



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

DECEMBER 2019

PRESIDENTS CORNER - ARLIE E. ELLIS



Time is going by very fast to the end of the year and the reunion preparation is going well. Gene and Marlene Reed are helping me and doing a great job on the Indianapolis set up for the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion reunion.

I look forward seeing everyone there for this great occasion, September 24th to September 27th, 2020, at the Hampton Inn Indianapolis SW Plainfield, 2244 Perry Road, Plainfield, IN 46168. Kylea Utterback is the contact person at the Hampton 317-839-9993.

After the first of the year there will be more information to follow. Please see the activity schedule and Registration form in this newsletter. This information will also be on our website soon.

Our Chaplin Charles A. Koenig is unable to continue his duties within our association. During this upcoming Reunion in Indiana is when our association will nominate and vote on officers. If you have someone or you would like to volunteer for the Chaplin board member for the 13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association, please submit your nomination to me at 456arcyn@gmail.com or Gene Reed at genereed@genereedins.com

Arlie E. Ellis
President
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13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

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I know now why men who have been to war yearn to reunite.

Not to tell stories or look at old pictures.
Not to laugh or weep on one another's knee.
Comrades gather because they long to be with
men who once acted their best,
men who suffered and sacrificed,
who were stripped raw,
right down to their humanity.

I did not pick these men.
They were delivered by fate and the U. S. Army.
But I know them in a way I know no other men.

I have never since given anyone such trust.
They were willing to guard something more
precious than my life.

They would have carried my reputation,
the memory of me.

It was part of the bargain we all made,
the reason we were so willing to die for one
another.

I cannot say where we are headed.
Ours are not perfect friendships;
those are the province of legend and myth.
A few of my comrades drift far from me now,
sending back only occasional word.
I know that one day even these could fall to
silence.

Some of these men will stay close,
a couple, perhaps, always at hand.

As long as I have memory,
I will think of them all,
every day.
I am sure that when I leave this world,
my last thoughts will be of my family ---
and my comrades, such good men.

Michael Norman.
Taken from his book,
"These good men: Friendships Forged From War"

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER- HARRY E. (GENE) REED

First, I want to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of us and our brothers and sisters.

It is estimated that less than 2% of the population serves in the military. Currently active military is less than 1/2% percent of the **United States** population.

We did what others couldn't or wouldn't do (We Served)

I pray that God will bless us and those like us and our great country

(Engineers Clear the Way)

Gene Reed (317) 268-6455

Vice President

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13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

TREASURE'S CORNER= HARRY (GENE) REED

To date our current balance is \$9,231.59.

All outstanding bills are paid. Quarter Master Sales have been good as well as dues collection and donations. The members who have donated deserve a pat on the back for their generosity.

The year-end report will be in the April 2020 NEWSLETTER

We all need to be recruiters for new members. If you need any help in providing information on how to join, please contact me and we will provide you with that documentation or refer them to the website for that information.

Gene Reed (317) 268-6455

Treasure

IN OMNIA PARATUS

13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER- BILLY D.QUINTON SR
& PAST NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR LAST 15 YEARS**

By the time you receive this newsletter hopefully you have been satisfied by your Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings, and if you are like my wife JoJo tired from your Black Friday shopping experience.

Also, this is the time we make our New Year's resolutions, may I suggest one of your resolutions be to attend the Associations Reunion in Indianapolis IN in Sept. 2020.

As I said about the last one this one could be our last, hopefully not but our ranks are drawing thin and we are getting older.

As one of Past Presidents said, As you celebrate your holiday season this year celebrate the blessing that the brotherhood of the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion Association remains alive and well, something for which we can be grateful, as the poet said, "no man is an island". And nobody understands what service to our country means quite as well as those who have been there and done that.

And please help Earl with articles for our newsletter and include a donation for the Newsletter Fund.

JoJo and I wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bill Q

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Billy D. Quinton SR.

"C" Company 50-51

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QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON

There are no Quartermaster sales this Christmas. Carolyn and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Hope to see you at the 2020 Reunion

The ability to order items from the quartermaster page and pay online has been implemented. You still have the option of sending in a check for any merchandise that is ordered.

If you have any items you would like to see offered to the membership, please contact me and I will prepare a document to go in front of the board for review.

QUARTER MASTER

Tom Cotton

"D" Company 58-59

101 N. David Ln. #508

Muskogee, OK 74403-5034

SECRETARY CORNER - ALLEN G. PHETTEPLACE

Greeting to all 13th Engineer Bn. Association members. Now that I am feeling better, I have reviewed in detail our association roster for accuracy and provided a list of membership dues that are past due.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past 12 months. We value all contributions to 13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association. Memberships make up the lifeblood of our organization. Your involvement is extremely important to us and very much appreciated. We know you're busy and just wanted to take this time to remind you that according to our records listed below, your membership is past due. We hope that you'll take this time to renew your membership and remain a part of our Association.

13th Engineers Past due Membership

2017 Burlen H. Brents, North Little Rock, AR, 72118	2018 James P. Moran, West Seneca, NY 14224-4245
2017 George A. O'Brien, Canyon Lake, TX 78133-0016	2018 Jerry C. Raper, Chatsworth, GA 30705
2017 George Ford, Aberdeen, NJ 07747	2018 Julian E. Candelaria, Placentia, CA. 92870
2017 Leo Courtois, Pawtucket, RI 02860-3834	2018 Mervin McGee, Eunice, LA 70535-5916
2017 Norman S. Jones, West Springfield, MA 01089	2018 Norman G. Ray, Kirkland, WA 98034-1511
2018 Daniel W. Lucas, Check, VA 24072-3276	2018 Rev. Donald Whitby, Coweta, OK 74429
2018 Arnold L. Banik, Aberdeen, SD 57401	2018 Ralph L. Sanders JR., Raleigh, NC 27615
2018 Den K. Diehl, Glenmore, PA 19343	2018 Richard W. White, Pensacola, FL 32503
2018 Doyle W. Dykes, Garland, TX 75042	2018 Robert E. Wood, Bidwell, OH 45614-267
2018 Everett T. Elbrecht, Great Bend, PA 18821-7726	2018 Robert H. Shields, Morristown, TN 37814
2018 George E. Cooper, Pelion, SC 29123	2018 Robert O. Ekdahl, NE 68164-1746
2018 George P. Yost, Glenside, PA 18038-1416	2018 Robert R. Moine, Keizer, OR 97303-2014
2018 Gleb O. Taran, Arlington VA 22219	2018 Theodore R. Taylor, Daytona Beach, FL 32117
2018 Harold L. Smith, Dallas GA 30132	2018 William H. Watts, Cardiff, CA 92007
2018 Hilton p. Ferguson, Jr., Groves, TX 77619	2018 William Y. Epling, Annandale, VA 22003

Some of you may have relocated, please send me a note, e-mail, or call me to provide your current address. Please use my contact information listed below.

Please remit your dues and donations to:

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715-532-5972
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Remember when you are submitting your dues, please consider sending a donation for the newsletter fund and Operating Expenses. These donations are deeply appreciated.

OUR QUARTERMASTER TOM COTTON

CELEBRATING OUR VA VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Serves Veterans at the Jack C. Montgomery
VA Medical Center Main Information Desk

BY TIFFANI MATHEWS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS TCF INTERN

At VA, we have one of the largest volunteer programs in the Federal government, and many of our volunteers are Veterans themselves or family members of Veterans.

We spoke with one of our long-time volunteers, Army Veteran Tom Cotton. He has volunteered for 10 years at the Jack C. Montgomery Medical Center and currently serves Veterans at the Main Information Desk.

"I have been coming to this hospital as a patient for a long time," said Cotton. "This hospital has saved my life more than a couple of times. I like it here and I like being around other Veterans. When I became bored with retirement, I decided to start volunteering and I have been a volunteer here ever since."

Since beginning his service as a volunteer, he has volunteered in many areas of the hospital and has enjoyed getting to know the employees and Veterans that he works with.

"I get a lot of satisfaction out of volunteering here," said Cotton. "People may commend me for volunteering my time here, but I am blessed to do it. Each day I can give back and serve our Veterans, I am reminded to be thankful to God for my own health."

When asked what advice he would give to others who may be interested in volunteering, Cotton says don't be hesitant to ask.

"VA needs volunteers in all areas," said Cotton. "We have an outstanding facility here and I would encourage others to volunteer and give back if they can. I'm retired, so if I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't be here." ★



Tom Cotton, Jack C. Montgomery
VA Medical Center Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering in Muskogee or any of our outpatient clinics in Tulsa, Vinita or McAlester, please contact Voluntary Service at 918-577-3621/3622.

This version of "The Night Before Christmas" was written by Lt. Col. Darrell T. Rathburn from St. Petersburg, Fl. During the Korean War.

A KOREAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all
through the tent
Was the odor of fuel oil (the stovepipe was
bent).
The shoepacs were hung by the oil stove with
care,
In hopes that they'd issue each man a new pair.
The weary GI's were sacked out in their beds,
And visions of sugar-babes danced through
their heads,
When up on the ridgeline there rose such a
clatter
(A Chinese machine gun had started to chatter)
I rushed to my rifle and threw back the bolt.
The rest of my tent-mates awoke with a jolt.
Outside, we could hear our platoon Sergeant
Kelly,
A hard little man with a little pot belly.
"Come Yancey, come Clancey, come Connors
and Watson,
"Up Miller, up Shiller, up Baker and Dodson!"
We tumbled outside in a swirl of confusion,
So cold that each man could have used a
transfusion.
"Get up on that hilltop and silence that Red,
"And don't you come back till you're sure that
he's dead."
Then putting his thumb up in front of his nose,
Sergeant Kelly took leave of us shivering Joe's:
But we heard him say in a voice soft and light:
"Merry Christmas to all-may you live through
the night."

GET YOUR ROKPUC

How to apply for the **Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation ribbon/citation**



The ROK Presidential Unit Citation ribbon.

To apply for the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, go to this web site:

<https://arba.army.pentagon.mil/abcmr-app.html>
and print out **DD Form 149**

Complete the form and mail it to:
Department of the Army
Army Review Boards Agency
251 18th Street South, Suite 385
Arlington, VA 22202-3531

You might also want to enclose a copy of your DD214

You can use these answers for the following blocks of the DD form 149:

#5 Award of ROKPUC not received. I was stationed in Korea (time period) assigned to (unit). Request that the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation be issued to you and a correction made to your service record.

#6 Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation which was awarded by the Republic of Korea to the 7th Infantry Division, United States Army is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 218, AR 672-5-1. The citation reads as follows:

For extraordinary sacrifice and service rendered to the Republic of Korea during the period **August 1945 to December 1948** and from **September 1950 to 27 March 1971**. The 7th Infantry Division in war and in peace has contributed to safeguarding the Republic of Korea from Communist aggression.

#9 DA General Order #50, dated 9 November 1971. Awarded ROKPUC to anyone who ever served with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. According to AR 600-8-22 and US Army Human Resources Command (HRC)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - EARL C. SHATZER

Writing this December newsletter takes me back to my time in Korea at the 13th Engineer Bn. having dinner at Christmas in the mess hall and missing my family and at the same time enjoying being with my fellow army buddies. Very vivid memories.

If you have any feedback in response to any items within this newsletter, feel free to respond. Please respond tastefully, we will be happy to include it in the next newsletter. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you do not want printed, we will honor that.

Mail your feedback to the newsletter editor at 1962 Tanglewood LN. Vacaville, CA 95687 or E-mail it to: eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com, or phone it in to (707) 689-0874. Whichever way you choose, we welcome your input.

We are thankful for all members of the 13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association and would like to feature a member spotlight section. Stories of your time in the 13th Engineer Bn., what you experienced, funny things that happened, anything that you would like to share. If so, please contact me and we can do whatever it takes to get your story printed for the newsletter.

I need input from you members. I am looking for letters, people seeking other military buddies and remembrance materials to include into the upcoming newsletters. So, if you have anything you would like to share with the membership, please send it to me.

If you see any errors that need correcting, please contact me. I research what is published to make sure it is factual and correct.

We are asking that you please do your best to find new members for our Association. Any ideas on recruitment are welcome.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Immediate Past President Bill D. Quinton SR and Newsletter Editor for all the files he has provided me that pertain to the Newsletter. These files have given me great ideas and articles for the current Newsletter and future Newsletters.

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Newsletter Editor 13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

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To help save printing and mailing costs, members may now receive their Newsletter via email. Email versions will arrive prior to members receive it in the mail. The newsletter via email is in color as the printed version will be in black and white.

If you are interested in this option, please email or write our Newsletter Editor, Earl Shatzer, 1962 Tanglewood Ln. Vacaville, CA 95687, eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com

You can change your mind any time and go back to receiving your newsletter by regular mail.

WEBMASTER - EARL C. SHATZER

Merry Christmas to all of you brave veterans. May this Christmas be special and warm, filled with joy and happiness.

To all of you brave veterans, thank for your commitment to our country's freedom and integrity. People like you are the reason why we have a peaceful and happy holiday. We will always be thankful for your hard work for making this world a better place.

Update on the online payment feature of the website. The ability to pay for products, dues, and donations via credit card and debit card online has been completed. Please visit the website and if you have any questions please contact me.

Some interesting articles that are so long it would take up most of the newsletter sent out. In order to make these available to you I will be working on putting them on the website and will finalize this prior to the next newsletter.

As always, any suggestions on what you would like to see in the website or newsletter please email or call me.

Thank you all for your service to our country and the many sacrifices that you have made.

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Webmaster 13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association



GUESTBOOK ENTRIES

These are past guestbook entries from association members and family members. Some are looking for information. If you would like to contact the writer of the entry please contact the Webmaster at webmaster@13thengineerbn.com and I will forward your message on to the writer.

Ron Stearns wrote on 11/25/2019:

Drafted in Aug. 53. Trained as radio operator & Commo Chief. Arrived Korea first part of July 1954. Was a Radio Operator in Hqtrs Co. 13th Combat Eng. Bn, 7th Div. on the DMZ. Was transferred to the 24th Div in Dec 54 also on the DMZ right next to the 7th Div. Almost as soon as I arrived, the entire 24th Div. was loaded up and shipped to Sasebo, Japan. Stayed in Sasebo for ~ 2 months, then the entire 24 Div was sent back to Korea and ended up on the DMZ again. Left Korea in June 1955.

Christopher h. Wilson sr. wrote on 11/08/2019 :

HHCo.13th. S-4 67/68 Served with Dean Diel/George Cooper/Ted Langan/Mike Klass/Bill Warvej/Marvin Lewis/Larry Vencheski and many more. I have one of the year books 67/68.where is everyone??

Gleb Taran wrote on 09/23/2019:

2nd Platoon, A Company attached to 2nd Battalion, 31st Infantry when in the field for Division or Brigade training - Fort Hunter Liggett, Camp Roberts, Fort Sherman Panama, Fort Wainwright Alaska, Liverpool Barracks Sydney, Australia, Giebelstadt Airfield near Wurzburg, Germany for REFORGER.

Gleb Taran wrote on 09/23/2019:

Served with 13th Engineers, A Company, 2nd Platoon - March 1980 - December 1981; HHC, Heavy Equipment Platoon - December 1981 - September 1982. Essayons!

GRANT AND PAT NELSON wrote on 08/29/2019:

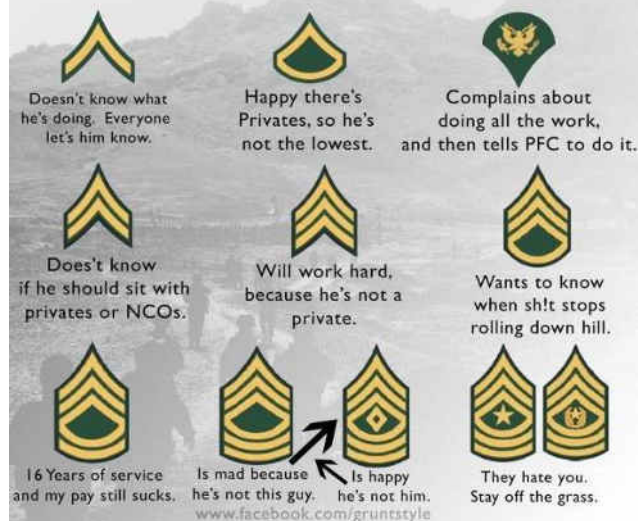
WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CASTLE AGAIN FOR WINDOW

Brian Anthony Brown wrote on 08/28/2019:

Soldiers For Life. B. Co. 13th Engineers, Sappers Lead the Way. 1988-1991



ENLISTED RANKS EXPLAINED





2020 REUNION

ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION FORM

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2020, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Your Name	Name on ID Tag
Spouse/ Guest Name	Name on ID Tag

Dues: 2 years (2020-2021) \$5/Year= \$10.00 \$ _____

Registration Fee: \$5.00 Per Person X _____ \$ _____

Paid Activities

Thursday, 9/24/2020

Welcome Buffett (Hospitality Room) 6:30 PM

Fried Chicken, Glazed Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans Almandine, Tossed Garden Salad, Rolls, Tea, Lemonade & Coffee, Cookies and Mini Brownies

\$20.00 Per Person X _____ \$ _____

Friday 9-25-2020

Tour of the Indianapolis Speedway, time to be announced and subject to change.

\$20.00 Per Person X _____ \$ _____

Saturday, 9/26/2020

Closing Banquet (Pictures for the Reunion will start at 5:30 PM need to be seated by 6:45 PM)

Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM

Dinner Menu is: House Salad, Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Roll, Double Rounds Cake **Variety and choice of:**

Beef Medallions X _____ Champaign Chicken X _____ \$25 Per Person X _____ \$ _____

OPTIONAL – Donation (Tax Deductible) for NEWSLETTER FUND \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

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13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

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8833 Prairie Trail
Avon IN, 46123**

HOTEL INFORMATION FOR THE 13TH ENGINEER (C) BATTALION 2020 REUNION

The Hotel Name and address is listed below

Hampton Inn Indianapolis – SW/Plainfield
2244 E. Perry Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

The deadline for hotel registration at the \$119.00 a night rate is **August 15, 2020.**

You can call the Hampton Inn direct 1-317-839-9993 or you go to the link below

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized//INDPFHX-ENG-20200923/index.jhtml>

If you call the hotel direct be sure to let them know that you're with the 13TH Engineer Reunion

The hotel does provide airport shuttle service

Please send your sign-up sheet and payment for the registration fee, dues and dinners to:

Gene Reed
8833 Prairie Trail, Avon In 46123

2020 Reunion Activity Schedule

Wednesday September 23, 2020:

12:00 Noon Board Meeting

Thursday September 24, 2020:

Member and Guest Registration in the Hospitality Room
6:30 PM Welcome Buffett Dinner in the Hospitality Room

Friday September 25, 2020: Tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

\$20 per person time to be announced.
Subject to change

Saturday September 26, 2020:

08:00 am Members general meeting, probably last 1 hour.
10:00 am Memorial Service for our fallen.
5:30 pm Pictures in the Hospitality Room
7:00 pm Dinner will be served after which we will have a guest speaker

The Hospitality Room will be open every morning for members that want to eat their breakfast there.
We will have various drinks and snacks also.

WILLIAM H. GRIFFITHS

14334 SE 77th Place
Newcastle, WA 98059

June 29, 2019

Dear Earl:

Since I was in Korea (Co. B, 13th Engineer Battalion) when the USS Pueblo was seized, I read the article in our current newsletter on the capture of this ship with great interest. Coincidentally, I happened to recently purchase the May issue of **Military History** magazine and have enclosed a copy of an article entitled **The Korean War That Almost Was** that deals with the Pueblo incident and more.

I still vividly recall being roused out of bed, having a rifle thrust in my hands and pulling guard duty throughout the early hours. I remember the perimeter lights of our base (Ft. Beavers) being all lit up and thinking those of us inside would be sitting ducks for any infiltrators or enemy snipers! Fortunately, none came...at least not that time.

Thanks for taking on the duties of editor of the newsletter. I'll certainly pass on any information that I think might be of interest. I'll mention that we live less than an hour away from Joint Base Lewis McCord (JBLM). I hope to arrange a tour of 7th Infantry Division HQ for a fellow Legionnaire and myself, so if there's anything I can do for you there let me know.

We plan to make the reunion in Indy next year; indeed, we get back there on a fairly regular basis since our son and his family live there.

Best regards,



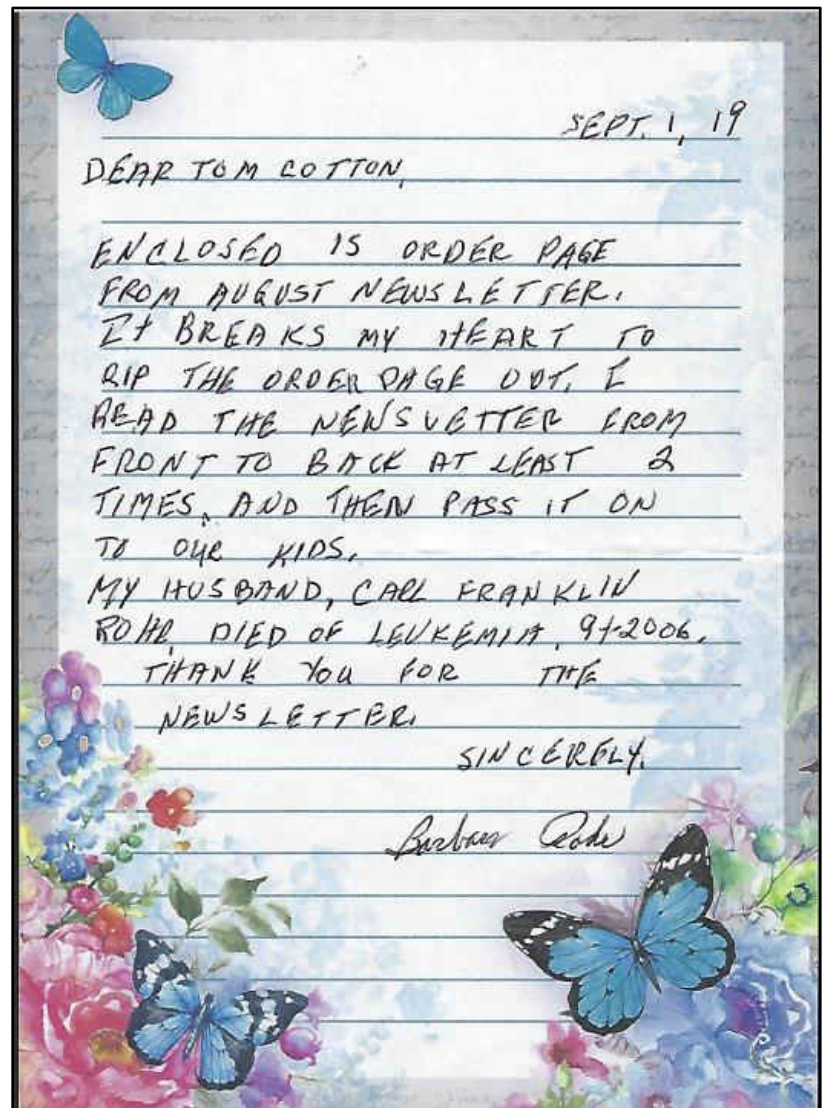
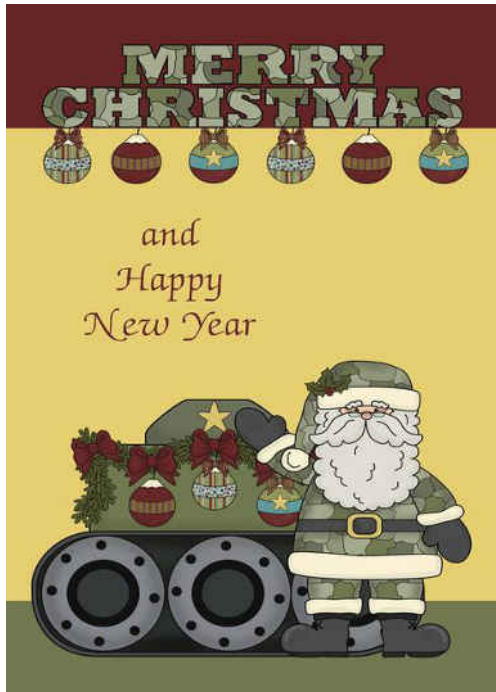
cc: Arlie E. Ellis
Gene Reed

Thank you, William, for writing in and providing the article from the magazine MILITARY HISTORY MAY 2019 on **THE KOREAN WAR THAT ALMOST WAS**.

Due to the length of the article I was unable to include it in this newsletter. I have uploaded the article to the 13th Engineer website. You can go to the website and on the menu bar at top it will be under the menu item titled **LINKS** or click on the below link to download this article.

<https://13thengineerbn.com/links/>

LETTERS RECEIVED



LETTER FROM ROGER BROWNE II

Thank you Roger for taking the time to write in with a story about yourself and Ron Salvador and how two artillery officers became engineer company commanders.

September 3, 2019

Dear Gene, please use this as you see fit. As a matter of medical condition, my oncologist tells me my timeline is about 8 months, but since that is an average and a guess, I conclude only one guy knows, and He ain't telling. But, thought I would relate some of ancient history about Ron Salvador and me. Be free to edit to your heart's content. Use all or nothing. Just thought some of it could be amusing to some of the old timers.

Some background – Ronnie and I are West Point graduates together, Cl of 1954. We were both assigned to Air Defense Artillery to be cross trained in Field Arty. After our first assignment, we were sent to a course at Ft. Bliss, TX for 9 months, ostensibly to get trained in AD. OPO made a mistake (no surprise) and should have sent us to Sill. After graduation in June 57, we were both on orders to a short tour in Korea. Our anticipation was we would be assigned to some DivArty for our 18 month tour. We got to the Rpl Dept in Seoul expecting to pick up orders and be on our way. To our surprise, some Engineer Major called our name and handed us orders to the 13th. We argued these orders were wrong, that we were supposed to be in DivArty, all to no avail. That Maj showed us our records, noting I had studied EE as a college student at VPI. And Ronnie had been in construction every summer working for his Dad for the last 8 years. We were qualified as engineers, whether we liked it or not. So off to the 13th we went gripping all the way.

The Div/Bn had a quasi-district engineer section supervising construction being done by contract with Korean construction companies, and we were to supervise those contracts. We were both like a fish out of water, not knowing what to do. But we were under the heading of warm bodies, so plugged away doing a lot of OJT for about 6 months. About middle of July, we got a new Bn CO, LTC Dan Raymond, an absolute gem. After Christmas, he gave both of us one of the Engineer companies, I had E Co. and Ronnie had D Co. An unusual situation!! Cos A and B were commanded by Engineer officers, A had a 1LT B had an O3, C had an Inf O3, D and E had ADARTY O2s as commanders. What a great education on infantry, engineer, Division, Inf Bgd operations. Probably the best thing that ever happened to us.

I turned over my command about 10 days before DEROS, Ronnie about 6 days before DEROS. We both had many adventures in the 7th Inf Div as engineers, which I estimate would take several chapters, so not to be a bore. I will quit. Hope this will help fill a page or two.

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A note from James was in the package that read:

"Ron here are some pictures you might use. Don't know the exact locations. They were taken September – April 51-52.

P.S.

I met the general on an inspection tour in Korea. After coming home, I was stationed at Ft. McNair in D.C. That is where I was given the pictures"



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APO 7

MEMORANDUM FOR: Departing Members of the 7th Infantry Division

On the occasion of your departure from the Division, I wish to express my gratitude for your services and to wish you Godspeed. You have earned your relief from combat and your return to your families and loved ones.

I am proud to have had you in my Division, as I have been proud and privileged to have been your commander. Here in Korea you have successfully met every test and every challenge presented by the terrain, the elements and the enemy. You have successfully taken every objective assigned to you. You have done these things with skill, determination and indomitable courage.

You have every reason to be proud of your achievements as a member of the 7th Infantry Division in combat in Korea. I am certain that you will remember always our high standards and gallant traditions. Let your conduct be such as to reflect credit on your unit, and be an example to your fellow Americans and to the world of the fighting prowess and loyalty of the United States Army.

May we serve together again. Good Luck.

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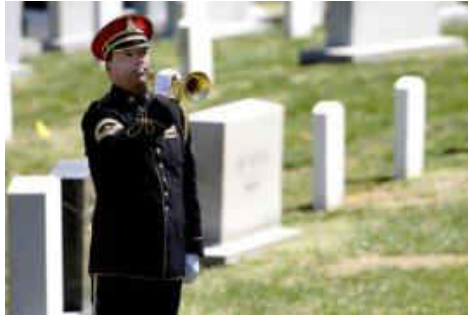
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History of Taps



The history of Taps is somewhat clouded by myth and legend, but the importance of this iconic bugle call cannot be argued. The twenty-four notes of Taps compose, arguably, the most recognizable and emotionally charged music ever played on a bugle. Although we usually associate Taps with military funerals (right), that was not always the case.

Originally, Taps was intended to signal lights out, but it was not long before it was co-opted as an important part of military funerals in America. According to most accounts of the history of Taps, soon after the tune was written in 1862, it was first used in a funeral ceremony:

"During the Peninsula Campaign in 1862, a soldier of Tidball's Battery A of the 2nd Artillery was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods. It was unsafe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, on account of the proximity of the enemy, and it occurred to Capt. Tidball that the sounding of Taps would be the most appropriate ceremony that could be substituted."

Despite being widely used during military funerals for many years, Taps was not made an official part of the military funeral service until 1891.

So, we know what Taps is, and how it came to be used as a part of military funeral honors... ..but where does the tune itself come from? Good question! To find out, read on...

Legend of the Origin of Taps

Such a moving and iconic piece of music is bound to have a great story attached to it isn't it? Yes, it is, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the story is true...

There is a common legend surrounding the history of Taps that has been around for years, and has taken on a new life in the internet age. It goes something like this...

In 1862, Union Captain Robert Elliscombe was hunkered down with his men near Harrison's Landing, Virginia. The Union army was being pressed by the Confederates after having been routed during the Seven Days Battles.

One night, Captain Elliscombe heard a wounded soldier moaning in the no-man's-land between the two armies. Risking his own life, the Captain moved out between the lines to carry the wounded man to safety.

When he was finally back behind his own lines, Captain Elliscombe discovered that the young soldier he had carried was actually a Confederate and had died just as they reached the hospital tent.

Upon further inspection, the face of the Confederate soldier looked somewhat familiar. Suddenly, the Captain came to the shocking realization that the young man was his own son.

Consumed by grief, Captain Elliscombe asked to be able to bury his boy with military honors, but he was denied, because, his son was a Confederate. However, he was allowed to have a bugler to play as his son was lowered into his grave.

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When asked what he would like the bugler to play, the Captain provided a piece of paper that his son had been carrying. On the paper was written a series of twenty-four notes. It is said that this haunting scene was the first time that Taps was ever played.

This story originated with Ripley's Believe it or Not, and seems to fall into the Not category. The largest flaw in the story is the fact that there is no record of a Captain Elliscombe having ever served in the Army of the Potomac. Unfortunately, this legend has obscured the true history of Taps and how it was originally written...

True History of Taps...

The true history of Taps is much less romantic, but there was one kernel of truth in the Captain Elliscombe story. Taps was, in fact, written at Harrison's Landing, after the Seven Days Battles, in 1862.

...but as we already know, it did not originate as a piece of funeral music. It originated as a call for lights out... At that time, the call for lights out was a French tune called Extinguish Lights, but Union General Daniel Butterfield (left) felt this was too formal. Instead, he wanted a more soothing call to tell his men that the day was over, so he turned to an old, unused tune called Scott's Tattoo.

The term tattoo was derived from an old Dutch military word which meant it was time to turn off the beer taps and return to camp. Tattoo was usually played about an hour before lights out, to give soldiers time to prepare to end the day.

Scott's Tattoo had been replaced by a newer tattoo in the Union Army, and Butterfield felt it was a good starting place for his new call to lights out. He called for his brigade's bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton, and the two worked together to write Taps. Here is Norton's account of how that meeting went:

"One day, soon after the seven days' battles on the Peninsular, when the Army of the Potomac was lying in camp at Harrison's Landing, General Daniel Butterfield sent for me, and showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for "Taps" thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day I was visited by several buglers from neighboring brigades, asking for copies of the music which I gladly furnished. I think no general order was issued from army headquarters authorizing the substitution of this for the regulation call, but as each brigade commander exercised his own discretion in such minor matters, the call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac."

As Norton suggested, Taps spread quickly within the Army of the Potomac, and soon saw widespread use as the call to lights out. Within a few months, it had become common to use Taps during funeral services (thanks to Captain Tidball).

The tune also quickly gained widespread use for lights out in the Confederate Armies, and roughly ten months after Butterfield and Norton put the finishing touches on Taps, it was played at the funeral service of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson.

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