



# PANTHER PRESS

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## From the President:

When Carol and I arrived home from the **Florida Cruise**, better known as the 2013 11th ENGR BN Association (EBA) Reunion, we kept looking for the little chocolate candy on our pillow. Alas, the chocolate is only a pleasant memory!

\*A grand time was enjoyed by all that attended. We ate big meals all the way to Cozumel, and back again to Ft Lauderdale. Highlights of this Reunion included a tour of the engine room and of the Pilothouse or Bridge.

\*A significant decision from our Business Meeting is that the location of a future Reunion will be held nearby to the residence of an Association member. The 1st VP has the responsibility for the Reunion, but can delegate the scouting, recon, planning, and negotiating to our local/resident member. The details, or guidelines, will be presented to our membership for approval.

\*Our 2014 Reunion will be held **18-22 Sept 2014 in Charleston, SC**. This Reunion will be held in conjunction with the **547th Engineer BN Association**. The check-in and activities will be shared. The 547th Annual Business Meeting and Banquet will be held on Saturday, with a check-out on Sunday. The 11th Annual Business Meeting will be held separately, with the Banquet on Sunday evening, and a check-out on Monday. This newsletter has the proposed itinerary.

\*The **2015 Reunion will be held in Arizona**. Mike and Julie Ellegood of Prescott, AZ are already planning this event.

\*Our annual Auction was again conducted by Joe. Joe's auctioneer skills are entertaining and productive. **The Silent Auction** feature went well as several items were bid on and won by members unable to attend the Reunion. Our Treasurer will share the results of the Auction.

\*Our Association is still in **need of a Secretary**, and of a person to be the **Web Master**. Please contact me if you are considering either role. Our web site is working! We have attracted a member through the web site.

\*At the Charleston Reunion we will **elect a new President** and a new 1st VP. I will have completed two successive terms as President, the maximum allowed via our By-Laws. Please contact me for your nominations for President and for Vice President. To date I have a nomination of Joe Papapietro for President (he has accepted the nomination). Once I receive a nomination I will contact the nominee to verify that they will accept the nomination.

\***Growing our membership** is still a main priority, a responsibility that all of us share. Jeff Corker is exhausting all avenues to attract past soldiers to become members of our Association. We have paid members and past unpaid members. Many older members are losing their health, thus unable to attend the Annual meetings. We need to attract the younger 11th Engineer soldiers to become active members. Your ideas and help are needed and appreciated.

\***Finally**, I erred on the last newsletter regarding the famous baseball team that won the 1953 Championship. My good friend Jim Loose, a team member, sent this correction: **Hi Bill, Just received the 11th Engr. Newsletter via email and would like to make a correction to your opening comments. You stated that I was the only surviving member of the 1953 Championship Softball**

Team, when there are 3 of us remaining - Bernard Dennis (pitcher), Bob Ploof (catcher) and myself. Team members who have passed on are Marushak, Pavell, Dodd and Osborne. I have never been able to contact the shortstop Wille Stallings, the right fielder Frank Lowry, substitute players Bob White and Lt. Fennell or the team manager Sam Phillips, so I don't know if any of them are still living.

Bill Davis, President [wrd1945@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrd1945@sbcglobal.net) 1-530-885-3917

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**From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

I am pleased to provide the following updates on our Association reunion activities:

1. **The 2013 Reunion Cruise**, our first aboard a cruise ship, was by all indications an unqualified success. The 5-day journey aboard the Celebrity Constellation departed Ft Lauderdale on Monday evening, 9 December and returned Saturday morning, 14 December. The itinerary included port calls in Cozumel, Mexico and Key West, Florida. The two "sea days" provided ample opportunity for us to conduct our Business Meeting, Memorial Service, selection of the 2015 reunion site and fund-raising auction...which this year generated more than \$1320!!
  - a. The Constellation proved to be a worthy vessel with an attentive crew, great food, excellent entertainment and many activities to keep everybody busy.
  - b. We had a total of 30 participants including 12 members with spouses, children and guests.
  - c. Lessons Learned:
    - i. The 5-day cruise (vs. the typical 4-day land reunion) provided a good balance of two sea-days (to conduct business) and two port calls for excursions.
    - ii. The cruise cost varied by the cabin selected but were generally comparable to land options when food and entertainment are considered.
    - iii. Upon request, Celebrity included tours of the bridge and engine room.
    - iv. Our decision to provide participants the freedom to explore Cozumel and Key West on their own (vice book a tour to satisfy all) worked well.
    - v. Celebrity had promised to provide a Hospitality Suite each day of the cruise but fell short of this due to on-board meeting room conflicts. They worked with us on an alternative schedule, which was adequate for our needs, and there were plenty of on-board areas where we were otherwise able to meet and create our own impromptu "hospitality suite".
    - vi. We need to pay more attention to the dinner seating plan to insure all our tables are adjacent to one another.
  - d. Would I recommend that we consider another cruise sometime in the future? Yes, without hesitation... provided we consider the above Lessons Learned.
2. **Reunion 2014: Charleston, SC.** Planning is ahead of schedule for what is shaping up to be an excellent venue providing some unique opportunities. One of these is the chance to merge our reunion with the 547<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Association who coincidentally scheduled their reunion to Charleston over the same time period as ours. This merger benefits both organizations by increasing our numbers and permitting a stronger negotiating posture to secure better hotel rates. Here are the emerging details:

- a. **Dates:** Thursday, 18 Sept thru Sunday, 21 Sept, with a departure on Monday, 22 Sept. If you have not already done so please mark your calendars.
  - b. **Venue:** We are in final negotiations with the InnPlace Hotel, a full service establishment in North Charleston. The InnPlace has committed to a group rate of \$99/night (+tax = ~\$113) including breakfast for two, free shuttle service to/from the airport and local shopping/restaurants, and a dedicated Hospitality Suite. The InnPlace also offers a full-service restaurant, banquet facilities, a modern exercise facility with both indoor and outdoor pools, and a complete business center with several PCs and printers.
  - c. **Activities:** We are still working the details but thus far have identified the following:
    - i. Thursday, 18 Sept: Check in @ InnPlace Hotel; Hospitality Suite open at 4 PM for registration and Association sponsored pizza dinner at 6 PM.
    - ii. Friday, 19 Sept: Morning open. In the afternoon tour the Citadel with Cadet guides; review the Corps of Cadets parade from reserved VIP seating.
    - iii. Saturday, 20 Sept: Morning Open. Afternoon visit Patriot's Point, the USS Yorktown and the Congressional Medal of Honor Museum. Conduct a Memorial Service at the MOH Museum and lay a wreath in honor of SFC Paul Smith, 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion MOH awardee.
    - iv. Sunday, 21 Sept: Morning/afternoon open. Choose from a host of interesting activities including tours of historic Charleston and the City Market, a visit to Fort Sumter, a cruise of Charleston Harbor or tour one of several pre-Civil War plantations. 5 PM: Group photo at the Hotel. 6 PM: Association Banquet at the hotel.
    - v. Monday, 22 Sept: Depart Charleston.
  - d. **NOTE:** Charleston and the surrounding area have been named the **#1 U.S. City by the Condé Nast Traveler 2013 Readers' Choice Awards** for an unprecedented third consecutive year. This historic coastal destination is a beautiful, charming city with much more to do than we can possibly fit into a 4-day reunion. In light of this, The InnPlace has agreed to extend the above rate for 3 days before and after our reunion dates for those who would like to come early and/or stay late.
3. **Reunion 2015: Phoenix, AZ.** Members attending this year's reunion voted to make Phoenix our 2015 destination. This decision was facilitated by Mike Ellegood, a longtime resident of nearby Prescott, who offered strong support of the Phoenix area and volunteered to undertake the reunion planning and execution. **Thank you Mike and Julie!!**
  4. **Reunion Planning By-Laws Update.** The Board of Directors has recommended a change in the Association By-Laws to reflect a more efficient way of planning and executing future reunions. I expect to have a draft out for BOD and Association review with the next Panther Press and welcome your input and suggestions.
    - a. Current Procedure. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president is charged with the responsibility to plan and execute reunions.
    - b. Problem: The distance between the location of the proposed reunion and where the 1<sup>st</sup> VP lives can create difficulties in obtaining needed information on hotels, activities, transportation, etc. It is also recognized as beneficial if the reunion planner has personal knowledge of the area.

- c. Proposed Procedure: The 1<sup>st</sup> VP will retain overall responsibility for the conduct of reunions with the notable change that future proposals for reunion locations be accompanied by the name of a Member or Members who:
- i. Are supportive of the site location as a reunion destination
  - ii. Have local area and/or specific knowledge of the proposed site
  - iii. Express a willingness to lead a Reunion Planning Committee and assume the responsibility for reunion planning.

## 5. Reunion Auction.

- a. As noted above, this year's auction resulted in a \$1320 net infusion into the Association's account. This funding is desperately needed to continue our ongoing programs and support of the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion soldiers at Fort Benning. My sincere thanks to all who contributed items for the auction and especially to those who generously bid on those items!!
- b. **IMPORTANT:** The success of the reunion auction is entirely dependent upon your donation of items to be auctioned. It's not too early to begin identifying contributions for the Charleston auction in September.

**RSVP:** Please respond to Joe Papapietro by email ([o6ret@aol.com](mailto:o6ret@aol.com)) or phone (717-818-7331) as soon as possible if you plan to attend the Charleston Reunion. This is NOT a binding reservation but will be used by me to estimate the number of attendees and secure the best possible rates for us.

See you in Charleston....

Joe Papapietro  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Reunion Coordinator, 717-818-7331

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**From the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** (Although Jeff Corker is the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, this article was written by Ron Smoker and pertains to the business of the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP)

Let me start by offering belated best wishes to you and yours for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year for 2014 and my hope that all of you enjoyed a Blessed and Merry Christmas Season. As most of you already know our Association celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting/Reunion in December 2013. This year's reunion was conducted as part of a memorable Western Mediterranean Cruise, which was arranged, organized and led by our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joe Papapietro, and his lovely wife Richel. I could go on ranting about all of the fun experiences and good times that were shared on the cruise but I'm sure you will hear much more about those activities from our Officers. The focus of this article is "Membership." The dwindling of our membership rolls has been a topic that has been talked about since I first joined the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Association. We have now reached a point where talking about it is no longer a viable option but rather our Association must take a clear course of action if it is going to remain in place and solvent. Jeff Corker, 2nd Vice President,

and I have been working closely together and in agreement on the urgent need and initial actions for improving our membership numbers.

In attempting to analyze our membership problem there are basically two major areas of concern. First, we have lost and continue to lose a significant number of our WWII and Korean Veterans as they pass on from our ranks. Many, if not most, of these individuals have kept up as Active Members to include the timely payment of dues and participation in our Association's Reunions and other activities. However, there are also a significant number of these individuals who are being carried on an Inactive Membership status and have not paid their dues in years. Efforts have been made to reach out to these individuals but with little success. Second, is the fact that we, as an Association, have failed to attract new members despite diverse and numerous efforts by a few of our truly dedicated members in an attempt to do so. However, as members, we all know that it is our Association and its Membership is our responsibility.

That said, provisions set forth in our Association's By-Laws, Article III – Membership, Paragraph 6, Termination of Membership: "Any member whose dues are in arrears for two or more years will be dropped from the rolls of the Association's membership. Exceptions may be made by the Board of Directors in cases of extreme financial hardship."

The time has come that we must faithfully implement those provisions for the good of the Association. Payment date for Annual Dues is established to be the last day of the first month of each new Calendar Year. However, to provide our members with addition time to take appropriate action to keep their status Active we will be extending that date to the last day of February for payment of this year's (2014) Annual Membership Dues. After that date we will purge our membership rolls to reflect the provision of Membership set forth in our By-Laws. Additionally, as a member we strongly encourage your active participation in some manner to support our Association even something as simple as calling or emailing one of our Officers or a fellow member just to discuss what our Association is or is not doing well. We know and understand that everyone cannot make it to all of the reunions or other activities but we strongly encourage your participation however and whenever possible.

As for the second area of concern - each and every one of us reading this article need to make an active and ardent effort to reach out and bring in just "one new member" to our Association over this next year. Take the time to call or email a friend that you have kept up with from your service with the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineers and encourage them to join our Association. If each Active Member would do that – we would double our Membership in just one year. There is a Membership Form enclosed with this Newsletter that provides the information you need to pass onto a prospective member. If you need assistance with this effort, please don't hesitate to contact any of our Officers.

In closing, I ask that you keep in mind it is our Association and as such, it is our responsibility for its Membership and continued existence. Jeff Corker, 2nd Vice President, is our point-of-contact for any issue or recommendation regarding our Association's Membership. Jeff is anxious to receive your input and can be reached at (256-776-08770 or by email [jcorker@championfactorydirect.com](mailto:jcorker@championfactorydirect.com)).

Should you feel that I may be of any assistance as a fellow member, please feel free to call (301-212-9378) or email me at [ronald.smoker@gte.net](mailto:ronald.smoker@gte.net).

God Bless, Jeff Corker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 504 Neal Drive, Gurley, AL 35748.  
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### **From the Treasurer:**

Floss and I thoroughly enjoyed the reunion cruise, our thanks to Joe and Rachel for bringing it all together. 30 items were put up for **auction**, and between what was bid for the items and the donations we raised \$1320 to support the Association. Thank you to those who donated items and to those that successfully bid on those items.

**Treasury** – Between our savings account and our checking account we closed out 2013 with \$10,345.43 in our treasury. Our next expense will be for the Soldier and NCO Awards in February.

**Good news - Bad News** by the numbers.

- **45** members are current with their 2014 dues.
- **16** members have paid dues for 2015 and beyond.
- **86** of the names in our database are not current with their 2013 dues, and 42 of those not current were paid up in 2013. I hope that the members that have let their membership laps are okay.

Attached is the current membership list, if you see someone on the list that you know who's membership has lapsed, please reach out and check on them. If you need a phone number, email or snail mail address let me know and I will pass it on to you.

The dues payments support:

- communications with our members without email addresses to include the Newsletter distribution,
- awards for the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion of Soldier, NCO, and Officer of the Year,
- reunion planning and preparation costs, and
- development and maintenance of our new website  
<http://www.11thengineerbattalionassociation.com>

Thank you again for your support.

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### **From the Secretary: Smoke Signals**

"Vacant - looking for a replacement...will you step up?"

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**From the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Liaison:**

1. In 2013 the Association continued its tradition of recognizing the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year. This year's awardees (below) will each receive an Association plaque and \$100 gift card to recognize their achievement.
2. Per the agreement reached at last year's Business meeting the Soldier of the Year award has been designated the "**NJ**" **Fred Boelshe** award and the plaque inscribed accordingly.
3. The plaques, gift cards and Association coins (courtesy of Rick Goring, Association Historian) will be presented at Fort Benning during this year's Sweetheart Ball in February to:
  - a. SGT Justin F. Volkmuth, HHC, 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion and
  - b. SPC Robert A. Thornton Jr., FSC, 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion
4. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Association's Battalion Liaison for the past several years. In coordination with the Association Board of Directors I have transferred this responsibility to Mike Ellegood and notified the Battalion of this change. Mike is a former 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer battalion company commander and recently coordinated the Association's Care Package program for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Company when it was deployed to Afghanistan.

Sincerely,

Joe Papapietro  
Battalion Liaison

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**...a note from the new battalion liaison, Mike Ellegood:** I look forward to assuming the duties as the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Liaison. I will also be assisting in the 2015 reunion activities and I provide below the initial 2015 Status of Planning:

While the memorable cruise reunion has not slipped into distant memory and the anticipated Charleston reunion has not yet occurred, Julie and I have initiated the planning work for 2015 in Arizona. Anticipating that we are looking at a fall (September – October) time frame event, we can meet in Phoenix, Sedona, Flagstaff, the Grand Canyon or Prescott, (our hometown). Phoenix will be warm, possibly too warm, Sedona and the Grand Canyon probably expensive, Flagstaff at an elevation of 7500 feet may be uncomfortable for many of us; we are gravitating towards Prescott.

We are initiating discussions with the Hassayampa Inn, one of the magnificent old hotels in Prescott and an Arizona landmark to be our headquarters hotel. We are also talking with Arizona Shuttle to provide transportation to and from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and to the side trips that we may want to take. Potential side trips include:

- Grand Canyon – a must see possibly even by train from Williams, Arizona.

- Verde Canyon Railroad – a very scenic trip up the Verde Canyon on an old restored train powered by a restored diesel locomotive.
- Sedona and Jerome – a scenic caravan trip up over Mingus Mountain through the former ghost town of Jerome, now a thriving artist community. Jerome hangs on the side of Mingus Mountain seemingly defying the laws of gravity. Sedona is in Arizona's famous red rock country, one of the State's premier tourist locations.
- Verde Valley Wine Trail – a trip to several of Arizona's burgeoning wineries in the Clarkdale – Cottonwood area of the Verde Valley for tours and tastings.
- Pub Crawl and antique shopping along Whiskey Row in Prescott - Whiskey Row is well known in Arizona, a major street forming the western boundary of the town square. There are numerous shops along the street featuring local artists' works along with several bars and watering holes frequented by locals and visitors alike.
- Hiking Lynx Lake - A two mile easy hike around Lynx Lake, very scenic, nearly level and a fun walk terminating at the Lynx Lake Restaurant which features German food, a beautiful overlook of the lake and hummingbird feeders that attract dozens of these little helicopters.

We think that the Grand Canyon is a must do, the rest folks can do on their own or we can plan and set up. These are just some initial planning thoughts...there is plenty to do in and around Prescott. Thoughts, druthers, comments, preferred; date preferences are welcomed.

Mike & Julie Ellegood

New 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Liaison and part of the 2015 Reunion Committee

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### **From The Historian:**

I want to begin by thanking Joe Papapietro and his lovely wife Richel for arranging our December 2013 Reunion aboard the Celebrity Constellation. I know that Marlene and I had a fantastic and relaxing time; it sure looked like everyone else did also. With that one just concluded, we are looking forward to our next Reunion in Charleston in September.

Many thanks to John Booth for finding the great article "Seeing 'Red' in Korea" (see attached) (thanks to John Perry for providing to John); it is a good read about a piece of our history. There are a great number of vignettes that have occurred during the time the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion colors have flown and they should be shared with all our members for their education. So, be on the lookout for any of them in print and let's get them in future newsletters. If you have any that you want to share, email them to me or to Phil Loftis, the editor, so they can be shared.

During the Reunion Cruise a discussion was held about developing a Members' Bio to be sent to all members, asking them to complete and return it so we can consolidate and retain our members' history with the 11<sup>th</sup>. We are developing the template now and it will be sent out with the next Newsletter for you to complete and return, please be on the lookout for it.

Essayons,  
Rick Goring  
maririckg@gmail.com



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**From the Chaplain:**

**TAPS**

As we look back on 2013, the 11<sup>th</sup> Engr Assn has unfortunately lost two more comrades. These soldiers, fathers, grandfathers, and leaders in their communities were all heroes in and out of uniform. We considered them close friends and amongst the Army's finest. In addition, the wife of one of our comrades passed away.

Debbie Brown, wife of David Brown, passed away in March 2013.

Frank Vinci passed away in April 2013.

Russ Meredith passed away in August 2013.

Please keep the families of these individuals close to your heart in the next weeks and months. Lean often on God's word Jeremiah 29:11 – "I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you Hope and a Future".

God Bless America! Jim Rock

If you have Chaplain topics for the future, please email me ([jrocknroll@comcast.net](mailto:jrocknroll@comcast.net)) or mail me (Jim Rock 8479 River Glen Drive Germantown TN 38139)

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**And a note from your Editor:**

The newsletter is for your benefit to keep you up to date on what is happening in the association and your past fellow comrades in arms. Please let me know if you have ideas to improve the newsletter. Thanks. Phil Loftis [pgloftis@gmail.com](mailto:pgloftis@gmail.com) 256-536-1411

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## **11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Association**

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Halfway around the world in Korea, brothers Sgt. 1st Class Russell Buckley (inset, on left) and Sgt. "Red" Buckley (below, on a D7 bulldozer) ran into each other in a chow line.



## Seeing 'Red' in Korea

Two Navy-to-Army brothers cross paths in a most unlikely place serving in Korea.

By Russell Buckley • Crescent City, California

**M**y brother "Red" served in the Navy from 1942 to '45. In 1950, he enlisted in the Army and was sent to Korea. I served two years in the Navy on a destroyer after enlisting in 1945, at age 17.

In the fall of 1950, after skidding logs in Oregon, I joined the Army, too. When I was home on furlough after six weeks of boot camp at Fort Ord, California, I told my mother that I'd find my older brother in Korea and look after him.

Arriving in Korea in early December, we were dropped off at midnight in a frozen rice paddy, where my outfit, the 11th Combat Engineers, was setting up camp.

I didn't know the name of my brother's outfit, but it turned out I didn't need it. The very next night in the chow line, I saw him, went up behind

him and tapped his shoulder. When Red turned around, I thought he was going to faint. We'd even be able to celebrate our birthdays together on Dec. 14! (Red is two years older than me, to the day.) In my next letter home, I let my parents know I'd found him.

I was soon assigned as assistant operator on the same D7 dozer that Red operated. We

worked together on the same equipment for six months before he was sent back to the States. In that time, we built the approaches for what we were told was the longest pontoon bridge in Korea over the Han River.

**When Red turned around, I thought he was going to faint.**

**THOUGHT-TO REMEMBER** If you don't have bad days, you won't recognize the good days.

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# 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Association

## Annual Dues Payment Form



As your 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Association Treasurer this is a reminder of payment for Annual dues (\$15.00/year) for Calendar Year 2014 which are due on January 1 each year. We are currently summoning the collection of dues and asking that you **please update** the information requested below, so that we may verify/update the information on file as is pertains to you and your service with the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Unit Served: \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Locations served \_\_\_\_\_

Time Period Served: (From) \_\_\_\_\_ (To) \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Telephone Number and/or Email for alternate Point of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

As previously mentioned our dues are **\$15.00 per year** with the Membership Year coinciding with the Calendar Year, i.e., January 1 to December 31. In the past, some members have opted to pay dues for a number of years in advance and/or have sent in additional funds that are put into our Association's General Fund, some of which may be used to pay dues for a few of our less fortunate members. We encourage both!

Please complete: 20\_\_\_\_ Dues Payment: \$15.00 Additional Years at \$15.00/years: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Funds to General Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-paid Membership Dues through: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #/Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Checks or Money Orders only.)

Please send your payment of dues, any donation to our General Fund and this completed form so as to reach us by **January 1 of each year**. Also, if there is an issue, comment or recommendation that you believe is for the good of our Association and/or that you would like to further discuss, please appropriately make note in the space below or the back side of the form.

**Please make your Check/Money Order out to "The 11th Engineer Battalion Association" and mail to:**

**John L. Booth  
Treasurer, 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Association  
56 Hope Road  
Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724**

Once I receive and process your form and payment I will forward your information to the Secretary. Upon receipt, the Secretary will verify/update your information, as applicable, on our Association Roster and send your Membership Card reflecting its new expiration date. If you have prepaid your dues for 2014, or beyond, please note that fact on the above form. However, please still complete the information requested on this form, so we can verify/update our records.

In the past year we have had problems contacting some members. Please provide alternate telephone # or email address for us to contact in the event that we cannot reach you at those listed above. \_\_\_\_\_

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (John Booth) at 732-345-1134 or email:

[boothjl@aol.com](mailto:boothjl@aol.com).



**11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Association Membership as of Jan 17, 2014**

**ACTIVE paid 2014 dues members (\* paid 2015)**

Baswell, Carl F., COL (ret) \*  
Boehle, Fred F.  
Booth, John L., COL (ret) \*  
Brady, Raymond  
Canant, Dennis C, LTC (ret)  
Clem, Joseph D., Jr, (Joe)  
Corker, Jeffery, CSM (ret) \*  
Davis, William R. (Bill),  
    CSM (ret) \*  
Diehl, Robert A. \*  
DiVacky, Raymond J.  
Dodson, James R. \*  
Ellegood, Michael S.  
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Lynn D. \*  
Goring, Richard H., COL (ret)  
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Harrison, William Jr.  
Hill, Malcolm L.  
Keech, Ronald E.  
Lantz, Fr Rev Gary L.  
Loftis, Phillip G, COL (ret)  
McGee, Thomas J.  
McNichols, Thomas R.  
Meyer, Robert J.  
Mogren, Eric T. \*  
Owen, Paul E., COL \*  
Papapietro, Joe G., COL (ret)\*  
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Perry, John G.  
Ploof, Robert J.  
Reeves, Ernest J.  
Rock, James G. COL (ret)  
Seymour, Ernest S. \*  
Smoker, Ronald R. \*  
Soehlke, Richard G. (Dick)  
Sweet, Roger P.  
Thomas, Gary  
Trainor, John  
Trexler, Thomas D.  
Trott, Phillip W. \*  
Vinczi, Bela L.  
Walker, Fred W. \*  
Way, Walter \*  
Wyatt, James D. \*

**MEMBERS Missing and NOT Current (\*\* paid 2013)**

Alexander, Charles J.  
Allen, Joe E. \*\*  
Alston, J Paul  
Atkins, Matthew S. \*\*  
Bankowski, Leo  
Beck, Jesse R.  
Bell, Jimmy W.  
Berger, Richard P.  
Binetti, Micael R.  
Boerger, Phillip T. (Pete),  
    BG (ret) \*\*  
Borman, John  
Bowler, William E (Gene),  
    COL (ret) \*\*  
Bradley, Edmund C. \*\*  
Breed, Edwin R (Ed) \*\*  
Brown, William D (Dave) \*\*  
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