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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After spending my time in Korea and now as President of a non-profit 13th Engineer Combat Battalion Association dedicated to serve its Korean war veterans. I feel especially privileged to be writing this message. Join me in welcoming spring as we all look very forward to positive recovery of the world and our fellow association veterans. It is wonderful to see how our members have rallied to survive and adapt to the challenges presented to us these last few years.

Truly this may be one of the only times the whole world worked together to overcome a challenge that was not an option to avoid or say no thanks not interested! Quickly we are getting back to in person meetings, as by nature humans are social beings and the energy that comes from live contact cannot be replaced with online interaction.

The continued support from our members has allowed us to continue as an association. Thank you to each of you for your support of the 13th Engineer (C) Bn. Association.

If you are planning on going to Oklahoma in June for our informal get-together, We look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City. Please read our Secretary corner for details of this event.

Please take this opportunity to visit the 13th Engineer web site as it is updated and offers amazing content for you as a member.

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

NORTH KOREA FACTS

North Korea is slightly smaller than Mississippi. It constitutes almost 55% of the Korean Peninsula, covering 46,540 square miles (120,538 km.) of the peninsula's 85,052 square miles (220,283 square km.)

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Though the people of North and South Korea share one language, one history, and one cultural base that reaches back at least 5,000 years, 10 million Koreans remain separated from family members since 1948 because of the 38th Parallel.

Laughter the Best Medicine




Two dog owners are arguing about whose pet is smarter. "My dog is so smart," says the first owner, "that every morning he goes to the store and buys me a cream cheese, stops off at Starbucks and pics me up a mocha latte, and then comes home and turns on ESPN, all before I get out of bed."

"I know," says the second owner, "How do you know?" the first demands. "My dog told me."

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

This year has started off a little rocky. With the cost of everything going up I think I will be safe in saying we all could use a break.

I hope you will be able to come to our informal get together in Midwest City, Ok. See the Secretary Corner for all the details. It will be a good time to be able to have some rest and relaxation. It is hard to say how much longer we may be able to travel to a get together like this, so we need to take advantage of the time we have.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone that can make the trip. Keep moving forward.

Keep the Faith



IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)

(Engineers Clear the Way)

Gene Reed (317) 268-6455
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Membership Keeps the 13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association GOING**Humor**

I was driving when I saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for speeding, even though I knew I wasn't. Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly. But again, the camera flashed. Thinking this was pretty funny, I drove past even slower three more times, laughing as the camera snapped away each time while I drove by it at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, I got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.
Adam J. Smargon – Newark, Delaware

TREASURE'S CORNER= HARRY (GENE) REED

As of 03/09/2022 our current account balance is \$8,115.27. 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. Below is the 2021 Profit / Loss Statement. I will be sending the trustees the 2021 records to go over in the next few weeks.

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Dues	\$85.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
Donations	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
QM Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.99	\$19.00	\$65.61	\$70.44	\$339.04
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News Letter	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$260.00
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News Letter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$396.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.71	\$1,168.39
Stamps	\$7.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7.76
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$681.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$711.60
Trailer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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												Total	\$1,887.75

Christmas is a nonevent in North Korea. Instead of Christmas celebrations, many North Koreans celebrate the birth of current president Kim Jong-il's mother on December 24. North Koreans also do not celebrate Valentine's Day, but instead celebrate "The General's Birthday" on February 16. A popular "Valentine's" gift between couples is a "Worker's Party badge"

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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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. The below listed members have 2020 as expiration dates of their membership. Please submit your membership dues so you are not put on the inactive list.

Dale Davis / Allan Fraser / Robert Johnson / Harold Gustafson / Robert Hawes / Jeffrey Tierney
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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.

Earl Shatzer
Secretary

INFORMAL GET TOGETHER EVENT

The interest in a full reunion is not enough to justify the money needed to put one together.

We have decided to have an informal get together from June 16-18, 2022, (some of us will be coming in on the 15th so if you want to join us we welcome you) in Midwest City Oklahoma. Midwest City is about 8 miles from Oklahoma City. So far, we are looking at going to the Cowboy Hall of Fame and having dinner at a great steak house.

The Hotel we are staying at is listed below. If you are going to come, please when you call mention to them you are with the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion and a Veteran for a discount.

It has been 4 years since the last reunion and with everything going on we just want to get together and tell some tall tales and see each other.



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Shaped the Combat Environment during the Korean War

When North Korean forces mounted a surprise attack across the 38th parallel into South Korea on June 25, 1950, they initiated a three-year conflict in some of the most inhospitable terrain the U.S. Army had ever encountered. The Korean Peninsula features steep mountain ranges, narrow valleys, and numerous rivers dividing its landmass. The volatile climate also made warfighting far more arduous. The summers were oppressively hot, the winters bitterly cold, and the monsoon season turned what few roads there were into muddy quagmires and transformed meandering streams into raging torrents.

In conjunction with the difficult terrain and climate, North Korea's rapid advance at the start of the war also placed a premium on U.S. Army engineer operations. In the opening days of the war, South Korean troops were quickly overwhelmed, but they staged an orderly retreat. Three divisions of American troops stationed in Japan were redeployed to reinforce the South Koreans in July, but this new force, now under the United Nations (UN) Command, was pushed inexorably southward, along with thousands of civilian refugees. Engineers still helped buy the beleaguered defenders valuable time; they destroyed bridges and other vital infrastructure to impede the enemy's advance, they frequently fought as infantry as the situation grew more desperate, and after UN forces withdrew to the area surrounding the port of Pusan, engineers helped build a defensive perimeter that held against determined enemy assault for a month.

In mid-September the UN Command finally went on the attack with an audacious amphibious invasion deep behind enemy lines at Inchon, and engineers were again in the vanguard building and maintaining roads across twisting mountain passes, constructing temporary bridges, operating ferries, reopening ports, and unloading cargo. The unexpected intervention of Chinese forces in November 1950 posed new challenges for the UN soldiers who had fought all the way to the Chinese border. American engineers once again rebuilt roads and bridges to facilitate a withdrawal to south of the 38th parallel, while at the same time destroying critical facilities and supplies to deny them to the enemy. By July 1951, both sides had fought to a bitter stalemate, and truce talks began. The Korean War would drag on for another two years, but U.S. Army Engineers were unsung heroes, for they helped shape the combat environment that allowed the United States and its allies to fight and negotiate an armistice that has lasted into the next century.



- Japan and Russia first suggested dividing Korea at the 38th parallel in 1896 as a way to ease tensions between the two countries. However, Japan gained control over the entire country in 1904.
- The North Korean government strictly controls all levels of education. The literacy rate of those aged 15 and older in North Korea is 99%.

10 KOREAN WAR FACTS YOU HAVE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD

Even if you paid attention in class and studied American History textbooks chances are good that while you learned about the Korean War in school there are plenty of facts and details you never learned.

#1

Japan ruled over Korea from 1905 until the end of World War II, after which the Soviet Union occupied the northern half of the peninsula, and the United States occupied the south. Originally, they intended to keep Korea together as one country. But when the United Nations called for elections in 1947, the Soviet Union refused to comply, instead installing a communist regime led by Kim Il-Sung. In the South, meanwhile, strongman Syngman Rhee became president. Both Kim and Rhee wanted to unify Korea under their rule and initiated border skirmishes that left thousands of dead.

#2

Technically the war wasn't a war...it was technically a "police action". President Truman did not ask Congress for a declaration of war and Congress didn't offer one. Truman placed the fighting under the aegis of the United Nations.

#3

The first all jet dogfight. On November 8, 1950, 1st Lt. Russell Brown engaged a MiG-15 in his F-80 Shooting Star. The MiG was clearly a superior fighter and this discovery led to the development of the F-86 Sabre. It wasn't superior enough to allow the MiG to win the dogfight, however. Lt. Brown downed the Communist jet. The skies over Northwest Korea featured many dogfights in the war years and soon became known as "MiG Alley."

#4

It was more than just Americans and Koreans fighting Communists. Being a UN police action, other countries joined the coalition of forces fighting. Significant forces came from Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries, especially Australia and Canada. Turkish forces faced their biggest military challenge since World War I at the Battle of Kunu-ri Pass. Other countries who gave significant troops included Ethiopia, Colombia, Thailand, and the Philippines.

#5

The Army created an impromptu special ops unit.

The US lacked a Guerilla warfare capability at the start of the war and created one quickly. The result was the 8240th Army unit comprised of Rangers and other soldiers with unconventional warfare experience from WWII. They advised indigenous "partisan forces" on how to fight behind enemy lines and undermine the North Korean army.

#6

Seoul changed hands four times.

The South Korean capital sits just 35 miles from the North-South border. It was first captured by the North Koreans on June 28, 1950, just three days after the North invaded. It was retaken by UN forces that September. The Chinese seized the city in January 1951 but lost it two months after that.

North Korea Facts

Founded in 1948, the official name of North Korea is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). The local name for North Korea is *Choson-minjujuui-inmin- koughwaguk* or *Choson* ("Land of Morning Calm")

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#7

The U.S. military integrated during the war.

In July 1948, President Truman desegregated the military with an executive order that mandated "equality of treatment and opportunity" for all soldiers. Even so, separate black units remained the norm at the start of the Korean War. Piecemeal integration came when, as casualties mounted, field commanders of white units began accepting black replacements. More institutional change then occurred once General Matthew B. Ridgway, who called racial segregation "both un-American and un-Christian," took over for MacArthur. By May 1952 he had integrated the entire Far East Command, and by September 1954 the rest of the armed forces had followed suit.

#8

After the Korean War, 21 American soldiers chose to stay with their Chinese captors.

Hailed in China as "Peace Fighters," in America they were denounced as turncoats and traitors. The U.S. media claimed the soldiers were brainwashed by their captors. Most of them later recanted their statements and returned to America.

#9

The top five states with the most Korean War veterans are California (430,800); Florida (294,000); Texas (243,300); New York (220,100); and Pennsylvania (201,400)

An estimated 86,300 Korean War veterans are women, making up 7% of the estimated number of all female veterans.

#10

The active fighting in the Korean War ended on July 27, 1953, with the signing of the Armistice at Panmunjom. Armistice talks took over two years to complete. The main "stumbling block" was the repatriation of POWs. Eventually the North conceded, and the armistice was signed. The signatories didn't actually end the war however, just the active fighting. Technically the war continues to this day.

Observed on July 27th, the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, honors "the patriots who defended the Korean Peninsula against the spread of Communism in what became the first major conflict of the Cold War."

How does AARP help veterans combat fraud?

AARP offers additional resources including alerts about the latest scams, a scam-tracking map, tip sheets and a podcast called [The Perfect Scam](#). The [AARP Watchdog Alert Handbook: Veterans' Edition](#) explains 10 ways con artists target veterans. Those within the military community who have received suspicious emails, texts, phone calls or mail can report them to trained volunteers by e-mailing protectveterans@aarp.org or by calling the AARP Fraud Watch Network help line, 877-908-3360.

INTERESTING KOREAN WAR FACTS

- One of the most embarrassing incidents during the Korean War was when U.S. Army Brigadier General Francis Townsend Dodd was held hostage by North Korean POWs during a camp uprising. The incident led to a North Korean propaganda victory, and Dodd suffered career-ending embarrassment.
- Although millions of people died during the Korean War, no one side can claim it won the war. At best, South Korea can claim that it stopped North Korea from taking over and turning it into a communist nation. Both countries still remain divided, and North Korea is still a communist nation.
- Months before the North Korean army crossed the 38th parallel, the CIA noted that North Korean troops were moving south. The CIA, however, did not take any action and viewed the movement as a "defensive measure."
- During the war, North Korea was supported by the Soviet Union (Russia) and the People's Republic of China, both communist countries.
- During the Korean War, South Korea was supported by the United States, Great Britain, and the United Nations, which all supported democracy and opposed communism.
- Even though 16 countries participated in the Korean War, it is still not considered a "world war." Fifteen United Nations countries sent combat troops to Korea: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, and Turkey. Four countries sent medical assistance: India, Italy, Norway, and Sweden.
- During the Korean War, like in other wars, prostitutes were available and became more available the farther back from the front line a soldier was. Venereal diseases were a constant fear of the military, and many men contracted them.
- During the Korean War, the South Korean government provided women for its troops. According to one account, the government standard of performance for such women was to service at least 29 men a day. Intercourse should not last longer than 30 minutes so the prostitute could move on to other men and make the maximum daily profit. There is heated and ongoing debate about how much the U.S. military was involved in providing prostitutes for its men.
- The U.S. Army used approximately 1,500 dogs during the Korean War and 4,000 in the Vietnam War.
- During 1953, the soldiers of the U.S. Army I Corps donated \$385,000 to Korean relief charities. The 45th Infantry Division contributed \$300,000 to Korean relief organizations.
- After the Korean War, 21 American soldiers chose to stay with their Chinese captors. Hailed in China as "Peace Fighters," in America they were denounced as turncoats and traitors. The U.S. media claimed the soldiers were brainwashed by their captors. Most of them later recanted their statements and returned to America.
- There were 7,245 American POWs during the Korean War. Of these, 2,806 died while in captivity and 4,418 were eventually returned to military control. Twenty-one refused repatriation.
- An estimated 86,300 Korean War veterans are women, making up 7% of the estimated number of all female veterans.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - EARL C. SHATZER

It is indeed a great honor to be the Newsletter Editor for the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion Association and be able to gather content that hopefully is interesting and informative to our readers.

In this issue, I have included articles on facts about the Korean War and North Korea. If you would like for me to research and create an article on any subject, please contact me.

When I accepted the position of Interim Newsletter Editor for the 13th Engineer Association in April 2019, I had little or no concept of what the job required. In fact, I had no idea of what significance the Newsletter had in our members lives. I received invaluable information from our past President and Newsletter Editor Billy Quinton who published it for the last 15 years. I had big shoes to fill and hopefully maintain the quality of past newsletters.

I am always looking for articles to put into the newsletter that are interesting to our members. It is a struggle at times, and I welcome any suggestions from members for future newsletters.

If you want to call, I can record your short story, you can mail or email me a short tale of something that comes to mind.

When we all get together at reunions stories are told so I know they are out there. I will be looking forward as to what stories are told at our informal get together in June in Oklahoma to put into the August newsletter. I may need to edit some of the content to make it a "G" rating article for print. Looking forward to hearing some stories about when anyone was in Korea or after they got home.

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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A SHORT FUNNY STORY

All her life, Victoria was told that the women in her family were able to walk on water on their 21st birthdays. It didn't seem possible, but her mother assured her it was true. So on her 21st birthday, Victoria takes a boat out onto the lake, steps off, and sinks. Back on land, Victoria confronts her mother. "You told me that every woman in our family could walk on water on her 21st birthday." "It's true," says her mother. "But when I just tried it, I nearly drowned!" "That's because your sisters and I were all born in December, You were born in July

Contact from George Ford

I served in Company "C" of the 13th Engineers in the years 1955-1956. I was in charge of the Supply Room as a Corporal (SP3) under Sergeant White.

During 1956, I had returned from Japan on R & R and as I entered my Quonset Hut, I was told "Hey Ford, you know your buddy got killed?". It seems my best friend, "Larry" Sloan was killed in an accident. They were replacing a old utility pole and Larry being the company electrician was to remove the wires. While he was up at the top removing the wires, the rotten pole gave out and went down with Larry on it. He was crushed.

Funny, Larry was a rebel from one of the southern states and I am a Yankee from New Jersey. But we just hit it off and he was a good friend. The memory of my buddy has lasted for years, and I for the last 3-4 decades have been trying to get some information on Larry's family. I have tried many, many Military websites to no avail.

I am looking for just a list of any soldier who died in Korea in the year 1956. But have come up empty. If anyone can direct me to an office that can provide names of any soldier that died in the 13th Engineers or in any company in Korea in 1956, I would like to somehow contact his family.

George Ford
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Engineers assemble a ponton bridge near Waegwan Korea September 22 1950



Engineers prepare to mine a bridge near the front lines in South Korea July 1950

A doctor dies and goes to heaven, where he finds a long line at St. Peter's gate. As is his custom, the doctor rushes to the front, but St. Peter tells him to wait in line like everyone else. Muttering and looking at his watch, the doctor stands at the end of the line. Moments later, a white-haired man wearing a white coat and carrying a stethoscope and black bag rushes up to the front of the line, waves to St. Peter, and is immediately admitted through the Pearly Gates. "hey!" the doctor shouts. "How come you let him through?" "Oh," say St. Peter, "that's God. Sometimes he likes to play doctor."

WEBMASTER - EARL C. SHATZER

Our home page features links to our past newsletters, our Facebook page, instructions on how to join the association, photo galleries, links to past reunions, and links to interesting Korean war facts, and a lot more.

I am always looking at ways to better our website. Any ideas or suggestions 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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<https://13thengineerbn.com/guestbook/>

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

Bill Gavito our Vice President at the time wrote this for his Corner prior to the St. Louis Reunion. I thought it would be good to reprint it, (SEE YOU IN INDIANAPOLIS IN SEPTEMBER)

A REPRINT OF A REPRINT PRIOR ARTICLE**Thoughts about attending Reunion at St. Louis**

There are a lot of people who are reluctant to attend reunions, men and women alike. And there are a lot of reunions for different reasons, family, high school, college, you name it.

Before my wife and I went to the 13th Association Reunion in Springfield, MO. I had a number of ex-soldiers and old swabbies ask me, "Why are you going there? Don't you realize how big the U.S. Army is? You won't know a single solitary soul there." My reply to those men was, "Well, you're right. I won't know a soul until I walk thru the door and immediately, we will be old friends."

When we left Springfield, I could hardly wait to get back home so I could call each one to let the know how right I was and how wrong they were.

I've read a number of poems about old soldiers; old service men and they are kind of like a picture – they just don't do justice to the real thing.

The 13th Engineer Association is not about food or drink, or sitting around retelling old war stories, it's about friendship formed by a common goal, built by pride from a job well done. It's also glued together by the strong emotions resulting from losing friends who were so strongly committed to the same task, regardless of the year, the time or the situations.

During the last reunion, in attendance was a marvelous young lady by the name of Barbara Baer from Washington State. Her main reason for being with our Association was to hopefully gain some insight into her father's life, which he spoke very little about in talking with her, she said she was apprehensive about joining in with a group of ex-soldiers. However, that is what her father was and what she wanted to learn about. Even by day two, she was overwhelmed by the sincerity, the deep friendship, the courtesy, the respect and understanding between and among all in attendance. By day three, she couldn't say enough to show her appreciation.

When we are all ready to leave this flesh body behind, one of the thoughts we all will cherish the most are our friends. And a sad thought that runs through my mind is the very many today who can claim but very few friends.

Boy, I would sure like to have you share the feeling that I have experienced.
See you in St. Louis
Bill Gavito, Vice President

Bill wrote this for the reunion we had in St. Louis my thoughts are the same for the informal Get together in
Oklahoma.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Billy D. Quinton SR.

"C" Company 50-51

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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.

Virgil L. Frost (90)
5-11-1931 – 8-1-2021
"B" Co. 1953-1954

Charles A Hosszu (77)
8-8-2021
"C" Co. 1962 - 1963

We have no new members if you know someone that is interested, please refer them to the website to download the form.

Remembering those that have given all...

Your
sacrifice
will never
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"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.

NORTH KOREA FACTS

When Japan surrendered to the Allies on August 15, 1945, U.S. president Truman and Soviet leader Stalin agreed that the U.S. would temporarily act as trustee for the southern half of Korea and the Soviet Union would act as trustee for the northern half. This temporary measure became permanent in 1948 when North Korea declared itself an independent sovereign state under a Communist system.

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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
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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 January – March 2022.

Only one entry to the website in the last 3 months

Fred A Ickert wrote on 01/06/2022
13th engineers HQ. CO 1965 & 66

NORTH KOREA FACTS

Though smaller in size, South Korea has a population more than double that of North Korea. The word *Korea*, which many believe Marco Polo took with him to Europe, means "land of high mountains and sparkling streams."

QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON



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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 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

