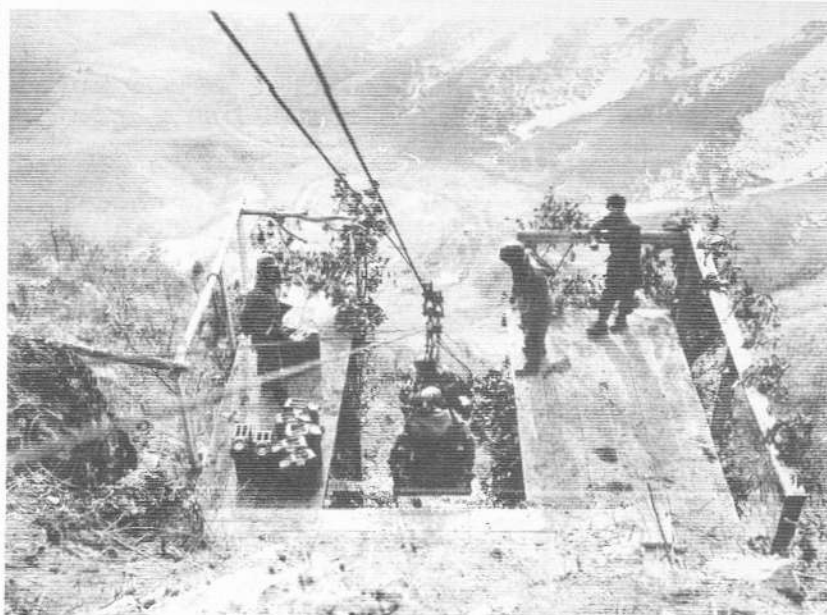
Adopted after the Corps of Engineers became a major Army command in 1979, this official red and white graphic based on the traditional Corps castle is the standard identifying symbol of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It became a registered trademark of the Corps on November 30, 1993.



US Army Corps of Engineers

## Sapper Tab

The term "sapper" is historically associated with soldiers from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries who performed the extremely dangerous work of digging trenches toward enemy fortifications during sieges. Approved in 2004, the Sapper Tab is worn on the left shoulder of soldiers who have completed a special Sapper Leaders Course at the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The course emphasizes the role of combat engineers fighting in the front lines with other combat troops.



A cable car built by the 3d Engineers carries men and supplies up the steep hillsides

National Archives



DOES ANYONE HAVE PICTURES OF THE CABLE CAR BUILT BY THE 13TH ??LET ME KNOW !!

# This is a reprint from December 2003 Newsletter

## "THEN & NOW"

### EUGENE R. ROMER

**DOB = 8/16/1932**

**BIRTHPLACE = BURKETTSVILLE OH**

**MILITARY SERVICE -1949 TO 1953**

**BASIC TNG. - FT KNOX KY, THEN TO SAPPORA JAPAN  
FOR SIX MONTHS WITH 13TH.ENGR.(C) BN,C-CO.  
KOREA WITH 13TH FROM INCHON LANDING UNTILL  
1952TO CAMP RUCKER AND DISCHARGED IN 1953.**



**RETIRED FROM DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY  
IN 1988 AFTER 34 YEARS.**

**NOW RETIRED BUT DOES MAINTENANCE WORK FOR  
NUMEROUS COMPANYS.**

**MARRIED- SPOUSE= MARY C.ROMER**

**FOUR CHILDREN BY PREVIOUS MARRIAGE.3 BOYS AND  
A GIRL, ONE SON WAS IN THE NAVY AND ONE SON WAS  
IN THE MARINES.**

**FIRST HEARD ABOUT THE 13TH ENGR. REUNION IN THE  
VFW MAGAZINE,ATTENDED HIS FIRST IN KY 2002.**

**HOBBIES = COIN**

**COLLECTION AND**

**CLASSIC MODEL CAR COLLECTION**

### DONALD F.DUNBAR

**DOB:**

**BIRTHPLACE:**

**MILITARY SERVICE= 1945 TO 1947**

**BASIC TNG.=CAMP HOOD TX**

**FIRST TO 31ST INF.REG. THEN TO 13TH ENGR.(C)BN**

**DISCHARGED IN 1947**



Don Dunbar

Fresh from a small wheat and cattle ranch in North Central Oregon I entered the Army at the age of 18 in July, 1945. Following seventeen weeks basic training at Camp Hood, Texas I was shipped aboard the USS General Scott to Korea as a replacement. After first being sent to the 31st Infantry Regiment I finagled a transfer to the 13th Engineers where I was assigned to H. & S. Company. Service in that unit led to my designation as Operations Sgt, reaching the rank of S/Sgt. Responsibilities of the battalion covered activities throughout the Seventh Infantry Division area. Our compound was in Seoul. That assignment proved to be a great break in my young life.

The engineering experience led to work with the Oregon State Highway Engineers following my discharge in 1947. Later, taking advantage of the GI Bill, I graduated from Eastern Oregon University, became an educator, serving 36 years as a superintendent or principal. Most of that time was with the Beaverton, Oregon Public Schools. A highlight of that experience was participation in the design and operation of several new elementary schools in Beaverton.

I retired from full-time education work in 1988. My wife, a retired Portland State University professor, and I keep busy with a myriad of activities, from travel to looking after a portion of the family ranch where my father homesteaded nearly a century ago.

October 12, 2003  
Portland, Oregon  
Don Dunbar

## Article by member Frank White form 7th IDA Hourglass

### My Time In The 7<sup>th</sup>

By Frank White

I left Seattle as a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Division in early June '45 on an APA (Attack Transport) troop ship, bound for the South Pacific. Dirigibles flew overhead the first day we were at sea as protection against possible Japanese submarines.

We first went to **Hawaii** (Oahu) for jungle training in the mountains. I remember the chow line where a 10-yard separation between men was maintained because in battle if there was enemy fire there would be fewer casualties. After about a week in Hawaii we boarded another APA, heading southwest in a large convoy. Our destination turned out to be **Kwajalein Atoll** in the Marshall Islands. This appeared to be a staging area due to the large number of cargo and troop-carrying vessels present. While waiting, we were given battle departure drill - climbing down and up the nets. In addition there was shore-landing training for possible island invasions, I believe.

We departed Kwajalein in the middle of a very large convoy, with many cargo ships protecting the APAs, headed for our next destination, the **Caroline Islands**, and zigzagged all the way. We didn't do any training in the Caroline Islands but we did have shore leave at least once. On our departure from the Carolines there must have been a thousand ships making up our convoy.

We headed north, arriving off **Okinawa** about July 15<sup>th</sup>. We went ashore like it was an invasion landing and were taken to a 7<sup>th</sup> Division replacement depot. I was assigned to **Company B, 13<sup>th</sup> Engineers**. I didn't know, at that time, whether we were relieving departing troops or filling in for casualties. Turns out we were replacement troops for many men who were now going home, having been with the Division since the Aleutian Islands campaign.

At the time of my assignment the fighting was only mop up operations and the 7<sup>th</sup> was in reserve. I have since learned, from the Military Channel, that the 7<sup>th</sup> had recently been in a large battle and newly assigned soldiers like myself were considered to have been part of the Division on Okinawa so we were also awarded the Okinawa "Battle Star."

During July and August, Company B was settled in large

tents in the mountain area. The 13<sup>th</sup> was now building roads on Okinawa and Company B men were assisting in that job. That was my assignment, at least until the atom bomb fell on Japan in early August. On August 15<sup>th</sup> we were in grave danger in our tents when the troops below started shooting celebrating the end of the war - the shells passed right over our heads!

Anyway, the 7<sup>th</sup> was soon packing for a new assignment. Leaving behind our heavy road building equipment, the 13<sup>th</sup> boarded an APA - for where I did not know until we arrived in the Yellow Sea. We spent about two or three days onboard, until the Peace Treaty was finalized, and landed at **Inchon** on 08Sep45 during high tide.

Our flotilla of landing boats was in the seventh wave and we climbed up the wall, which was now much lower because of the high tide. Near the dock Japanese soldiers were standing in formation, in full dress, awaiting us. We formed up on the dock and proceeded inland to an old soccer field where we pitched our pup tents for the night.

The next morning the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineers boarded a Japanese/Korean train for **Seoul**, a train ride I thought was interesting. On disembarking we proceeded to walk to a former Japanese garrison in Seoul's suburbs. There we pitched pup tents in the large parade area, where we stayed for a few months until we had made the Japanese garrison hospitable. This Japanese camp formerly had been the home of a cavalry garrison with stables, etc. I remember learning that the Koreans had stolen all the horses when the Japanese left the camp for the surrender proceedings.

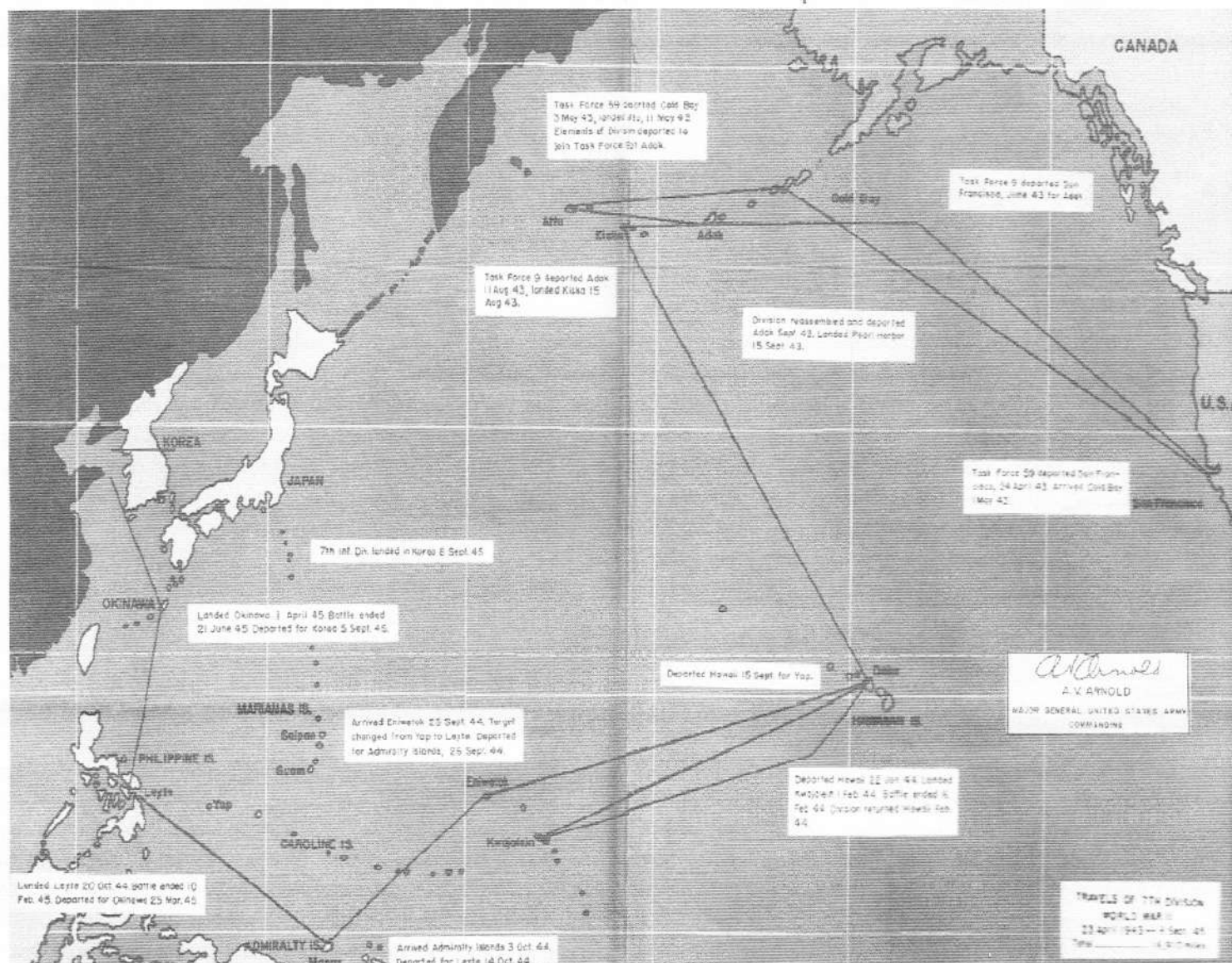
I remained with Company B until about Sep'46, when my discharge eligibility came due. My total time in the Army was about two and a half years. All in all, I was very fortunate and, because of my service in Korea, I was considered a Korea "expert" when the Korean War erupted.

I received a copy of the World War II map, "Travels of the 7th Division," that was referred to in a letter in the last issue of *The Hourglass*. I sent copies of the map to **Jerry Cuslidge** and **Carl Reininger**, who were with me in Korea, and a copy for my Hicksville friend, **John Geier**, who was in the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment on Okinawa and in Korea. None of them

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"Travels of the 7ID in WWII" map.

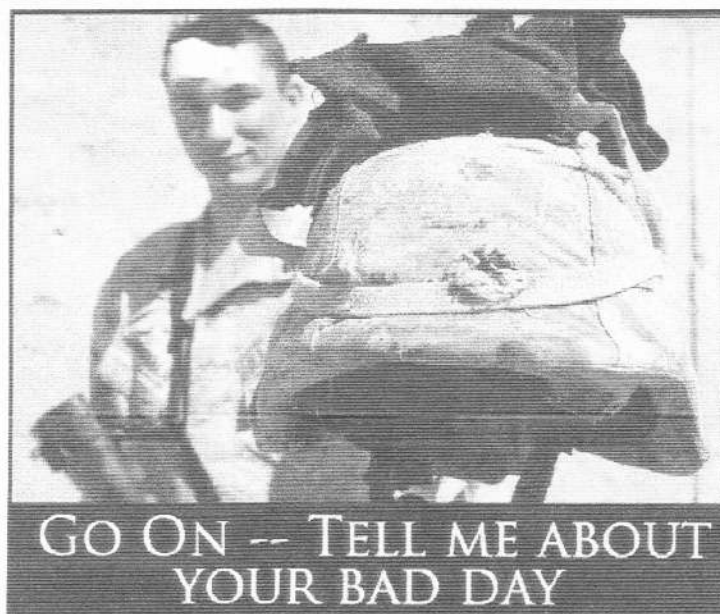


### "My Time in the 7<sup>th</sup>" from previous page

recalled receiving the map in Korea. Also, Jerry and Carl did not receive a souvenir Japanese rifle, which was given to many of us, like I had been. I mailed mine home and, of course, still have it.

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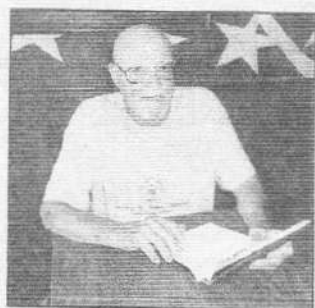
**Editor's note:** This map, which is almost identical to the one mentioned, appears inside the back cover of the 1952 7ID Yearbook. The original is actually about 14½" x 20" so the labels may not be legible here.



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YOUR BAD DAY



## KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE ★ 60TH ANNIVERSARY



Darlene Prince/C-N Photo

Korean War veteran Charles Marihugh, of Defiance, looks through a photo album that contains some pictures taken during the Korean War.



### INFORMATION FROM ONE OF OUR GOOD MEMBERS

**CHARLES H. MARIHUGH**  
**H&S CO. 51-52**

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## Marihugh was combat engineer in Korea

By DARLENE PRINCE  
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Saturday was the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice. The armistice was

Korean War veteran from Defiance to share some of his memories of the war.

Charlie Marihugh, 84, of Defiance, was a member of the 7th Division 13th Combat Engineers while in Korea.

to Fort Campbell, Ky. From there we were sent to Fort Belvoir, in Virginia."

He traveled by train across the country and finally shipped out of Seattle, Wash., to Korea.

"Korea is very hilly with a lot of

### VETERAN

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It could get to 35 degrees below zero in the winter. You would wake up looking at icicles if you slept in a tent. It was a still kind of cold that you didn't feel if you walked outside."

The duties of the combat engineers' division, to which Marihugh was assigned, were to keep the heavy equipment in working order so it could be used to maintain the roads the infantry traveled on.

"We had to maintain all kinds of heavy equipment," Marihugh said. "That included caterpillars, cranes, graders — anything that could dig a road

and keep it open. It was equipment that was used in World War II, so a lot of it was junk," he said.

"I was a welder before I was drafted, so that's why I was sent to the combat engineers' division," he added. "We did things like welding a plate on a caterpillar blade that had a corner broken off. I was also a crane operator and ran a caterpillar."

Marihugh said his group of engineers were often at the front lines, where combat was taking place.

"If the equipment broke down, we had to go fix it no matter where it was," he said. "Many times, we were either moving down the road with the infantry

or even ahead of them, digging out the road. I remember mortars landing behind us as we moved down the road."

"We were about a half to three-quarters of a mile from the 38th parallel," he noted, near where many battles took place.

The 38th parallel is the latitude 38 degrees N in East Asia and Korea that marks the line between North and South Korea. The line was originally established just before the end of World War II by U.S. military planners as an Army boundary where the USSR (Soviet Union) would accept the surrender of the Japanese forces on the north side of the

parallel and the Americans would accept the surrender of Japanese forces on the south side of the parallel.

During the Korean War, the war came to a stalemate roughly along that parallel and, today, Korea is a divided country with North Korea on the north side of the 38th parallel and South Korea on the south side of the parallel.

Marihugh said he does not like to talk about what happened at some of the battles to which he was a witness.

He said he did see the ferocious and bloody Battle of Chosin Reservoir, during which 30,000 UN troops were encircled by 67,000 Chinese troops and

fought a 17-day battle in freezing weather until the UN troops finally broke through the Chinese lines, inflicting heavy casualties on the Chinese.

"My brother, Jim, who also served in Korea, and I were able to shed what happened in Korea, and go on with our lives," Marihugh said. "What happened in Korea, I left there," he added.

Marihugh acknowledges that the Korean War is the "forgotten war" and said there were no parades or widespread celebrations for Korean War veterans as there were for veterans who came home from World War II.

Marihugh seems to

have come to terms with the value of his service in Korea, even though it took the country awhile to recognize that service.

Over the years, Marihugh has been active at the Defiance VFW and has served the organization as a senior vice commander for a number of years.

## REQUEST FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT/NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I

am asking for help again . One of the Association's objectives is to keep the History and Memory of the 13th.alive. Two way's we try to do this is by our Website:

<http://13thengineerbn.homestead.com>, and the Newsletter that is published three times a year. b

Both are great ways to connect with old friends and meet new friends from the 13th . We would love to post photos and articles about your time in the 13th in either the Newsletter or Website no matter what years you served in the 13th. If you have information you would like to be seen on our Website or Newsletter.contact our Webmaster Allen Phettenplace or myself or both. THANKS.

### **Understanding Engineers #1**

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, *"Where did you get such a great bike?"* The second engineering student replied, *"Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, 'Take what you want'."* The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, *"Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."*

### **Understanding Engineers #2**

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

### **Understanding Engineers #3**

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, *"What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!"* The doctor chimed in, *"I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!"* The priest said, *"Here comes the greens-keeper, let's have a word with him."* He said, *"Hello, George. What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"* The green-keeper replied, *"Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."* The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, *"That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."* The doctor said, *"Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them."* The engineer said, *"Why can't they play at night?"*

### **Understanding Engineers #4**

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

### **Understanding Engineers #5**

The graduate with a science degree asks, *"Why does it work?"* The graduate with an engineering degree asks, *"How does it work?"* The graduate with an accounting degree asks, *"How much will it cost?"* The graduate with an arts degree asks, *"Do you want fries with that?"*

### **Understanding Engineers #6**

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body. One said, *"It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints."* Another said, *"No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections."* The last one said, *"No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"*

### **Understanding Engineers #7**

Normal people believe that if it isn't broken, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it isn't broken, it doesn't have enough features yet.

### **Understanding Engineers #8**

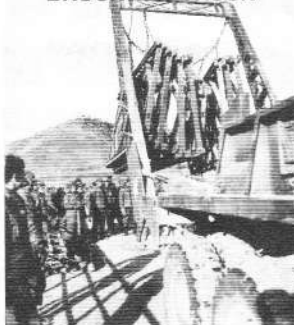
An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, *"If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess."* He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, *"If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week."* The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, *"If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want."* Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, *"What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"* The engineer said, *"Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog - now that's cool."*

PICTURES FROM THE PAST- ALL= JAPAN AND KOREA 1950-1951

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A Co BRIEFING , LT BURT



BRIDGE PLATOON W/  
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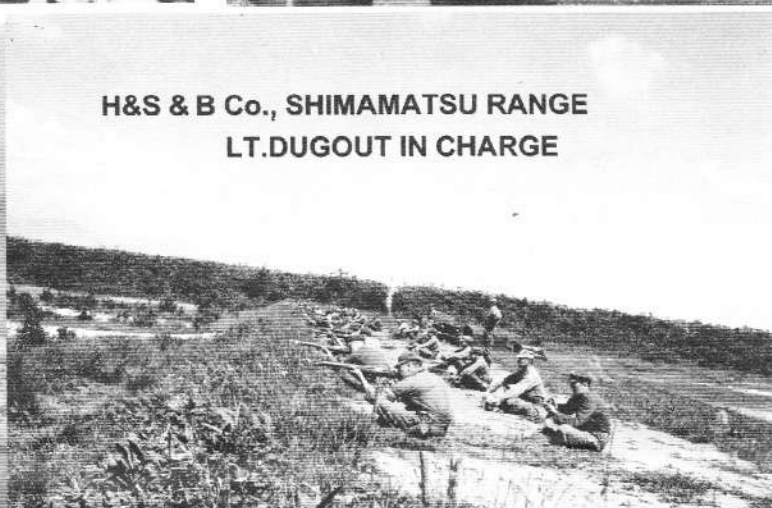
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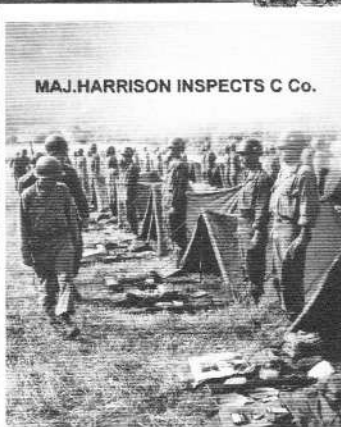
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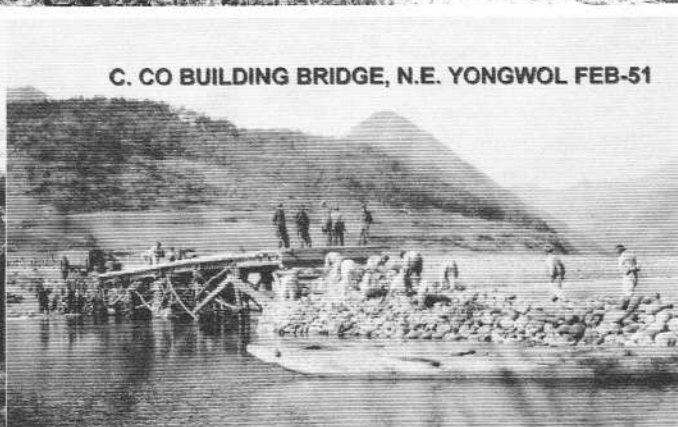
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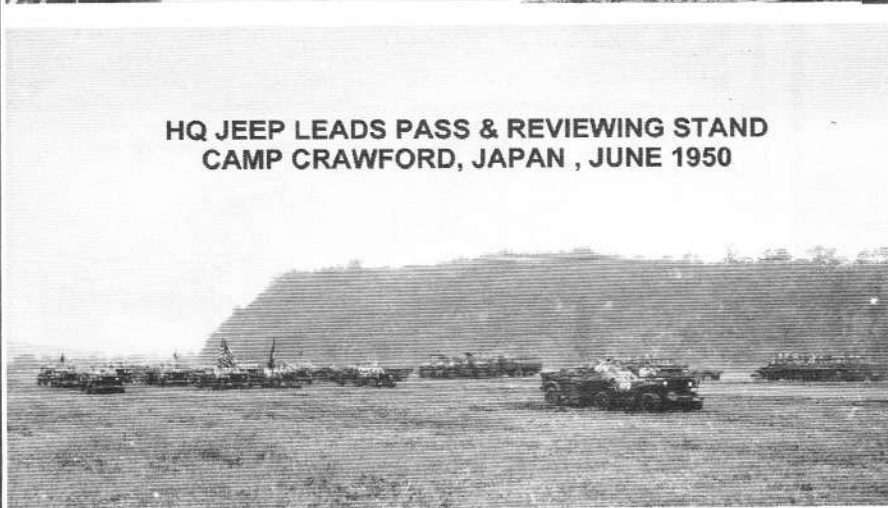
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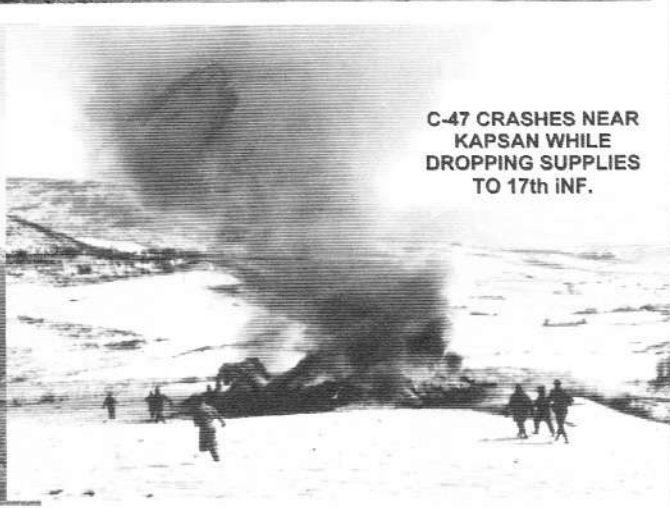
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HQ JEEP LEADS PASS & REVIEWING STAND  
CAMP CRAWFORD, JAPAN , JUNE 1950



C-47 CRASHES NEAR  
KAPSAN WHILE  
DROPPING SUPPLIES  
TO 17th INF.





**THE ARTICLE BELOW WAS IN A VFW MAGAZINE, I AM A MEMBER OF VUMS AS IS RONALD J.NIMOCKS A MEMBER, I KNOW OF ONE OTHER MEMBER WHO JOINED WHILE UNDER AGE, ROBERT E.HULBERT. I WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT IF WE HAVE ANY MORE MEMBERS THAT JOINED UNDERAGE, IF WE HAVE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WERE UNDERAGE WHEN THEY JOINED,PLEASE CONTACT ME SO I CAN INCLUDE YOU IN MY 13TH ENGR. HISTORY FILE.**

## Banding Together: Veterans of Underage Military Service

**IN 1991, ALLAN STOVER** founded a unique organization—Veterans of Underage Military Service (VUMS). Its membership is open to men and women who circumvented age requirements in order to serve in the military.

VUMS members span service from WWII to Vietnam, and at one time included WWI vets. It has identified approximately 2,800 underage vets.

Besides the opportunity to share experiences with others, VUMS strives to assure underage vets that they are protected from government retribution for falsifying their enlistment.

"Our most important function is to get the word out to all underage veterans that they can stop worrying they will lose military retirement or VA benefits for having served underage," said Stover who enlisted at 14 in the Coast Guard during the Korean War.

According to Stover, the policy in place today states if the enlistee serves until he is 17, then his minority time counts toward seniority and benefits. If discovered before then, underage enlist-

COURTESY VUMS



Allan Stover

COURTESY VUMS



Ray Jackson

COURTESY DOROTHY BRANDT



Dorothy Brandt

ees are released with no benefits.

Personal accounts of a number of VUMS members are permanently recorded in six volumes of stories titled *America's Youngest Warriors*, thanks to member Ray Jackson and his wife, Susan. Jackson enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1946 when he was 16.

After serving three years, he re-enlisted during the Korean War, arriving there in March 1951.

Women, too, are part of the organization. Dorothy Brandt enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in February 1944 at 16 when the age requirement was 20. She spent 3½ years in the Army, two of them overseas in Italy, Austria and Germany. She, too, compiled a book, *America's Youngest Women Warriors*, to share stories of underage women.

Only one other organization, Underage Servicemen of America, was similar to VUMS. It was organized in 1978 by a small group of veterans. But its founder died early on, and it folded shortly thereafter.

For more information, go to [www.oldvums.org](http://www.oldvums.org), or call, 1-888-653-8867.

Does any member remember this individual pictured below ?? , His daughter e-mailed us after checking out our Web Site. She would appreciate any information or communication with any one who knew or served with her Dad. Bobby Jean Cooper

He was in the 13th in 1952 to 54.her e-mail = hinabaleli@yahoo.com, Sheri (Cooper) Zarnick ,





# PICTURES FROM PAST REUNION'S



# FROM WEB SITE

Derrick Lee Baird

Tuesday, 9/17/13, 6:29 PM

My great uncle was apart of the unit. I spoke with my grandmother tonight at length about PFC Chester Lee Ellis. He was KIA on 30 April 1952. I was wondering if anyone could give me more information about him and what he was like. Thank all of you for you service and sacrifice. Men like you built the country that I love. SGT Derrick L Baird

From: Tulsa, OK  
Email: dbaird1888@yahoo.com

## PLEASE CONSIDER BEING INCLUDED IN A NOW & THEN FEATURE IN THE NEWSLETTER

Items that could be included in the THEN & NOW Page  
DOB

Birthplace

Military Service

Basic Tng.

Overseas Assignments

Korea Assignment/Yrs & Unit

Discharge Date and/or Retirement

Occupation in Civilian life

Spouse and Kids

Present Job/Retirement

Hobbies

Pictures then and now of you &  
Any important event/dates etc.

Any other information you wish

This is only a guideline and I will try to include all that  
is possible at the time.

Any recommendations please let me know.

Bill Q.

Pictures can be color or black & white, full length or  
headshot, I can restore/crop to some degree old and  
faded pictures.

All pictures and information sent will be returned if you  
request it.

Ernest Broch

Friday, 5/31/13, 10:24 PM

Curious---- Any old Geezers from A Co Tazjon,48/47 still alive out there?????????

From: Billings,MT  
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Email: ebroch@ddandruff.com

## E Co. Members ,Hazardous Duty ,Terminated Orders

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS THE INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96307

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 219  
EXPIRY 15 November 1969

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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER - EARL C. KETTLER****A REPRINT FROM DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER**

This time of the year, in the Church calendar, is called Advent, the time when Christians spiritually prepare themselves to celebrate the birth of Christ. And, depending on when this issue reaches you, those of the Jewish faith begin observing Hanukkah, also called Festival of Lights, or Feast of the Dedication, on December 4, commemorating the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Advent calls us to examine our lives, and to review what Christmas means, other than shopping and secular celebrations.

So many times now, in advancing age, I find myself turning to the poets and hymn writers of years gone by who wonderfully expressed their thoughts and feelings about the meaning of God's love and grace to mankind. Some of these may be familiar to you:

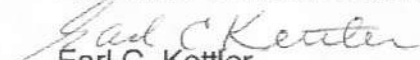
"On Jordan's banks the baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and hearken for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of Kings,"

"Comfort, comfort, ye My people,  
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover  
And her warfare now is over."

"For Thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great Reward.  
Without Thy grace our souls must fade  
And wither like a flow'r decayed."

"Hark the glad sound!  
The Savior comes  
The Savior promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne  
And every voice a song."

A blessed Christmas and New Year to each of you.

  
Earl C. Kettler  
Chaplain 52-53.

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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

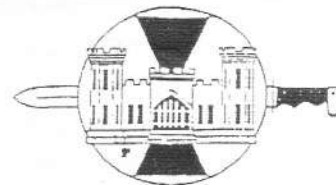
POSTMASTER  
IF UNABLE TO DELIVER  
PLEASE RETURN TO SENDER



### Objectives

To preserve and strengthen the bonds of friendship and camaraderie among members through reunions, meetings, publications, and other social activities, to honor, revere and pay homage to the memory of those gallant comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice while serving in the 13th, Engineer [C] Bn. to enhance at every opportunity and by example spread those truths contained in the Constitution of the United States, love of country and flag, respect for human rights and due respect for law and order, to strive for the accuracy and correction of any official histories published concerning any campaign in which the battalion participated in, if in the opinion of the association they are in error, to support the activities of the 13 Th. Engineer [C] Battalion and to honor the annually selected non-commissioned officer and soldier of the year of the battalion in an appropriate manner.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



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

