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APRIL - 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In grateful recognition to Billy D. Quinton SR. our past president receiving the below award from the National Museum of the U.S. Army for being a founding sponsor and his continued support to the U.S. Army. I want to thank you for your dedication and your outstanding efforts which have made the difference between just being good and being great.

Arlie E. Ellis President
IN OMNIA PARATUS

★ THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE U.S. ARMY ★

By authority vested in the Board of Directors of the Army Historical Foundation, this National Army Museum Grand Opening Award has been issued in the name of Founding Sponsor:

CWO BILLY D. QUINTON, SR. USA-RET.
ST PETERSBURG, FL

In recognition of outstanding support and commitment to building the finest Museum in the world dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifices of the American Soldier. The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges and salutes you for enabling the Museum's Grand Opening to become a reality.



Certified this day of February 5, 2021



GEN Eric K. Shinseki, USA (Retired)

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**MAIL CHECKS TO:
Gene Reed, Treasurer
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I was driving one day when I noticed a car behind me flashing its lights repeatedly. Alarmed, I pulled over, and the other vehicle stopped behind me. Thinking there must be something wrong with my car, I was shocked when an old Army buddy I hadn't seen in 20 years stepped up and shook my hand. We reminisced for a while and then, just before we parted company, I asked him how he knew it was me driving ahead of him. "I marched behind you for years," he said. "I'd recognize the back of your head anywhere!"




Military Humor
At Fort Riley, Kan., the soldiers' wives were asked to bake treats for a party. My brownies did not turn out well, and I told my husband I would be embarrassed if no one ate them. As a group of soldiers filed in, however, I noticed they bypassed other goodies in favor of min. I was flattered until I heard one soldier ask my husband, "Hey, Sarge, are these the brownies you told us we better eat, or else?"

GOVERNING BOARD ELECTED OFFICERS

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

Well, we have started a new year. I choose to believe that all the craziness will go away this year and we can get back living not hiding. Somehow some way we all need to get together so we can toast ourselves and remember when. I really missed not having the reunion last year, but Engineers have and always will keep moving forward and deal with what is thrown at us. At least until our wives tell otherwise. I will as always keep you my brothers and your families in prayers. Until we meet again keep moving and looking forward.

Keep the Faith

IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)

(Engineers Clear the Way)

Gene Reed (317) 268-6455
Vice President
13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

Stay informed about getting a COVID-19 vaccine at VA

WASHINGTON = We are working to provide COVID-19 vaccines to veterans as quickly and safely as we can, based on Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and available supply. Sign up here to stay informed about when you can get a COVID-19 vaccine: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed> Or call 800-698-2411

- **If you're a Veteran currently receiving care through VA**, we'll ask about your vaccine plans when you sign up. We continue to contact Veterans as they become eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine. We base eligibility on VA and [CDC COVID-19 risk criteria](#). Within each risk group, we may first contact Veterans who sign up here and tell us that they plan to get a vaccine. But we'll still contact every eligible Veteran in each risk group to ask if they want to get a vaccine.
- **If you're a Veteran who isn't receiving care through VA or a spouse, caregiver, or CHAMPVA recipient**, sign up to tell us if you want to get a vaccine through VA. If you're eligible, we'll contact you when we have a vaccine available for you. At this time, we don't know when that will be.

TREASURE'S CORNER= HARRY (GENE) REED



As of the end of February our current balance is \$8,661.22. Just a reminder that membership dues are due on even years. If you are not sure if you owe anything just give Earl Shatzer or myself a call or email us. Below is the 2020 Profit – Loss breakdown. Again, if you have any questions on the break down just give me a call or send me an email. Thank You

Engineers Clear the Way

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	January	February	March	April	May	June	Deposits		Sept	October	Nov	Dec	Total
Dues	\$190.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$125.00	\$85.00	\$10.00	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$895.00
Donations	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$185.00	\$70.00	\$430.00
QM Sales	\$44.94	\$74.00	\$9.41	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$19.12	\$20.00	\$59.60	\$102.61	\$30.00	\$81.63	\$57.06	\$542.37
Runion	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$840.00
News Letter	\$115.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$360.00
												Total	\$3,067.37
							Expenses						
News Letter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$489.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$269.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$758.77
Stamps	\$122.65	\$56.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$267.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$447.09
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,176.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,176.60
Trailer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$412.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$412.13
Reunion Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$775.00
												Total	\$3,569.59

A FEW CHUCKLES FOR THE DAY

A military base commander called to complain that the weather – forecasting software our company created for them kept reporting unexplainable wind shifts. “Do you know where the sensor is located?” my coworker asked. “Of course,” he responded. “I is where we park the helicopters.”

-Angelo Giordano Bellevue, Nebraska -

My high school assignment was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, “Did you ever kill anyone?” Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, “Probably. I was the cook.”

-Maraian Babula Penn Run, Pennsylvania -

Secretary Corner - Earl Shatzer

Please check your dues status on the shipping label on your newsletter. If your status date is 2020 or later please submit your membership dues.

Example of address label.	Dues status 2020
	Name
	Company
	Address city and state

As a reminder, dues are \$5.00 per year (paid two years at a time) usually on even years. Membership includes Newsletters 3 times a year, April, August, and December (approximately 20 pages).

Member dues and donations ensure our ability to publish the newsletter and cover our operating expenses. When sending a donation along with your dues, please indicate the amount of your donation.

If you have moved or changed phones or have new email, please contact me so I may update our contact information.

If any member has reason to believe the data are incorrect, please notify me about the discrepancy so we can correct any information needed.

My contact information is email - shatzer@pacbell.net and phone is 707-689-0874.

Reunion status

With all the uncertainty of rules and regulations established in each state throughout the country established for the Covid-19 pandemic, the 13th Engineer board is unable to effectively plan a reunion and give everyone the time to schedule to attend. As soon as things settle down and we can solidly schedule a reunion we will send out notices either in the newsletter or a separate mailing.

Earl Shatzer
Secretary

Introduction to the American Battle Monuments Foundation (ABMF)

By Thomas Clark, Acting ABMF Director

ARLINGTON — Many of you are familiar with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). ABMC is an executive agency – the guardian of America's overseas commemorative cemeteries and memorials and honors the service, achievements and sacrifice of U.S. Armed Forces at 26 cemeteries and 31 memorials around the world.

The ABMF was recently established as a 501C-3 Non-profit to support the ABMC. Our stated purpose:

- Conservation— Support for the ABMC
- Remembrance—Honor those who have fought and died for our freedoms
- Education—ensure that the historical content lives on and
- Engagement—provide access to all Americans.

We are looking for members, like-minded Americans who believe that our generation has a duty to do all that we can to ensure that their stories are never forgotten. I humbly ask you to consider joining our cause. In turn, we will send you literature that informs and hopefully inspires.

If you are interested in learning more about ABMC, visit <https://www.abmc.gov/>.

Last Known Widow Of Civil War Veteran Dies At 101

Helen Viola Jackson's 1936 marriage to James Bolin was unusual to say the least: He was 93 and in declining health, and she was a 17-year-old schoolgirl.

Bolin was also a Civil War veteran who fought for the Union in the border state of Missouri. Jackson was almost certainly the last remaining widow of a Civil War soldier when she died December 16, 2020 at a nursing home in Marshfield, Missouri. She was 101.

Several Civil War heritage organizations have recognized Jackson's quiet role in history, one that she hid for all but the final three years of her life, said Nicholas Inman, her pastor and longtime friend. Yet in those final years, Inman said, Jackson embraced the recognition that included a spot on the Missouri Walk of Fame and countless cards and letters from well-wishers.

"It was sort of a healing process for Helen: that something she thought would be kind of a scarlet letter would be celebrated in her later years," Inman said.

Jackson grew up one of 10 children in the tiny southwestern Missouri town of Niangua, near Marshfield. Bolin, a widower who had served as a private in the 14th Missouri Cavalry during the Civil War seven decades earlier, lived nearby.

Jackson's father volunteered his teenage daughter to stop by Bolin's home each day to provide care and help with chores. To pay back her kindness, Bolin offered to marry Jackson, which would allow her to receive his soldier's pension after his death, a compelling offer in the context of the Great Depression.

Jackson agreed in large part because "she felt her daily care was prolonging his life," Inman said.

They wed on Sept. 4, 1936, at his home. Throughout their three years of marriage there was no intimacy and she never lived with him. She never told her parents, her siblings or anyone else about the wedding. She never remarried, spending decades "harboring this secret that had to be eating her alive," Inman said.

After Bolin's death in 1939, she did not seek his pension.

She also realized the stigma and potential scandal of a teenager wedding a man in his 90s, regardless of her reason. In an oral history recording in 2018, Jackson said she never spoke of the wedding to protect Bolin's reputation as well as her own.

"I had great respect for Mr. Bolin, and I did not want him to be hurt by the scorn of wagging tongues," she said.

Inman and Jackson were longtime friends. She was a charter member of the Methodist church where he serves as pastor. One day in December 2017, she told Inman about her secret marriage to a much older man. She mentioned in passing that he fought in the Civil War.

"I said, 'What? Back up about that. What do you mean he was in the Civil War?'" Inman said.

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Inman checked into her story and found that everything she told him was “spot on.” Officials at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield sent him copies of Bolin’s service information. She identified where he was buried, in Niangua.

She also kept a Bible that he gave her — in which he wrote about their marriage. Those written words were good enough for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and other heritage organizations to recognize Jackson’s place in history.

After a lifetime of avoiding her past, Jackson embraced it in her final years, Inman said. She spoke to schoolchildren and had a Facebook page dedicated to her. She enjoyed getting cards and letters.

She also found new peace. A stoic nature that kept her from shedding tears at her own siblings’ funerals seemed to evaporate.

After Bolin’s relatives found out about Jackson’s role in his life, they went to the nursing home and presented her with a framed photo of him.

“She broke down and cried,” Inman recalled. “She kept touching the frame and said, ‘This is the only man who ever loved me.’”

An interesting article I ran across the other day

Bomb squad disposes of live Civil War cannonball found in Maryland

By MARY GRACE KELLER | The Frederick News-Post, Md. | Published: March 23, 2021

FREDERICK, Md. (Tribune News Service) — A bomb squad on Monday safely disposed of an unexploded Civil War-era cannonball a Jefferson resident received from a relative who recently found it near the Monocacy Battlefield, according to fire officials.

A team of bomb technicians from the Office of the State Fire Marshal disposed of the cannonball at Beaver Creek Quarry in Hagerstown, according to the fire marshal's office.

"The unexploded military ordnance was determined to be a live cannonball round used during the Civil War. Bomb technicians conducted diagnostics and determined the fusing mechanism was still intact," a statement reads.

The cannonball came into the possession of a homeowner on Glen Hill Court in Jefferson, who contacted the Office of the State Fire Marshal after another relative said the cannonball could be live. Bomb technicians took it to the quarry and determined the best decision was to conduct an "emergency disposal," per fire officials.

The fire marshal's office warned that these military devices pose the same threat today as they did 150-some years ago.

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

I ran across this article and thought to share that it may help some of our members or pass it on to others you.

Armed Forces Retirement Home welcomes Reserve Component

WASHINGTON – Are you seeking to live in a vibrant and affordable independent – living retirement community with other military retirees? Are you retired from the service, with the majority of your duty time spent as an enlisted member or warrant officer? If you answered yes, then the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) may be for you!

With locations in Washington D.C., and Gulfport, MS., AFRH now also welcomes retired Reserve Component members to apply for residency. Experience the same camaraderie you enjoyed during your time in uniform and join your fellow retirees in a dynamic community that also offers exceptional care and extensive service.

Rooms are currently available at both locations with no waiting period, down payment or contract required! The monthly rate for independent living is just 46.7% of the resident's gross monthly income or \$2,050.00, whichever is less. All residents must be able to live independently upon moving to AFRH.

Many veterans choose to live at AFRH for the superior medical, dental and vision care offered, with amenities that include private rooms with a shower, three delicious daily meals prepared by licensed nutritionists in our modern dining facility, a wellness program and deluxe fitness center, movie theater, bowling center, and numerous hobby shops, clubs, and social activities.

Services include recreational activities and resident day trips, a full-service library, barber shop, beauty salon, 24/7 security, computer center., mailboxes, ATM campus PX/NEX and convenient transportation available to local hospitals and appointments. Residents also have access to additional services such as on-site physical and occupational therapy, in room internet and cable TV, podiatry, and counseling.

In Washington, D.C., AFRH offers residents a scenic, wooded campus just minutes from downtown – home to museums, monuments, and a host of local entertainment, sports and other cultural options. In Gulfport, Miss. AFRH offers residents a beautiful view of the Gulf of Mexico, with an outdoor swimming pool, walking path to the beach, reflecting pool, and studio and modern media room.

Veterans who are not retired may also be eligible to live at AFRH if they have a service-connected disability of 50% or greater, or if they served in a war theater (such as in Vietnam, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan) and now have an injury, disease of disability.

For further information or to request an application visit <https://www.afrh.gov/apply> or contact the Office of Public Affairs at admissions@afrh.gov or 1-800-422-9988

KOREA Cold War VETERANS 2021 NATION REUNION 2021

The 13th Engineer (C) Battalion was notified that the Korea Cold War Veterans were having a Reunion and wanted to pass on this information to our members.

The 13th Engineer Association is not involved in setting up this reunion please contact the below phone number or email if you have any questions.

Some members of the 13th Engineer (C) Battalion are planning to be in attendance.

Below is the Agenda and contact information if you are interested in attending.

KOREA Cold War VETERANS 2021 NATION REUNION in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
August 6th – August 8th Call (925) 308-4337 (west coast) or email koreacoldwarveteran@gmail.com
for more information.

Friday, August 6, 2021

Veterans find their way to the Grand Smokies Resort Lodge, 2385 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN 37863
800/843-6686. Please use the code of COLD21 for the group rate.

- Noon to 4PM – Register, ‘Meet and Greet’ in Great Smokies Resort Lodge Ball Room
- 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM - ALL attendees meet in the Ball Room
- 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Reunion dinner [not included] – location TBA
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM – Reunion opening ceremony: Welcome all attendees, introduce VIPs, presentation of awards, presentation on Korea Defense and the DMZ
- 8:30 PM to ? – ‘Meet & Greet’ continues

Saturday, August 7 2021: Full day of fun and fellowship

- 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM - Stage for parade on South River Road in Pigeon Forge
- 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM – Participate in the “Welcome Home Veterans” (Parade Attendance is Mandatory). A military vehicle will be available for those who cannot walk in the parade.
- 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Free time to enjoy Pigeon Forge. Suggestions include:
 - Visit “The Veterans Store”
 - Experience the “Titanic”: Must call ahead to reserve complimentary tickets for veterans [800/381-7670 and choose Pigeon Forge location]
 - Help Prepare for Picnic
- 1:00 PM to 4:00 – (Mandatory) Group Picnic provided by KDCW veterans – Location TBA
- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM – Free Time/Sight-seeing
- 6:00 PM to ? – (Mandatory) Veterans ONLY Meeting in the Ball Room.
Guests can enjoy Pigeon Forge. Suggestions include:
 - Visit “The Island in Pigeon Forge” Shopping and Entertainment Complex
 - Attend the “Comedy Barn © Theater Show” [Clean Comedy]

Sunday, August 8, 2021

- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Final group meet-up and Farewells in the Ball Room

You are dismissed until next time.....Hooah

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - EARL C. SHATZER



This newsletter is for our members and it is nice to hear stories from other fellow veterans on their experience in the military and in Korea. If you have never written anything before and would like to just take a few minutes and jot down some event or time that still is clear in your mind. If you would like to just tell the story, contact me and I can record it over the phone and put it in print.

We are looking for any stories you have, and we can include them 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.

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.

Feedback to the newsletter editor, send to:

Newsletter Editor
1962 Tanglewood LN.
Vacaville, CA 95687

Email to: eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com or contact me at (707) 689-0874.

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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Receive Your Newsletter Electronically via Email

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.

First U.S. fatality in the Korean War

(the following is from <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/first-u-s-fatality-in-the-korean-war>)

1950 July 05

Near Sojong, South Korea, Private Kenneth Shadrick, a 19-year-old infantryman from Skin Fork, West Virginia, becomes the first American reported killed in the Korean War. Shadrick, a member of a bazooka squad, had just fired the weapon at a Soviet-made tank when he looked up to check his aim and was cut down by enemy machine-gun fire.

Near the end of World War II, the “Big Three” Allied powers—the United States, the Soviet Union, and Great Britain—agreed to divide Korea into two separate occupation zones and temporarily govern the nation. The country was split along the 38th parallel, with Soviet forces occupying the northern zone and Americans stationed in the south. By 1949, separate Korean governments had been established, and both the United States and the USSR withdrew the majority of their troops from the Korean Peninsula. The 38th parallel was heavily fortified on both sides, but the South Koreans were unprepared for the hordes of North Korean troops and Soviet-made tanks that suddenly rolled across the border on June 25, 1950.

Two days later, President Harry Truman announced that the United States would intervene in the Korean conflict to stem the spread of communism, and on June 28 the United Nations approved the use of force against communist North Korea. In the opening months of the war, the U.S.-led U.N. forces rapidly advanced against the North Koreans, but in October, Chinese communist troops entered the fray, throwing the Allies into a hasty retreat. By May 1951, the communists were pushed back to the 38th parallel, where the battle line remained for the rest of the war.

In 1953, an armistice was signed, ending the fighting and reestablishing the 1945 division of Korea that still exists today. Approximately 150,000 troops from South Korea, the United States, and participating U.N. nations were killed in the Korean War, and as many as one million South Korean civilians perished. An estimated 800,000 communist soldiers were killed, and more than 200,000 North Korean civilians died.

The original figure of American troops lost—54,246 killed—became controversial when the Pentagon acknowledged in 2000 that all U.S. troops killed around the world during the period of the Korean War were incorporated into that number. For example, any American soldier killed in a car accident anywhere in the world from June 1950 to July 1953 was considered a casualty of the Korean War. If these deaths are subtracted from the 54,246 total, leaving just the Americans who died (from whatever cause) in the Korean theater of operations, the total U.S. dead in the Korean War numbers 36,516.

WEBMASTER - EARL C. SHATZER



Not much new going on concerning our website this last quarter just the normal maintenance with it. Any ideas to make it better for you members please contact me.



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.

If anyone needs help with using our website please contact me and I will be happy to help in any way so your web experience is easy and you are able to get the most out of it.

Any changes to the website or suggestions of what you would like to see are welcome, I will gather them and present to the board for approval.

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.

Earl Shatzer (707) 689-0874

eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com or shatzer@pacbell.net

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Webmaster 13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

7TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION CLOSING DOWN 7-1-2021

I am also a member of the 7th Infantry Division Association and received news that they have decided that the time has come to “case their colors” and close the Association at the end of June 2021. The reason is that their membership numbers and income flow are not capable of sustaining the Association.



Story from member Raymond E. Spiess "B" Co. 1-1975 to 3-1977**How I ended up with going to Ft. Leonard Wood for Combat Engineer AIT is anyone's guess.**

At the age of 17 I joined the Army, not completing high school as I was eager to go and shipped out June 30, 1970. I had lots of buddies who had joined the previous years that were a few years older than me. My father served for 22 years and retired as a SFC E-7. He served WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. He was with the 5th Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg, N.C. when he retired. His tour of duty in Vietnam was with the Special Forces.

Growing up an army brat, and having a father like him, all five of us kids learned how to make a bed and bounce a coin off it. We had strict rules, and all had their assigned chores and duties. And there was no talking back.

My father went with me to the recruitment office located at that time in Pomona, Ca. He told the Recruiter to sign me up for Airborne - Infantry and Vietnam. I was 17 and figured he knew best.

I reported to Ft. Ord in the summer of 70 and my main goal was to make my father proud and just get through all this training. I was promoted to E-2 out of Basic and onto my next Infantry AIT training, but wait, somehow when I got off the bus, I was in Ft. Leonard Wood, MI?

I do not recall what happened, or how I even had orders for this assignment as when the Drill Sergeant started yelling, all I did was jump in formation and shut up. At 17 I had thought, ok, this is part of the Infantry AIT. The Drill Sergeants just told me to report to a certain barrack and assigned me to a squad and thus began the Combat Engineer training. I arrived there around Sept of 70 and just remember it was the beginning to get cold, real cold. The training was tough, but I always like a good challenge and I do remember freezing my butt off while there. I was promoted to E-3 after graduating Combat Engineer AIT.

So, they start calling off names and those that were called had orders to head to nam. I was still 17 so I was passed over and I still had to complete my Airborne Jump School. So Off I went to Ft. Benning, Ga and completed my jump school training and got my wings. *(Side note - about 25 years later my father was hanging up my jump wings certificate alongside his and to our amazement we both got our wings on the same date on Dec 11th but 22 years apart. We could not have planned that)*

Well now I was shipped off with orders to Ft, Bragg, NC. I reported to the company on my orders. A co, 2nd Battalion 325 Airborne Infantry. When I walked into the First Sergeant office and handed him my orders, he looked at them and then up at me and screamed "*What the hell is a combat engineer doing being assigned to my company?*" Again, I had no response but to say, "reporting as ordered!" He shook his head and mumbled a few profanities and then told me to report to 3rd platoon. So here I was assigned to an infantry unit with Combat Engineer Training. I was promoted to E-5 June of 1972 with a waiver. It was not until 1977 that I was finally assigned to a Combat Engineer Battalion. 13th Engineer Battalion at Ft. Ord. The reassigned to the 518th Engineer Battalion in Panama.

So, all in all it was quite a ride and met a lot of good buddies and memories. Somehow, I had missed Vietnam but unfortunately my buddies who had joined before me were KIA in nam. Oh, and I did finish my GED and then found out about a program that awarded all the guys who left high school to join, a diploma awarded by the County I resided in, along with a big ceremony too. It was called " Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project" So look this up if you left high school and get your diploma.

So, I guess the moral of this assignment is no matter what you think you are going to get, the army has different plans for you. Ha



TAPS



<p>MILAN (MITCH) VEIN 8-30-1924 – 4-2-2020 HQ Co. 1952-1953</p>	<p>JOHN S. MARITA 1-28-1929 – 10-23-2020 “A” Company 1952-1953</p>
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“NEW MEMBER’S”

James V. Crowe
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
“A” Company 13th Engineers
1969 – 1970



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QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON

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

Tom Cotton
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GUESTBOOK ENTRIES

Robert Stofft wrote on 3/8/2021:
 D Company Platoon Leader, 1328, 13th. Engineer
 BN, 7th. Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea.
 July 1962 thru December 1962. Company
 Commander: Captain Jerry Kolb

Bill wrote on 3/8/2021.
 Was with the 13th 81-83

George Alan Reischling wrote on
 02/26/2021.
 "To those who have fought for it, Life has a flavor
 that the protected will never know!"-Vietnam
 soldier saying- Mission accomplished!! Our
 nation called and we answered that call and did it
 well. Proud to be a Vietnam Veteran! Courage on
 the Mountain-Captivating, True, Free on Amazon
 Prime- Glad that you made it home Brother!
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Tom Cotton wrote on 01/25/2021.
 We welcome everyone and really like to hear all
 the different experiences. If you have some
 humorous experiences that's not X-rated, Earl
 would love to hear them and perhaps put them in
 our newsletter that he is the editor of does a great
 job! Tom Cotton Korea 58'-59'. 13th QM

MATTHEW Jackson wrote on 01/12/2021.
 I served in the 13th Engr I trained with the first
 Corhart light fighters.

Arlie Ellis wrote on 01/10/2021.
 I served for the 13th Engineers from October
 1965 to November 1966 at Camp Beavers South
 Korea. I was a Demo specialist for the 1st platoon
 My E Mail address is 456arcyn@gmail.com

Christopher Lupardus wrote on 01/03/2021.
 Happy New Year and God Bless!

James Crowe wrote on 12/21/2020.
 This is my first visit to your site. I served in Co. A.
 13th Engr. Battalion at Camp Kaiser in South
 Korea from May 1969 to June 1970. I worked in
 the motor pool ordering repair parts for weapons,
 vehicles, and communications equipment. I have
 heard that since that time this camp was turned
 over to the South Korean army. I currently live in
 Rehoboth Beach Delaware.

Fred Ickert wrote on 12/13/2020.
 Hq. co. 13th engineers 1965-66

Tom Cotton wrote on 12/12/2020.
 Merry Christmas to all the brave members of all
 our services men and women and their families,
 may God bless you. Tom and Carolyn Cotton

Harry Reed wrote on 12/03/2020.
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