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**"IN OMNIA PARATUS"**

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

**PRESIDENTS CORNER - ARLIE E. ELLIS**



**AUGUST - 2021**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Independence Day has come and gone, July 4, 2021, I hope you and yours had a safe and enjoyable holiday.

The COVID-postponed our September 2020 Reunion in Indianapolis Indiana. Our Board members have been in numerous conference calls to discuss the options of having a reunion. With the pandemic variant issues and the cases rising we have decided that we are unable to finalize any plans to set up a location and events at this time.

We would like to hear from our members on how many would like to see one in 2022. In our December Newsletter we can give an update on any plans to set up a reunion and location.

We have been without our Chaplin Charles A. Koenig for some time. If you have someone you would like to nominate, or you would like to volunteer, please contact me or one of the board members listed on page 3 in this newsletter GOVERNING BOARD ELECTED OFFICERS.

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

### Saluting Arlington Cemetery facts

The property belonged to George Washington Parke Custis, who was both the adopted grandson of our first president and the father-in-law of Robert E. Lee. His daughter Mary Custis Lee inherited the land, but when the Civil War broke out in 1861, the Lees abandoned their Arlington estate. The U.S. Army seized it to help defend the capital, then buried the North's war dead there as a further insult to the Lee family.

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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


### Military Humor

We had just moved to an Army post from an Air Force Base and my young son, an avid fan of GI Joe toys, was excited to see the troops marching in cadence. An even bigger thrill came when he passed the motor pool with its tank, jeeps, and trucks. "Look" he squealed with delight. "They have the whole collection!"  
Jeremy Thornton

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

Well, we have passed the middle mark of 2021. I will grieve over the brothers that have passed on this year, but as we say I Know They are in Heaven for They Have Served Their Time in Hell. Let us all kept a special place in our hearts for them.

I think the big question we all want to know is if we are going to have a reunion next year. I know I can't answer that question today, but I know the Board is going to look into the possibility of having one. The reunion is all about participation. It would help if everyone interested in a reunion would send us an email or call us so we can have an idea of how many people would come.

Keep moving forward.

Keep the Faith



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(Engineers Clear the Way)

**Gene Reed (317) 268-6455**  
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**Membership Keeps the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association GOING****Saluting Arlington Cemetery**

Three million people visit Arlington National Cemetery each year to honor the 400,000 veterans (and their dependents) who are interred, inurned, or memorialized within its 639 acres. Arlington has the distinction of being the only national cemetery with service members from every major U.S.A. war and conflict.

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

As of 6/10/2021 our current account balance is \$7,747.65. Once again if you are not sure if your dues are paid up contact Earl Shatzer or myself.

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## A FEW CHUCKLES FOR THE DAY

My father was often away on lengthy tours of duty, leaving my mother to manage five kids by herself. While he was away, we used to sneak into their room to sleep. So before shipping out one time, Dad reminded us to respect Mom's space and sleep in our own rooms. Upon his return as he disembarked the plane with the rest of his unit, my brother ran up to him, jumped into his arms and loudly announced, "Dad, you're going to be so happy. While you were gone this time, nobody slept with Mon." -Kathleen Hodge-

One of my jobs in the Army is to give service members and their families tours of the demilitarized zone in South Korea. Before taking people to a lookout point to view North Korea, we warn visitors to watch their heads climbing the stairs, as there is a low overhang. The tour guide, first to the top, gets to see how many people have not heeded his advice. On one tour I watched almost an entire unit hit their heads one after another as they came up the stairs. Curious, I asked their commander what unit they were from. "Military intelligence," he replied.



## 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 updated address label.

I used my address as the example:

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2026 (Dues Expire)

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](mailto: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 schedule a reunion we will send out notices either in the newsletter or a separate mailing.

Earl Shatzer  
Secretary

### IN-COUNTRY



When my sister was considering joining the Army, she was showered with attention from recruiters. Cars with drivers were made available to take her to meetings, and every door was opened and held for her. She enjoyed the special treatment and signed up. On the day she left for boot camp, an impeccably dressed sergeant arrived to pick her up. As she got ready to leave, she asked, "Aren't you going to help me with these bags?" "Get them yourself," the man replied. "You're in the Army now!"

## Court awards \$2.3 billion to U.S. spy ship crew held hostage in 1968

A U.S. federal court has ordered North Korea to pay \$2.3 billion in damages to the crew and family of the spy ship USS Pueblo who were tortured and mistreated for 11 months in 1968 after being captured by the North Korean navy. The Washington federal court said that the surviving members of the crew and families of those now dead are owed compensatory damages for confinement and suffering of \$1.15 billion and doubled that for punitive damages against Pyongyang.

It said many of the 83-strong crew, one of whom was killed by the North Koreans when they seized the Pueblo on January 23, 1968, were mentally and physically abused during their captivity.



Released crewmen of the USS Pueblo are escorted by MPs upon their arrival at the U.S. Army 121st Evacuation Hospital at Ascom City, 10 miles west of Seoul, Dec. 23, 1968. / Credit: / AP

In addition, wrote Alan Balaran, the government-appointed "special master" in the case to decide how damages were to be apportioned, most suffered long-lasting after-effects, both psychological and physical.

"As a result of the barbarity inflicted by the North Koreans, almost all required medical and/or psychiatric intervention," Balaran wrote.

"Many have undergone invasive surgical procedures to ameliorate the physical damage resulting from the relentless torture they underwent as prisoners," he wrote. "Several have attempted to numb their pain through alcohol and drugs, and most have seen their domestic and/or professional lives deteriorate. A few have contemplated suicide."

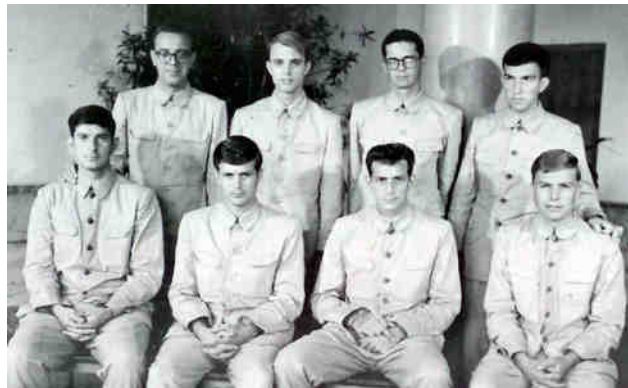
The North Koreans released propaganda photos and videos that showed a number of the captured sailors raising the middle finger to the camera as a sign of protest. They told their captors, who were unfamiliar with the gesture, that it was a "Hawaiian good luck sign."

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### Saluting Arlington Cemetery facts

Those early burials were racially integrated. But once Arlington became a national cemetery in 1864, all subsequent graves were segregated by race until Harry Truman desegregated the military in 1948.

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In this photo released by the U.S. Navy, crew members of USS Pueblo pose while in captivity in North Korea in 1968. / Credit: AP Photo/US Navy

The lawsuit was only brought in 2018 after the U.S. Justice Department ruled that, despite a law giving foreign government's broad immunity from suits in U.S. courts, they could be sued if the government had been designated a state sponsor of international terrorism.

In late 2017 the Trump administration officially declared North Korea a sponsor of terror.

The Pueblo was on its first voyage as a U.S. Navy spy ship, under the guise of an environmental research vessel.

Pyongyang says it was in North Korean waters when it was captured, which Washington denied.

But it came as the U.S. was mired in a war in Vietnam and just as North Korean operators entered South Korea and tried to assassinate president Park Chung-hee.

That effort failed, but a number of South Koreans were killed and the seizure of the Pueblo crew complicated Seoul's desire to respond militarily.

The crew was freed after nearly a year of negotiations in December 1968, but Pyongyang held onto the Pueblo, making it into a museum.

The U.S. Navy still maintains it on its roster of active ships.

The court, in a final ruling on Wednesday, awarded damages of \$22 million to \$48 million to each of the 49 surviving crew members, and smaller sums to about 100 family members.

North Korea was not represented in the case, and it was not clear whether and how the victims expected to recover damages.

### **Saluting Arlington Cemetery facts**

All Presidents can be buried at Arlington, yet only two are: William Taft and John F. Kennedy. Abraham Lincoln's son Robert is also at Arlington, despite his wishes to be buried beside his father in Springfield, Illinois. (Roberts wife arranged his services and chose Arlington.)



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

HELLO ALL

A good time to let it all hang out, (WE NEED NEW MEMBERS) as you know our supply of members we need has dried up.

I was a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association for many years, which now has called it quits due to membership decline.

I would like to encourage all Members to help our association in contacting new members, I would love to see someone sign on to be the Membership Chairman for the 13<sup>th</sup>. My health keeps me from doing it.

In Article II, section 2 States that All personnel who may have served in units attached to or in support of the 13th Engineer (C) Battalion in time of war or under combat conditions shall be eligible for membership. JUST A REMINDER

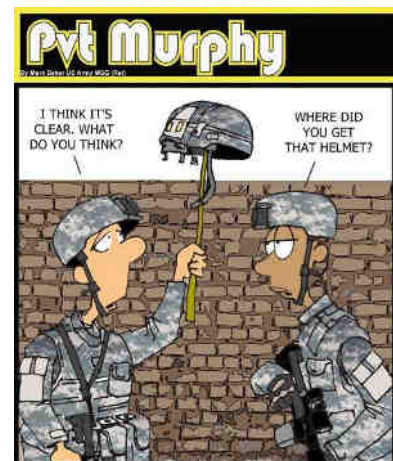
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**Saluting Arlington Cemetery facts**

Even though the cemetery conducts up to 30 funerals each day, Arlington isn't keeping up with demand. Officials give priority to active service members over veterans and to military members over family members. The wait list is so long that months can pass between a death and the funeral.

## Where to Request Military Service Records

[Request Your Military Service Records Online, by Mail, or by Fax](https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/)

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/> Request Your Military Service Records Online, by Mail, or by Fax (Includes DD 214/Separation Documents, Personnel Records, Replacement **Medals**, and/or Medical Records).

*Are there alternate sources to obtain military service records?*

Yes, modern service records, generally for veterans who separated after Calendar Year 2002, are available in electronic format. NPRC has deployed new digital delivery functionality to enable some of these requests to be serviced by its staff from remote locations. To be eligible for this service it is imperative that requesters submit a request using our online application, [eVetRecs](#), and provide an email address with their request. If you provide an email address and your request involves records available in electronic format, our staff will obtain the records and provide you with credentials that will enable you to download the requested records from a secure server. This service is available only when (1) the responsive records are available in digital format, and (2) requesters provide an email address with their request.

In many instances, records that are available in electronic formats may also be accessed directly by veterans, without involvement from NPRC, through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) eBenefits application at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage> or the Department of Defense milConnect application at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>. Modern military medical records may be accessed through the VA's Blue Button application at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/get-medical-records/>. For more information regarding the online availability of VA and military records, please visit <https://www.va.gov/records/>.

Update on National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis

### Temporary Reduction in Onsite Operations at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis

Due to the resurgence of COVID-19 infection in the local communities, the NPRC is operating at a reduced capacity. As of August 2, 2021, the NPRC has reduced its on-site staffing to 10 percent of the workforce. While we remain in this state, we will continue to service emergency requests associated with medical treatments, burials, and homeless veterans trying to gain admittance to a homeless shelter. Please refrain from submitting non-emergency requests such as replacement medals, administrative corrections, or records research until we return to pre-COVID staffing levels.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR - EARL C. SHATZER**

The 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 just tell a story, contact me and I can record it over the phone and put it in print.

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.

Remember this newsletter is all about you, I need help in getting items to put into the newsletter to make it interesting for all. I would really appreciate your help in gathering items to put into the newsletter. We need your help keeping the newsletter going out three times a year. It is difficult gathering articles that provide interesting content, so your stories and comments are welcome so we can include them in this publication.

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.

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**KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL OF REMEMBRANCE**

In October 2016, President Barack Obama signed into law legislation authorizing the establishment of a Wall of Remembrance to be incorporated into the existing Korean War Veterans Memorial that currently resides on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The Wall of Remembrance will become the permanent home to the names of the 36,595 American servicemen and 7,174 Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) who gave their lives defending the people of South Korea.

Groundbreaking Ceremony happened on May 21, 2021, you can go to the below website and watch video of the ceremony.

<https://koreanwarvetismemorial.org/home/>



In 1953, the Korean Armistice Agreement ended more than 3 years of brutal fighting against communist expansionism and tyranny on the Korean Peninsula. On National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, we honor the brave patriots who secured freedom and democracy in the Republic of Korea, and we pay tribute to the more than 23,600 Americans who were killed in action and the more than 103,000 who were wounded in that conflict.

The dedication stone at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., bears the inscription: “Our Nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met.” The memorial includes an honor roll of Americans killed in action and those missing in action, and its unique design features statues of a patrol crossing a Korean rice paddy. These figures represent the heroes of our Armed Forces who valiantly served in the Land of the Morning Calm and fought on battlefields such as Inchon, the Pusan Perimeter, and the Chosin Reservoir. Today, this hauntingly beautiful memorial stands as an enduring reminder of what it costs to defend and preserve the democratic principles, we hold dear.

Our ironclad alliance with the Republic of Korea was cemented when the first American troops arrived on its soil to fight for liberty and human dignity. More than six decades after the ceasefire on the Korean Peninsula, the Republic of Korea is flourishing as a prosperous and peace-loving democracy. Since the signing of the armistice at Panmunjom, the United States has worked with the Republic of Korea to preserve peace through strength. Our military, together with our allies, stands vigilant, strong, and “ready to fight tonight” on the ground, in the air, and at sea. The phrase “katchi kapshida” — “we go together” — is on the lips of every service member in Korea, representing generations of Koreans and Americans united by shared sacrifice and a willingness to uphold the cause of freedom no matter the cost.

Today, we honor our Korean War veterans for service rendered to both the United States and the Republic of Korea, and we remember their families who supported them throughout. Sometimes called “The Forgotten War,” we will always remember the immeasurable cost incurred by those who fought on the Korean Peninsula. The bravery, tenacity, and selflessness of our veterans liberated the oppressed, brought peace and prosperity to a freedom-loving people, and helped forge our unshakable bonds with the Republic of Korea.

Article taken from <https://news.veteranownedbusiness.com/>

**WEBMASTER - EARL C. SHATZER**

We have not had much activity on our website and ask member to go to it on-line and give some feedback on what you like and not like. We want our efforts to benefit you, our members. Post a guestbook entry and let everyone know something about you and your service, even if it is a one liner. Go to this website link and fill out the form. <https://13thengineerbn.com/guestbook/>

Not much new going on concerning our website since the last newsletter 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 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.

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## AMBUSH ON THE DMZ

By CRAIG GARNER | STARS AND STRIPES April 17, 1968

ALONG THE DMZ, Korea — Observers at the scene of Sunday night's bold ambush by Communist North Koreans who machine-gunned and killed four United Nations Command soldiers reached one conclusion: "I don't see how anybody survived this."



About 20 bullet holes could be seen in the shattered front windshield of the truck. Both headlights were blasted out. Three of the tires were punctured and at least 40 rounds had ripped through the truck's rear canvas cover. Two UNC troops survived the attack but were wounded.

A pool of dried blood, a severed wristwatch, glass fragments and discarded bandage wrappers were scattered around the ground near the truck.

A U.S. Army spokesman said parts of a Soviet fragmentation grenade were found. Lt. Col. M. G. Engle, chief of the UNC Joint Observation Team, found several empty North Korean ammunition clips and numerous spent rounds of Soviet-made 7.62-mm bullets near the ambush scene.

Engle had arrived here to meet with a North Korean delegation at 6 a.m. Monday to investigate the ambush, but the Communists failed to show up. They had been asked by Rear Adm. J. V. Smith, UNC senior member of the Military Armistice Commission, to participate in a Joint Observer Team (JOT) investigation.

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Herman A. Praeger, commander of the 8th U.S. Army Support Command Advance Camp three miles south of Panmunjom, described the machine-gun fire which cut down the relief guards as "deadly accurate and delivered from close range."

Praeger, one of the first U.S. officials to arrive at the scene, shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday, said about 200 rounds of machine-gun fire came from both sides of the dirt road.

The three-quarter-ton truck, lights on and flying a white flag in accordance with armistice rules, carried three men in the cab and three others in the back under cover of the canvas top, according to Praeger.

The UNC guards were carrying .45-cal. pistols, but it was not known whether they returned any shots, Praeger said.

The dead and injured were taken by helicopter to the 121st Evac. Hospital in ASCOM after the ambush.

The truck and guards were from the support element at the Advance Camp, not from the 2nd Inf. Div. as previously reported.



# TAPS



**All of us in the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.**

<b>William Y. Epling</b> January 2021 "B" Company 1964-1965	<b>Richard E. Schmidt</b> 8-6-1928 – 1-17-2020 HQ, 52 Recon Pit
<b>Rest in Peace</b>	<b>Robert E. Hulbert</b> 1931 – 1-3-2021 "C" Company 1949-1951



"Remembering those that have given all... Your sacrifice will never be forgotten." The deceased are now legends of war that are honored by various memorials around the world. Their sacrifices will never be forgotten. They fought for what was right and risked everything that they had. Everyone should realize that the way the world is morphed today is because of the soldiers who stood up to the evil. Respect and be thankful for them.

## **Arlington Cemetery Facts**

Arlington does not charge for funeral services or for graves and their maintenance. The U.S. government also foots the bill for the white marble headstones that dot the landscape. Just before Memorial Day, soldiers place flags in front of the more than 200,000 headstones (as well as the urn niches).

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## **QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON**



From ye old Quarter Master, not much change here. We are low on some of our memorabilia and some of our vendors did not survive the COVID. We are unable to do business with some of the other vendors that did survive because of our inability to purchase the quantity to get a price break. We may need to increase our pricing if the demand for those items is still there. We are in a catch twenty-two situation, will provide a detailed list of these items in December newsletter.

The 7th Infantry Division association closed and shut down their store and since Earl Shatzer our Newsletter Editor / Secretary lives not far from their Quarter Master was able to get items that they had left over, he will be putting together a list of items in case some of you would like to purchase them, the list will be in the next Newsletter in December and he will be posting them on our website.

We are open to all suggestions of items you may want us to carry. We want to keep your QM doors open.

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.

Thanks, Tom

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### **GUESTBOOK ENTRIES**

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**Mike Baldwin** 08/03/2021

Served at Camp Kaiser, Korea A company 13th Engineer Battalion from Dec 1969 - Feb 1971

**Rodney Rassler** 04/27/2021

I was in the 13th Engineers from 1975 to 1978. I was in the 13th Engineers in Fort Ord in the years 1975 to 1978. I was there for the reactivation of the 13th and the 7th. I was in A Company, 1st platoon, 1st squad until they moved me to HHC platoon, A company to be the CO's driver. Field duty was great after that, no more sleeping in pup tents, no more C-rations. ARTEP training (Army Training and Evaluation Program) was fun after that.

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#### Objectives

To preserve and strengthen the bonds of friendship and camaraderie among members through reunions, meetings, publications, and other social activities, to honor, revere and pay homage to the memory of those gallant comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice while serving in the 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

