



# THE 13TH (C) ENGINEER

**"IN OMNIA PARATUS"**

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

**PRESIDENTS CORNER - ARLIE E. ELLIS**



**AUGUST - 2020**

## **CANCELLATION OF SEPTEMBER 2020 REUNION**

As incredibly disappointing as it is to announce, the 13<sup>th</sup> combat Engineer Association reunion planned in Indianapolis Indiana September 24-26, 2020 is officially cancelled. We are unable to accurately predict when it might be possible to schedule a reunion in a safe and responsible manner.

Our top priority is to provide a safe environment for everyone involved, we value our members safety, and will be planning our next reunion as soon as the event can be safe for everyone.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to greeting you, and yours when we have our next reunion.

We are issuing refunds for money paid that was sent in for registration for the reunion.

Arlie E. Ellis  
President  
IN OMNIA PARATUS  
13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association

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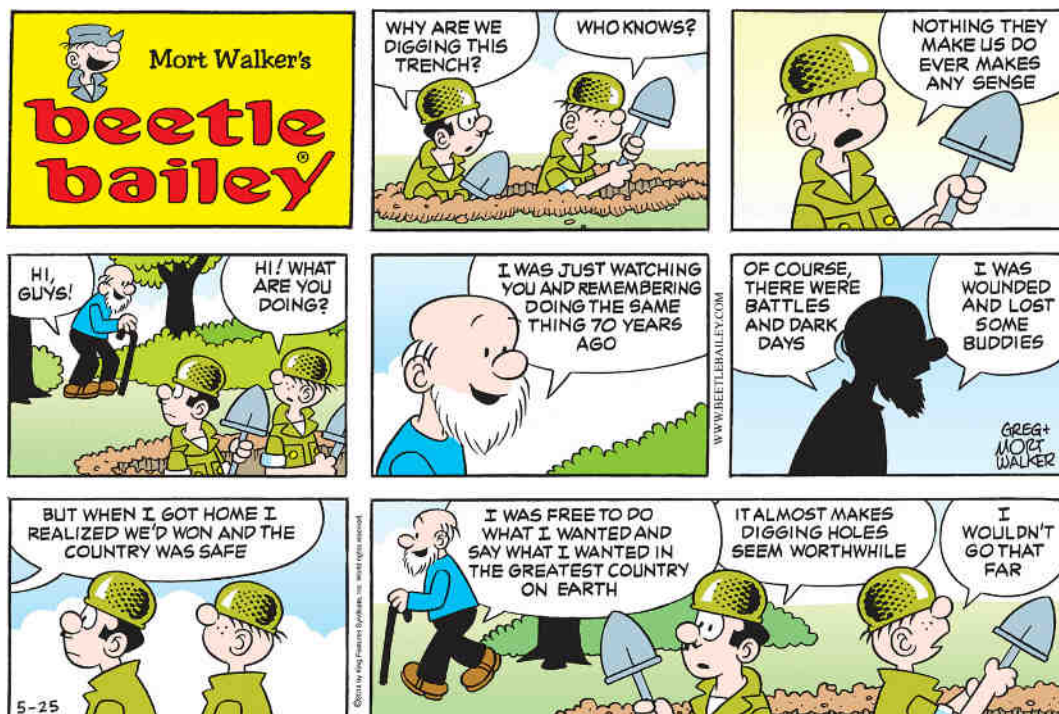
## Military Humor - Basic Training

“Today, gentlemen, I have some good news and some bad news,” said our platoon sergeant during our morning lineup. “First, the good news. Private Tomkins will be setting the pace on our run.” The platoon began to hoot and holler, since the overweight Tomkins was the slowest guy in the group. “Now the bad news. Private Tomkins will be driving a truck.” – Rick Stover

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All you idiots, fall out! Shouted the sergeant at the soldiers standing in formation. As the rest of the squad dispersed, one soldier remained at attention. The sergeant stalked over and raised a single eyebrow. The private grinned. “SURE WAS A LOT OF THEM, HUH, SIR?”


Our first stop as new recruits was the barber’s. “Want to keep your sideburns?” he asked. Yes, that would be great, I said. Okay I’ll get you a bag to put them in. James Mcgruder



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

We had to make a tuff decision regarding canceling the reunion this year. It seemed the cards was stacked against us with no relief in sight. Every officer and Trustee to a man agreed that there is just too many unknowns and risk to move forward with the reunion. So, with that being said the officers and trustees have given thought to maybe trying to hold a reunion next year. Of course, there are a lot of things that will have to happen, the biggest being these viruses that are holding our country hostage must be gone. It is of course way too early to even consider setting a date or place because of the state of the county at this time. We are keeping a close eye on our options and if anything changes you my brothers and sisters will be the first to know. Stay safe.

Keep the Faith

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**(ENGINEERS CLEAR THE WAY)**

**Gene Reed (317) 268-6455**

**Vice President**

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

**TREASURE'S CORNER= HARRY (GENE) REED**

As of 7/5/2020 our current balance is \$7,932.37. A refund has been sent to everyone that sent in a Reunion Registration Form. We hope we can have a reunion next year only time will tell. Stay safe.

Engineers Clear the Way

**Gene Reed (317) 268-6455**

**Treasure**

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## The Korean War began 70 years ago, things you might not know about the conflict

Seventy years ago, June 26<sup>th</sup>, more than 135,000 North Korean troops invaded South Korea, starting a war that cost millions of lives and left scars that linger to this day.

Yet, the Korean War has been forever overshadowed by World War II, a much larger conflict that ended less than five years earlier. Even the US Army refers to Korea as “the forgotten War” despite more than 36,000 American lives lost.

Sixteen nations, including the United States, sent combat troops in aid of South Korea under the United Nations Command. Chinese troops intervened on the North Korean side.

War broke out on June 25, 1950, when North Korean forces stormed across the 38th parallel dividing North and South Korea. An armistice signed on July 27, 1953, stopped the conflict, but the war never officially ended because there was no peace treaty.

## The US Army once controlled one of the most secretive cities on Earth, Pyongyang

But for eight weeks in 1950, Pyongyang was under control of the US Army. On October 19 of that year, the US Army's 1st Cavalry Division along with a division of South Korean soldiers captured the North Korean capital, according to US Army histories. The US forces quickly made themselves at home, according to the histories.

By October 22, the US Eighth Army had set up its advance headquarters in what was the headquarters building for North Korean leader Kim Il Sung.

But the US military's occupation of Pyongyang was short-lived. When Chinese troops entered the war in late November 1950, they quickly pushed south and vanquished US forces from Pyongyang by December 5.

The US dropped more bombs on North Korea than on the entire region during WWII. Most images of the Korean War are of ground battles fought in places like the Chosin Reservoir and Incheon. But much of the destruction wreaked on North Korea by the US military was done in a relentless bombing campaign.

During the three years of the Korean War, US aircraft dropped 635,000 tons of bombs -- both high explosive and incendiary -- on North Korea. That's more than the 500,000 tons of bombs the US dropped in the Pacific in the entirety of the Second World War.

## **SECRETARY CORNER - ALLEN G.PHETTEPLACE**



Carol and I were sure looking forward to the reunion, but we understand why it could not be held at this time. We hope we can put a reunion together in the near future.

The following members according to my records are past due, if any of these are incorrect please contact me so we can correct our membership records. Our membership is declining, and the membership dues are very important to ensure our ability to publish the newsletter and other operating expenses. Please take the time to send in your dues or pay in advance.

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.

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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.

### **A FEW CHUCKLES FOR THE DAY**

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| Two guys stole a calendar. They got six months each | A drill sergeant chewed out one of his cadets. Then he smiled coyly and said "I guess when I die you'll dance on my grave." The cadet shakes his head. "Not me Sarge. I promised myself that When I got out of the Army, I'd never stand in another line." |
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### **We Are Veterans (Author unknown)**

- We left home as teenagers for an unknown adventure.
- We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.
- We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.
- We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.
- We found new friends and new family.
- We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race or creed.
- We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.
- We didn't get enough sleep.
- We smoked and drank too much.
- We picked up both good and bad habits.
- We worked hard and played harder.
- We didn't earn a great wage.
- We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing important events.
- We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.
- We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.
- We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.
- Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.
- Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.
- Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.
- We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.
- We participated in time honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.
- We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.
- We have dealt with victory and tragedy.
- We have celebrated and mourned.
- We lost a few along the way.
- When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all.
- We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.
- We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.
- We speak highly of our own branch of service, and poke fun at the other branches.
- We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.

## - We Are Veterans (Author unknown) Continued

- Being a veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.
- It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift.
- People see a veteran and they thank them for their service.
- When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.

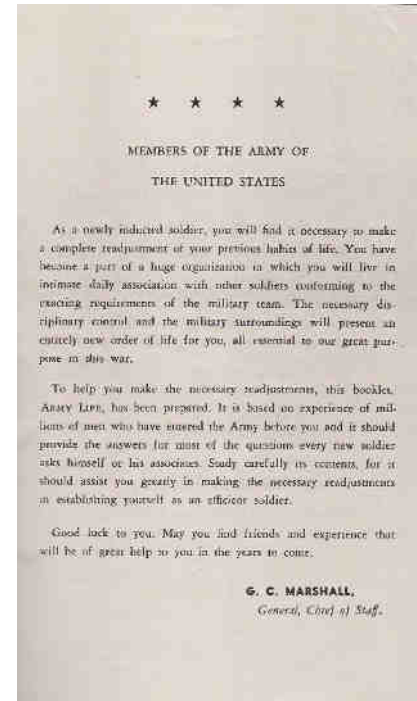
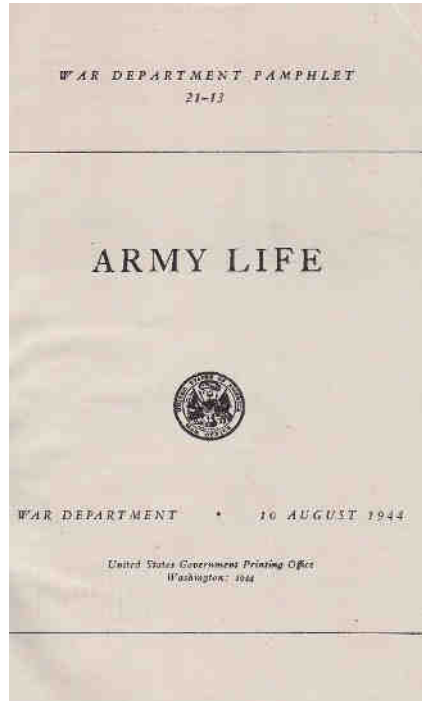
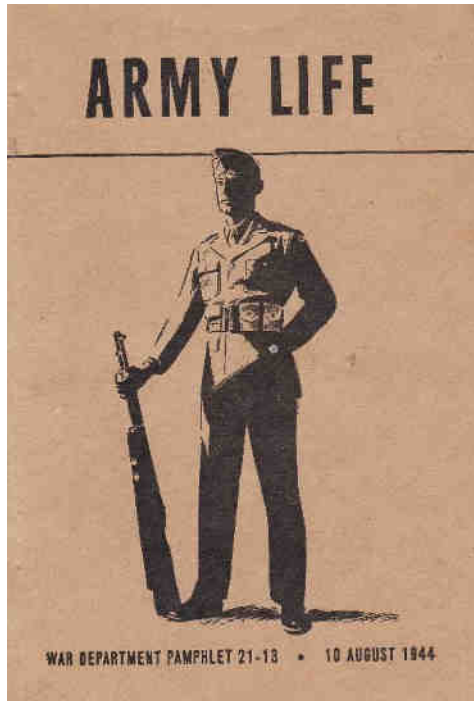
So, from myself to the rest of the veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for your country.

Try to remember the good times and forget the bad times. Share your stories. But most importantly, stand tall and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a Veteran.

If you are a veteran, you are among my dearest friends.

**I found this book when cleaning up after my father passed away, these are the first three pages.**

**Earl Shatzer**





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



Some old pictures I found that mentions the 13th in action in Korea



ENGINEERS CROSS THE HANRIVER ON A TRESTLE BUILT IN SHORT ORDER OF EMPTY 55 GALLON DRUMS AND PLANKS. JUNE 1950  
Photo by Norm Strickbine



Above: By early fall of 1951 the war of "rapid movement" was over and the lines were stabilizing. This recent fourth and laster weeks similar to WW I. New classes in installing barb-wire and the use of handpump breachers to breach it are being taught by the 13<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers to the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Division.  
Photo by Norm Strickbine

13<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Division get introduced while working on road near An-dong, Korea.  
March 8, 1951. Gift photos from National Archives



Above Left: The effects of napalm make a gruesome "face of war". Above: A crew from the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineers, 7<sup>th</sup> Div, spread sand on an icy stretch of the MSR.



Above: Infantry troops in reserve are being taught new skills by a Lieutenant of the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineers. He is holding an AT mine and to the right of the blackboard is a display of cratering charges, AP mines and other deadly items. To the right of the instructor is a double-apron barb wire entanglement. Homemade "napalm" and "frag" goodies to hang in the wire were also demonstrated. Near the Iron Triangle, August 1951.  
Photo by Norm Strickbine

## WHAT IS A COMBAT ENGINEER (a short description of what combat engineers do)?

Combat engineers are force multipliers and enhance the survival of other troops through the use and practice of camouflage, reconnaissance, communications, and other services. These include the construction of roads, bridges, field fortifications, obstacles and the construction and running of water points. In these roles, combat engineers use a wide variety of hand and power tools. They are also responsible for construction rigging, the use of explosives, and the carrying out of demolitions, obstacle clearance, and obstacle construction, assault of fortifications, use of assault boats in water obstacle crossings, helipad construction, general construction, route reconnaissance and road reconnaissance, and erecting communication installations. Combat engineers build and run water distribution points, carrying out water filtration, and NBC decontamination when necessary, and storage prior to distribution.

All these role activities and technologies are divided into several areas of combat engineering:

**Mobility** Improving the ability of one's own force to move around the battlefield. Combat engineers typically support this role through reduction of enemy obstacles which include point and row minefields, anti-tank ditches, wire obstacles, concrete and metal anti-vehicle barriers, and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and wall and door breaching in urban terrain. Mechanized combat engineer units also have armored vehicles capable of laying short bridges for limited gap-crossing.

- Clearing terrain obstacles
- Overcoming trenches and ditches
- Opening routes for armored fighting vehicles
- Constructing roads and bridges
- Route clearance

**Counter mobility** Building obstacles to prevent the enemy from moving around the battlefield. Destroying bridges, blocking roads, creating airstrips, digging trenches, etc. Can also include planting land mines and anti-handling devices when authorized and directed to do so.

When the defender must retreat it is often desirable to destroy anything that may be of use to the enemy, particularly bridges, as their destruction can slow the advance of the attackers. The retreating forces may also leave booby traps for enemy soldiers, even though these often wreak their havoc upon non-combatant civilians.

- Planting land mines
- Digging trenches and ditches
- Demolishing roads and bridges

**Explosive material handling** The placement of land mines to create minefields and their maintenance and removal.

- Clearing fields of land mines
- Demolition

**AND MUCH MORE**

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR - EARL C. SHATZER**

I need your help to gather material for the newsletter. I have received very little material from members to put into the newsletter. Please feel free to contribute your stories!

We are looking for any stories you have to include in our newsletter, you can email, mail, or call me with them. Pictures are always a joy to look at and if you are unable to scan them please consider sending them to me and I will scan them and return the photos to you and put them on a CD for you to have.

We are also looking for any new ideas you may have for the Newsletter, write it down and mail it to me. Just a few words is fine, and I will take it from there. Would love to get input from members or family members that have memories of stories they were told. If you would like we can have a phone call and I can record the call and transcribe it for you.

Your content will help make this Newsletter continue to be interesting.

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We very much welcome your input.

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

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## FROM THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY

### 13<sup>TH</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion Coat of Arms

Motto – IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)



#### Symbolism

##### Shield

In the reconstitution and reorganization of the regiment in 1921 as the 13th Engineer Regiment (General Service) the personnel of the 1st Battalion of the 5th Engineers was transferred to this organization. The descent of the personnel from the 5th Engineer Regiment is indicated by the canton. The charge on the canton is the crest of that regiment with the colors reversed. The 5th Engineers was formed from the 2nd Engineers whose units go back to 1861. The five-bastioned fort, in addition to indicating the number of the regiment recalls the Santiago Campaign of 1898. The crescent represents the fighting against the Philippine Moros. The white of the canton with the red of upper half of shield forms the Engineer colors. The green indicates the original school status of the regiment.

##### Crest

The rising sun is indicative of the spirit of the Corps of Engineers, promptness, an early start. The number of rays, thirteen, alternating heat and light, represents the unit, the 13th Engineers. The upraised arm, clasping in the hand the blacksmith's hammer, denotes accomplishment in the manual arts, necessary in all engineering work. The 13th Engineers is organized as a General Service Regiment.

#### Background

The coat of arms was originally approved for the 13th Engineer Regiment on 21 January 1922. It was amended to add the crest and motto (complete the coat of arms) on 30 June 1924. It was re-designated for the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion on 18 February 1943. The insignia was re-designated for the 13th Engineer Battalion on 19 March 1958.



**WEBMASTER - EARL C. SHATZER**

Hello to all members, hope everyone is doing well with this health situation all over the country. It has been an extended period of craziness for everyone and I hope you all are coping well with it.



The 13th Engineer Combat Battalion Association is now on Facebook. The link is listed below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/723567991421334/>

If you have any suggestions concerning our website, please contact me with any ideas to help make your visit to the website interesting.

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

The 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion Association is dedicated to our members and without your support we would not be able to keep our website for all to enjoy and send out newsletter.

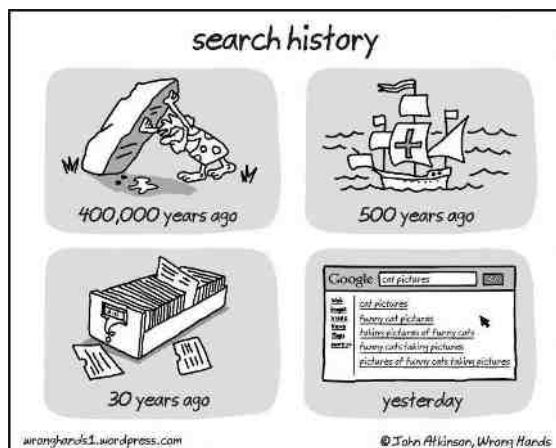
If you have any pictures that you want to share please contact me and we can make arrangements to scan them for you and post them on our website and in the newsletter.

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





**Coming Home from Korea by Robert J. Roberts**

*Robert J. Roberts served as a sergeant first class as a Survey Chief of Party with the 937th Field Artillery Battalion from January 1951-April 1952*

A troop ship is not the ideal way to travel:

Smelly bodies stacked six high, On canvas beds just high enough To get in while lying down.

Two meals a day at stand-up tables Where you were lucky if your messmate (That's sailor talk, they told us) Doesn't throw up in his tray From seasickness (we're not sailors).

Feeling your own gorge rise And running up the stairs (called, strangely, ladders) To get out on deck for fresh air.

Pulling KP, washing trays in steamy GI cans While your buddies threw up in the can next to you (A lot of throwing-up went on) While you laughed at them You HAD to laugh or join them.

But the worst thing was the boredom Read until your eyes hurt, Walk the deck, nap, Play poker, canasta, cribbage, Walk the deck, etc., etc. Did you ever spend fifteen days doing Absolutely nothing?

But then, we were near San Francisco. We saw the cloudlike shoreline, Then the coast itself, Then San Francisco, and finally The Golden Gate Bridge.

Everyone was on deck When we went under the bridge And a cheer erupted spontaneously From a thousand throats.

We suddenly knew We had survived the war And we were home.

Sergeant First Class Robert J. Roberts  
Headquarters Battery  
937th Field Artillery Battalion  
United States Army



*"Me future is settled, Willie. I'm gonna be a professor on types o' European soil."*



# TAPS



## Gilbert H. Stokes

December 10, 1926 – September 3, 2019  
Alpha CO. 1950-51

13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

## Julian Candelaria

“C” Company 1953-54  
Received notice he had passed in July this  
year. He was 82.  
No published Obituary as of yet.



## “NEW MEMBER’S”

Raymond E. Spiess Jr.  
Fresno, CA.  
“B” Company 13<sup>th</sup> Engineers  
1-8-1975 to 3-3-1977

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Daughter of Quinton Olson  
Mason City, IA

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## **QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON**



It is sad that we had to cancel our reunion this September. I know how we all look forward to seeing each other and look in amazement how some of us have found the fountain of youth. Having said that when we are able to schedule the reunion, I will be selling raffle tickets at the Quartermasters table and the winner will get the location of the fountain of youth.

We have had little orders from December 2019 to current, so please help me reduce some of my inventory to make room for any new items we may start to supply. Also, the sales of our product help to defer the cost of sending out our newsletters each year.

The fastest way to get your orders after you order them is online, they can be shipped within a few days. 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 to the board for review.

### **QUARTER MASTER**

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### **Distinctive Unit Insignia**

#### **Description/Blazon**

A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall blazoned as follows

#### **Symbolism**

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#### **Background**

The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 13th Engineer Regiment on 6 October 1923. It was redesignated for the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion on 18 February 1943. The insignia was redesignated for the 13th Engineer Battalion on 19 March 1958.

## QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON



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1/2"

\$9.00



LAPEL PIN 1"  
\$5.00



13TH ENGINEER COIN  
\$10.00



13TH ENGINEER  
METAL LICENSE  
PLATE 6" X 12"

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13TH Engineer Custom Battalion Coin

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| 6    | 13 <sup>th</sup> Engineer Metal License Plate 6" x 12"          |          | \$10.00    |        |
| 7    | 7 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Bayonet Pin                            |          | \$9.00     |        |
| 8    | Association Patch   |          | \$3.00     |        |
| 9    | 13 <sup>th</sup> Engineer Custom Battalion Coin 1 3/4" Diameter |          | \$10.00    |        |

Total



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THEY CAN ALSO GO TO OUR WEBSITE <https://13thengineerbn.com/> AND CLICK ON THE  
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To preserve and strengthen the bonds of friendship and camaraderie among members through reunions, meetings, publications, and other social actives, to honor, revere and pay homage to the memory of those gallant comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice while serving in the 13<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion and to honor the annually selected non-commissioned officer and soldier of the year of the battalion in an appropriate manner.

#### 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

