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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to wish all Governing Board Elected Officers, Advisory Council, and all Members of the 13th Engineer(C) Bn Association A Happy Holiday season, stay well Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year 2022. My hope is that we can get together in 2022 for a reunion. This Covid 19 Virus has been a problem for all members and all of us have stayed home more than usual for the past year. Stay positive and stay well.

In the last newsletter we asked to hear from our members on how many would like to see a reunion in 2022. The response was minimal with only a few members contacting a board member to show interest in attending a reunion.

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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Saluting Arlington Cemetery facts (continued from last issue)

In addition to service members there are war correspondents, chaplains, and military doctors such as yellow fever pathologist Walter Reed laid to rest at Arlington as well. And since the Geneva Convention mandates that prisoners of war who die in captivity be honorably buried, the cemetery is also home to one German and two Italian POWs from World War II.

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A little-known hero of the Korean War has been immortalized by a statue. The mare known as "Sgt. Reckless" brought ammunition to soldiers during the war and carried wounded men off the battlefield. The heroic horse is on display in the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Military Humor


I was sending out military recruitment pitches when I found one addressed to a guy named "Lord." When I filled in the form letter, it read, thanks to some strange computer glitch, "Dear Lord, I need to speak to you as soon as possible regarding your service to your country." I laughed and mailed it off. Weeks later, the letter was returned with a note: "The Lord doesn't live here. If you find his address, let me know. I also need to speak with him."

-Matthew Weldy

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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 cannot 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



IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)

(Engineers Clear the Way)

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Membership Keeps the 13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association GOING

Saluting Arlington Cemetery

Among those buried at Arlington are boxer Joe Louis (an Army Vet), actor Lee Marvin (a former Marine), and the architect of Washington, DC, Pierre Charles L'Enfant (who joined the American Revolution) and Glenn Miller, whose Army Air Force Band entertained more than a million troops, has a memorial (since he is still MIA) Glenn Miller set aside his successful pop-music career to join the World War II effort. On December 15, 1944, Miller, by then an Army Major was flying from England to Paris to cheer U.S. troops when the small plane he was in disappeared over the channel.

TREASURE'S CORNER= HARRY (GENE) REED

As of 11/09/2021 our current account balance is \$7,924.93. Once again if you are not sure if your dues are paid up contact Earl Shatzer or myself.

I want to give a big thank you for the many members that have made donations to the association. I hope everyone had a great Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

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A FEW CHUCKLES FOR THE DAY

My husband is an Army helicopter pilot, and we never seem to live in one place for very long. Typically, during a move, we stay in a hotel until we can find a permanent place to have our things delivered. Our four children enjoy this greatly, although sometimes it can be a bit confusing for them. One recent day, as we were driving down an interstate and passed a Holiday Inn, our three-year-old squeaked in excitement from the back seat. "Look," he exclaimed. "There's our old house!"

My unit at Fort Bliss in Texas was detailed with guard duty. However, since live ammunition was reserved for sensitive locations, our rifles were issued with unloaded magazines. One day while we stood at attention for inspection, the officer in charge confronted a private and barked, "What is the maximum effective range of your M-16, soldier?" The hapless private glanced down at his empty rifle and replied, "As far as I can throw it, sir."

Secretary Corner – Earl Shatzer

I will be sending out letters during January and February to remind those members who are delinquent in their dues payments. There are two (2) members who now have been delinquent for two years, and if they do not remit \$20 to pay up to date 2023. they will be moved to the Inactive List, will lose their right to vote on official business, and will have their newsletters terminated.

There are fourteen (14) members with expiration in 2020 who are delinquent for one year, and under the provisions of constitutional amendment to Article VI, Section 4, they also will be moved to the Inactive List if they do not remit \$10 to pay up to date to 2022.

There are eleven (11) members with expiration in 2021, and although they are not delinquent at this time, they are not paid up to 2023 which is required by our Operating Procedures. A remittance of \$10 will bring them up to date to 2023.

There are thirty-two (32) members with expiration in 2022, and although they are not delinquent at this time, they are not paid up to 2024 which is required by our Operating Procedures. A remittance of \$10.00 will bring them up to date to 2024

There are 10 associate members which I will send a letter to be asking if they want to continue to receive the newsletter.

If any member who has decided to withdraw from membership in the Association kindly let me know by letter, phone, or Email of your intent so I can keep our roster current.

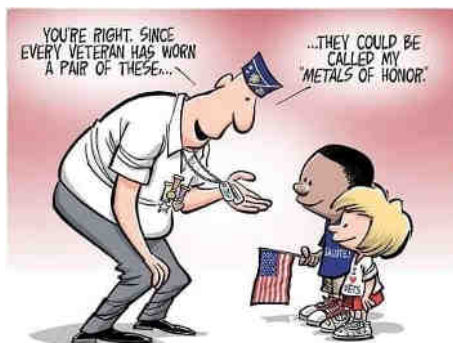
If any member has reason to believe the data are incorrect, please notify me about the discrepancy so we can correct our database.

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

Reunion Status

With all of the uncertainty and new variant of the COVID going around, it is very hard to plan any reunion. As things begin to get back to normal and with enough interest of our membership, we will look at what type of a reunion we can plan.

Earl Shatzer
Secretary



After a few rough years, my cousins and their son Jim decided it'd be best if he tried the rigid structure of the military. Since he'd never been one for following rules, we wondered how he'd adjust. It wasn't long before we got our answer. Once he'd completed basic training, he took a two-day drive across the country to his new assignment. Mid-morning on the second day, my cousin was surprised to receive a call from his son, who was still at his hotel. "Why aren't you on the road yet?" he asked. "Well, I'm all ready to go, Dad." Jim replied, "but the sign on the door says, Checkout at 11 a.m."

Our Quartermaster and Former Muskogee VA volunteer, Korean veteran soaring high

By Nate Schaeffer
Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System



In 1958, 17-year-old Tom Cotton deployed to Korea with the U.S. Army's 13th Engineering Combat Battalion. The battalion's primary mission was finding mines left over from the Korean War and destroying them.

"When we got them marked, we'd put TNT charges on them and set them off," said Cotton who volunteered at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center from 2007 to 2020.

While disposing of mines is very dangerous work, Cotton ironically said another Army job scared him more.

"When I went into the service, I wanted to be a paratrooper," said Cotton, who has also been a patient at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center since 2002.

"But I didn't have the guts." Now 80 years old, Cotton has set his mind to tackling goals he was either afraid of or simply

never got around to accomplishing.

Cotton and his wife of 50 years Caroline, have traveled across the U.S. in recent years. Cotton never made studying his Bible a priority, but he is now. He also bought a guitar last year and has been teaching himself to strike a chord.

Cotton only had one major thing left on his bucket list – jumping out of an airplane, something he was afraid to do at 17 years old.

All it took was a push (not literally) from a fellow veteran, Marcus Webb, who became friends with Cotton while he was working at the main information desk as a VA volunteer.

"I used to stop and talk to him when he worked as a volunteer," said Webb, executive assistant to the Medical Center director. "But he stopped volunteering due to COVID-19. Since then, I would try and catch him as he came in for appointments."

"A few months ago, he said, I want to go skydiving. I told him that if his wife and his doctors said it was okay, that I would go with him."

To say that Caroline wasn't fully on board with the plan is putting

it mildly. But she didn't stand in the way of her husband's goal.

"I was kind of leery of it," she said. "But he's always wanted to do it. It was up to him. I just kept my fingers crossed and praying."

On September 4, 2020, Cotton and Webb boarded a Cessna 180 aircraft at Muskogee-Davis Regional Airport and did tandem jumps at 10,000 feet with professional skydivers.

"When you jump out of an airplane at 10,000 feet, everything goes pretty fast," Cotton said. "When the shoot pops at 5,000 feet, you have a chance to look around."

"Somehow I worked up enough courage to do it."

Webb said it is inspiring to see a Korean veteran living life to its fullest.

"Seeing someone at his age living life and doing things he wants to do, I think that's something to be said to us younger veterans," Webb said.

"He's not just talking about it, but actually getting out there and living life."

Now that Cotton's bucket list is complete, what's next? "I'm going to have to replace it," said Cotton. "It was the bottom of the bucket list."

Funny Skydiving Quotes:

I Jump out of perfectly good airplanes.

Did You Know:
You can skydive without a parachute, but only once.

If at first, you don't succeed Don't try skydiving.

Biden awards Medal of Honor to 94-year-old Korean War veteran

Written by Dylan Stableford, Senior Writer for Yahoo News May 21, 2021

President Biden on Friday awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, to Ralph Puckett Jr., a 94-year-old Korean War veteran and retired Army colonel who was wounded in a battle against Chinese soldiers in Korea more than 70 years ago.



"Today we are hosting a true American hero and awarding an honor that is long overdue," Biden said during an East Room ceremony that was also attended by South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

It was the first Medal of Honor awarded by Biden as president.

Biden said that when Puckett was told of the White House's plans for the award ceremony, he asked, "Why all the fuss? Why can't they just mail it to me?"

The president then recounted the story of Puckett's "extraordinary heroism" during the Korean War.

In November 1950, Puckett, then a first lieutenant in the Eighth U.S. Army Ranger Company, led more than 50 fellow Rangers on a mission to capture and defend a hill from a Chinese assault. He intentionally ran across an exposed area multiple times to draw enemy fire away from his soldiers.

During the siege, he was wounded by a hand grenade and two rounds of mortar fire but refused evacuation, moving from foxhole to foxhole, directing artillery support and inspiring his fellow soldiers to fight.

"Knowing his men were in a precarious situation, First Lieutenant Puckett commanded the Rangers to leave him behind and evacuate the area," the White House said in a statement announcing the award.

President Biden presents the Medal of Honor to retired Army Col. Ralph Puckett Jr. in the East Room of the White House on Friday. (Alex Brandon/AP)

Two of his Rangers disregarded the order and pulled Puckett off the hill to safety.

"First Lieutenant Puckett's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service," the White House added.

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Puckett earned two Distinguished Service Crosses for his actions on what was then known as Hill 205. He had a 22-year career in the Army, later serving in the Vietnam War, during which he also saw combat, before retiring from active duty in 1971. He earned five Purple Hearts for injuries suffered in combat.

According to a bio provided by the White House, Puckett is still active in community and military affairs in Columbus, Ga., where he lives with his wife of 68 years, Jean. They have three children, one of whom is deceased, and six grandchildren.

After Biden placed the medal around Puckett's neck, the president invited family members who were in attendance to join them onstage for photos.

Biden and Moon knelt down to pose with Puckett, who stood for parts of the ceremony but was helped onstage by younger service members.

Puckett was also greeted by Vice President Kamala Harris and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin

Things You Should Know About the Korean War

Long retreats marked the early stages of the war.

The invading North Korean troops were able to capture Seoul within three days—the first of four times that city would change hands—and quickly pushed their opponents back to the so-called Pusan Perimeter in the extreme southeastern portion of the peninsula. The tide turned that September, however, in part due to a surprise amphibious landing that General MacArthur executed behind enemy lines at Inchon, the port for Seoul. U.N. troops then pushed deep into North Korea, precipitating rumors that they would be home by Christmas. When China entered the war in October on the side of North Korea, MacArthur initially discounted its importance. If they tried to advance, then “there would be the greatest slaughter,” MacArthur told Truman. He was quickly proven wrong, as a November attack by the Chinese sent the overextended American troops into the longest retreat in U.S. military history, nicknamed the “Big Bug-Out.” “They turned our Army into a leaderless horde, running headlong for Pusan,” one soldier later wrote. The final substantial retreat of the war came in spring 1951, when U.N. troops, having repelled a major communist offensive, advanced a short distance into North Korea.

Saluting Arlington Cemetery facts

The Guards of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are also called sentinels. The guard on duty marches 21 steps down the mat behind the sarcophagus, waits 21 seconds, then turns and waits another 21 seconds before taking 21 steps back. This routine represents the highest symbolic military honor: 21-gun salute.

MILITARY MONTHLY BASIC PAY TABLE

The below chart shows basic pay rates with under 2 years of service except for E-8 and E-9 which were not established until 1958. Also, O-9 (LTG) and O-10 (GEN) pay in 2021 you needed over 20 years of service for that monthly pay.

You can follow this link and view all years pay rates <https://militarybenefits.info/historical-military-pay-rates/>

		1949	1968	1978	1988	2021
PVT	E-1 - 4 mos	\$75.00	\$102.30		\$630.70	\$1,650.30
PV2	E-1 + 4mos	\$80.00	\$109.50	\$419.40	\$671.40	\$1,785.00
PFC	E-2	\$82.50	\$113.40	\$467.40	\$752.70	\$2,000.70
SPC	E-3	\$95.55	\$137.70	\$485.40	\$782.10	\$2,103.90
CPL	E-4	\$117.60	\$190.20	\$504.90	\$830.40	\$2,330.40
SGT	E-5	\$139.65	\$226.20	\$525.30	\$890.10	\$2,541.60
SSG	E-6	\$169.05	\$291.90	\$598.20	\$1,014.30	\$2,774.40
SFC	E-7	\$198.45	\$303.90	\$692.70	\$1,179.00	\$3,207.60
MSG (est 1958)	E-8 (over 8 yrs)	N/A	\$483.60	\$992.10	\$1,688.70	\$4,614.60
1SG (est. 1958)	E-9 (over 10 yrs)	N/A	\$576.30	\$1,182.30	\$2,013.60	\$5,637.80
WO1	W-1	\$210.98	\$336.60	\$690.30	\$1,148.10	\$3,309.30
CW2	W-2	\$254.63	\$403.80	\$826.60	\$1,377.90	\$3,770.40
CW3	W-3	\$291.00	\$461.10	\$946.20	\$1,573.20	\$4,261.20
CW4	W-4	\$320.10	\$507.30	\$1,040.70	\$1,731.00	\$4,665.90
2LT	O-1	\$213.75	\$343.20	\$773.10	\$1,286.10	\$3,385.80
1LT	O-2	\$249.38	\$399.30	\$890.79	\$1,481.70	\$3,901.20
CPT	O-3	\$313.50	\$498.30	\$1,021.80	\$1,699.20	\$4,514.70
MAG	O-4	\$384.75	\$536.10	\$1,099.50	\$1,826.50	\$5,135.10
LTC	O-5	\$456.00	\$635.40	\$1,304.40	\$2,169.00	\$5,951.40
COL	O-6	\$570.00	\$794.40	\$1,630.50	\$2,712.00	\$7,139.10
BG (1 star)	O-7	\$769.50	\$1,072.20	\$2,199.90	\$3,659.10	\$9,414.30
MG (2 star)	O-8	\$926.25	\$1,290.60	\$2,647.50	\$4,403.70	\$11,329.50
LTG (3 star)	O-9	\$926.25	\$1,425.00	\$2,923.20	\$4,862.10	\$16,012.50
GEN (4 star)	O-10	\$926.25	\$1,607.70	\$3,298.20	\$5,485.80	\$16,608.30

Saluting Arlington Cemetery facts

Two of the memorials at Arlington are dedicated to astronauts. Months after the space shuttle Challenger exploded in 1986, the commingled remains of all seven crew members were buried there.

The Columbia memorial is dedicated to the seven astronauts lost when that space shuttle exploded in 2003.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - EARL C. SHATZER

First, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, these past few years have been a little unsure of what normal life will be. Thank you all for your service especially at Christmas, may God bless you and keep you all safe. I remember I spent a Christmas at Camp Casey in Korea during my tour there. The food they gave us was as I remember not bad, I am sure that it was a feast compared to prior Christmas dinners during the conflict was going on.

Remember this newsletter is about our members like you. If you have a story you would like to have in the newsletter please contact me. I would really appreciate your help in gathering items to put into the newsletter. Your stories and comments are welcome so we can include them in this publication.

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Earl Shatzer Xmas 1967.
Camp Casey Korea

**A short story**

The base's public address system is the simplest way to call the troops – just shout out the soldiers' last names, tell them where they're needed, and they'll hustle right over. But there was some head-turning the day I summoned these two privates to assist the chaplain: "Pope, Paul, please report to the orderly room."

**Saluting Arlington Cemetery**

More than 2,000 soldiers lie within the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns. Inside the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier there are just three, one from each world war and another from the Korean War. An unknown Vietnam vet had been there as well, but a DNA test in 1998 revealed the soldier's identity as Air Force first lieutenant Michael Joseph Blassie. Blassie was exhumed and reinterred in his home state of Missouri at his family's request.



Operation Ripper, also known as the **Fourth Battle of Seoul**, was a United Nations (UN) military operation conceived by the US Eighth Army, General Matthew Ridgway, during the Korean War. The operation was intended to destroy as much as possible of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army (PVA) and Korean People's Army (KPA) forces around Seoul and the towns of Hongch'on, 50 miles (80 km) east of Seoul, and Chuncheon, 15 miles (24 km) further north. The operation also aimed to bring UN troops to the 38th Parallel. It followed upon the heels of Operation Killer, an eight-day UN offensive that concluded February 28, to push PVA/KPA forces north of the Han River. The operation was launched on 6 March 1951 with US I Corps and IX Corps on the west near Seoul and Hoengsong and US X Corps and Republic of Korea Army (ROK) III Corps in the east, to reach the *Idaho Line*, an arc with its apex just south of the 38th Parallel in South Korea.

Operation Ripper was preceded by the largest artillery bombardment of the Korean War. On the middle, the US 25th Infantry Division quickly crossed the Han and established a bridgehead. Further to the east, IX Corps reached its first phase line on 11 March. Three days later the advance proceeded to the next phase line. During the night of 14–15 March, elements of the ROK 1st Infantry Division and the US 3rd Infantry Division liberated Seoul, marking the fourth and last time the capital changed hands since June 1950. The PVA/KPA forces were compelled to abandon it when the UN approach to the east of the city threatened them with encirclement.

Following the recapture of Seoul, the PVA/KPA forces retreated northward, conducting skillful delaying actions that utilized the rugged, muddy terrain to maximum advantage, particularly in the mountainous US X Corps sector. Despite such obstacles, Operation Ripper pressed on throughout March. In the mountainous central region, US IX and US X Corps pushed forward methodically, IX Corps against light opposition and X Corps against staunch enemy defenses. Hongch'on was taken on the 15th and Chuncheon secured on the 22nd. The capture of Chuncheon was the last major ground objective of Operation Ripper.

UN forces had advanced north an average of 30 miles (48 km) from their start lines. However, while the Eighth Army had occupied their principal geographic objectives, the goal of destroying PVA forces and equipment had again proved elusive. More often than not, the PVA/KPA forces withdrew before they suffered extensive damage. Chuncheon, a major PVA/KPA supply hub, was empty by the time UN forces finally occupied it. As the UN troops ground forward, they were constantly descending sharp slopes or ascending steep heights to attack enemy positions that were sometimes above the clouds. By the end of March, US forces reached the 38th Parallel.

Saluting Arlington Cemetery facts

In 2013, Arlington launched a free mobile and web app, ANC Explorer. The tool allows users to locate any grave at the cemetery and view burial records as well as photos of the headstones and memorials. The app also provides directions to each one.

WEBMASTER - EARL C. SHATZER

Looking for material from our members to use on our website and in the Newsletter. Contact me if you have anything that you are willing to share with our members.

With it seeming like an eternity that we are dealing with this COVID health issue through-out our country. Since I have not been traveling, I have been looking at how to better our website.

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/>

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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Interesting Korean War Facts

- The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when 75,000 North Korean soldiers poured over the 38th parallel into South Korea to impose communism on its neighbor.
- The Korean War began at 4:30 a.m. on June 25, 1950, and ended on July 27, 1953. There are still more than 7,000 U.S. soldiers missing in action from the war.
- The North Korean film *Unsung Heroes* (1978) glorifies members of the North Korean military while depicting war crimes by South Korea and the U.S. In its cast were several U.S. soldiers who had defected to North Korea.
- The Korean War took a heavy toll—up to a total of 5 million dead, wounded, or missing, and half of them civilians.
- Although actual hostilities during the Korean War ended on July 27, 1953, Congress lengthened the war period to January 31, 1955, to extend benefit eligibility for soldiers because peace was so uncertain after the 1953 peace negotiations.
- The Korean War was the first military action of the Cold War.
- Compared to WW II, there are few movies about the Korean War. Some of the most well-known include *The Manchurian Candidate* (1962), *Pork Chop Hill* (1959), and *Birthday Boy* (2004).
- North Koreans who were born after the Korean War in the late 1950s are on average about 2 inches shorter than South Koreans.
- In March 2013, North Korea declared the 1953 armistice that rendered the Korean War invalid.
- There were 6.8 million American men and women who served during the Korean War period, from June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955. There were 54,200 American deaths during the period of hostilities (June 27, 1950-July 27, 1953). Of these, 33,700 were actual battle deaths.
- The U.S. dropped more bombs in Korea (635,000 tons, as well as 32,557 tons of napalm) than in the entire Pacific theater during WW II.
- Officially, the Korean War was never more than a “police action” because President Truman never asked Congress for a formal declaration of war.



TAPS



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

Roger Newton (92) 10-3-1929 – 11-5-2021 "H&S" Co. 1949-1951	Edward Waldman (92) 7-8-1928 – 1-1-2021 "B" Co. 1951 - 1952
Howard Hirschheimer 7th Inf 13th Eng. 60-61 Notified of passing with no information on date.	Barbara Rohr (85) 5-16-1935 – 9-6-2020 Associate Member



"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.

This is the 13 of 13 Arlington Cemetery Facts

The cemetery is running out of room. About 95,000 burial spaces remain, but 22 million living armed forces members are currently eligible for them. Proposed restrictions to the rules of eligibility will severely limit who can be buried there (far fewer retired vets, for instance), but they will allow for continued burials for the next 150 years.

PLEASE SEND ANY ADDRESS CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO:

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QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON



We are getting low on some of our memorabilia (see list below) due to 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.

Qty in low stock items:

Association Patch Qty 14
Bayonet Pin (2 inches long) Qty 3
Large Engineer Pin (3 inches long) Qty 12
Small Engineer Pin (1 ½ inches long) 9
Ball Cap Black Qty 5

If any of our members know of any suppliers, please contact our quartermaster. If we are unable to find vendors to resupply our inventory the 13th memorabilia will be gone.

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

QUARTER MASTER

Tom Cotton
“D” Company 58-59
101 N. David Ln. #508
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GUESTBOOK ENTRIES

The Guestbook on our website, gives you a fast and easy way to send a greeting, report a problem, an opportunity to express your opinions, offer suggestions about our website, tell us something about you and where you served, and ask questions. The association greatly appreciates anyone that visits our website, we would love to hear from you. We encourage you to browse the guestbook entries and post one of your own. The following entries are from September – November 2020.

Michael Perreault 11/16/2021: Sappers Lead The Way C company. fort Ord. 1988-1992

THOMAS A SCOTT 11/12/2021: B CO. 13TH ENGR BN 2ND PLT 1985-1988 FT.ORD,CA. 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

Earl Charles Shatzer 09/14/2021: Thanks Raymond for checking in all is good on my end just keeping busy and staying out of trouble or at least trying.

Raymond Spiess 09/09/2021: Just wanted to check in and get roll call. Hope everyone is doing fine.

David Koontz 12/13/2021: Grandson of T/Sgt. Olin Maxwell Koontz, 13th Engineers, WWII. Thanks to everyone for their service.

QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON



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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 13th Engineer (C) Bn. To enhance at every opportunity and by example spread those truths contained in the Constitution of the United States, love of country and flag, respect for human rights and due respect for law and order, to strive for the accuracy and correction of any official histories published concerning any campaign in which the battalion participated in, if in the opinion of the association they are in error, to support the activities of the 13th 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

