



The 11th Engineer Battalion Association

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From the President:

Greetings all Jungle Cats....I can't tell you how much Richel and I are looking forward to our October reunion in Prescott. Mike and Julie Ellegood have put together a terrific agenda with a great mix of activities in a wonderful location. Before you read any further please download and print all the reunion forms attached to this newsletter. It's important to 1) call the hotel to secure your reservation and 2) complete the Registration Form and mail it to John Booth with your payment. By the way... Richel and I had dinner with Lou and Shirley Prentiss when they were in DC recently. MG(Ret) Prentiss, our guest speaker in Prescott, is looking forward to the reunion and is a great raconteur!

REUNION 2016 in WILLIAMSBURG, VA: Richel and I are heading down to the tidewater area next week to screen three hotels for our 2016 get-together, one in Williamsburg proper and the others in nearby Chesapeake and Newport News. All three locations are anxious to host us so it should be a lively negotiation. I should have the details fixed by the time we meet in Prescott.

NEW MEMBERS: I'm very happy to introduce the Association's newest members: CW5 (Ret) Pedro and Josie Aroyo. Pedro, now retired after 39 years of active duty service, was the 11th's Engineer Equipment Repair Technician from 1981 to 1984 at Ft Belvoir, VA. If you had the opportunity of serving with Pedro you will know that he was a consummate professional who tirelessly shared his vast knowledge and experience with all Battalion personnel. Also, that he and Josie were an integral part of the Battalion's social fabric. Welcome aboard Josie and Pedro!! They are retired and living in Oviedo, FL. If you would like to reach out and say 'Hi' to some old friends please drop me a quick note and I will provide their contact information. (see attached photos of Pedro and Josie)

WW1 MEMORIAL/MARKER for the 11th Engineers: I have recently been approached with a request that the Association consider funding (or sponsoring a fund-raising effort) to support the erection of a memorial/marker at Gouzeaucourt, in northeastern France. This is the site of the battle where the 11th Engineers became the first US forces in World War I to see combat.

BACKGROUND: The 11th Engineer Regiment was deployed to Europe in advance of other US units with the mission of preparing the rail lines for shipment of equipment to the front. The 11th became the Army's "First To Fight" unit when a railroad line it was working on at Gouzeaucourt, France was overrun by a German attack. Despite suffering many casualties (KIA, WIA, MIA & POWs) the 11th gallantly withstood the German assault until British forces could reinforce their position, repel the Germans and secure the safety of their POWs.

I am in contact with the Battalion Commander, the Mayor of Gouzeaucourt and several others involved in this project. Rest assured that I along with the Association's Board of Directors and Officers will scrutinize the request prior to submitting it to a vote of the Membership before any funding commitment is made. I will report more on the status of this effort at the reunion in Prescott. (See more detail on this on the page titled: SUBJECT: PROPOSED 11th ENGINEER REGIMENT MARKER/MONUMENT)

Looking forward to seeing you in October....Joe & Richel

From the 1st Vice President:

Jungle Cat Reunion, 2015 Update

Your planning team has put together a not to be missed, once in a lifetime, fun adventure in Arizona. The highlight of the trip is the Grand Canyon!

Tuesday morning, after Monday’s registration and welcoming reception, we will travel in a luxury motor coach, fully air conditioned and lavatory equipped to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, arriving about 10 AM. We will spend about 4 hours there, giving us time to explore, walk along the rim, grab lunch and shop for souvenirs.



At 2 PM we will re-board the coach and motor to the Watchtower, a Mary Coulter designed structure with fantastic views of the Canyon.



After a brief stop to explore the Watchtower we will again travel by coach to the historic Cameron Trading Post on the Navajo Reservation. We will make a brief rest stop to grab a snack or pick up souvenirs from the many native craftsmen. (Hint: Try the Navajo Taco in the restaurant, it’s a unique southwestern treat!).

Then, it’s back to our reunion headquarters in Prescott. Our reunion will be centered around the historic Hassayampa Inn, a four-star facility in the middle of downtown Prescott, Arizona. Prescott itself is a not to be missed destination. It is rated one of the best places to retire in the U.S. It features great weather, beautiful architecture and southwestern history and amazing scenery. Our central location will allow us to walk all through the downtown, visit the Square and the Sharlot Hall Museum three blocks away and dine at any number of downtown restaurants.



On Wednesday, we will be off to a later start, we will gather in the Lobby at 10 for travel to Fort Whipple, a historic Army post, headquarters for the Indian Wars and now the home of the Northern Arizona VA. We will lunch in the historic post theater and then have a guided tour of the historic post and museum. Later that afternoon, we will travel to the Prescott Veterans Cemetery for our traditional memorial service.



Thursday is open in the morning for exploring, shopping or just relaxing. Thursday afternoon we will have the business meeting and in the evening we will have our annual banquet and auction in the hotel dining facility. Friday we depart .

This reunion will be a special event for we Jungle Cats. The area is unique and quite scenic and is located within short

driving distance of numerous national parks and monuments. Prescott is in the central highland of Arizona at an altitude of 5400 feet. The air is cool and very clean. Nestled in the Bradshaw Mountains in the Prescott National Forest, there is great hiking and tons of scenery. The City offers numerous museums, a vigorous arts community and a very colorful history.

Be sure to join us this year, it will be both memorable and special! **See all the reunion documents at the end of this newsletter.** Be sure to complete the registration form now to attend the reunion!

Mike Ellegood

From the 2nd VP:

No report this newsletter.

From the Treasurer:

Floss and I hope are looking forward to seeing you in Prescott, AZ.

Treasury – Our combined savings and checking account balance has not changed significantly since the last Newsletter. Thank you for your membership dues and generous contributions to the General Fund. Your annual dues payments support:

- communications with our members without email addresses, to include the newsletter printing and distribution,
- awards for the 11th Engineer Battalion of Soldier, NCO, and Officer of the Year,
- re-ordering of Association coins, & ordering Panther Tee shirts,
- reunion planning and preparation costs, and
- website expenses - <http://www.11thengineerbattalionassociation.com>

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

- **3** NEW members since the last newsletter.
- **2** members, we learned of their passing.
- **77** members are current with their 2015 dues.
- **89** members paid their dues in 2014.
- **34** members have paid dues for 2016 and beyond.
- **52** of the names in our database are not current with their 2015 dues, and
- **17** of those not current were paid up in 2014.

I hope that the members that have let their membership lapse are okay. Attached is the current membership list. If you see someone you know that is not current call and check up on him.

Remember annual dues are due January 1 each year. A dues form is included in the newsletter.

Thank you again for your support of the 11th Engineer Battalion Association.

ESSAYONS

John L Booth, 56 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724, 732-345-1134, BoothJL@aol.com

From The Secretary

Time certainly has flown by and now we are rapidly approaching the time for our Annual Reunion, which will be taking place in Prescott, Arizona. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find all of the details about the reunion, take a look please. Each of the reunions that Marlene and I have been to have been fantastic, filled with great things to do and good camaraderie. I look forward to getting together and seeing you in Prescott, Arizona in October.

We recently went on a cruise with Joe and Richel Papapietro to celebrate our anniversary and it was a fantastic voyage. Before we went I worked on the Call-a-thon, checking in with fellow Jungle Cats just to see how they were doing. Once I finished those calls I decided to call some other former Jungle Cats from my first tour in the 11th in the 72 - 74 timeframe. I goggled and searched for guys that I had lost touch with over the years. Much to my dismay the results weren't what I expected at all. The first person I checked on was Chuck Spoerer, who commanded B. Co. while I was there and I found out that Chuck had died in June of 2014. We had been in contact with Chuck and his wonderful bride Carol on and off over the years, but lost track of them again. We have been talking with Carol and will send her the info on the reunion in Prescott. Another old friend I looked for was Al Gibney, although not a Jungle Cat, I graduated Clarkson University with him and served with him in several units before he left the service in '76. What I found once again was that Al had died in August of 2014.

My sole purpose in talking about these fine soldiers who are no longer with us is pretty simple. Don't wait too long to say hi to your friends from the 11th and other units you served in. Time is marching along and doesn't wait for any of us. Reach out and touch your friends, before you find out about them the way I did. I can tell you it hurts to know that you just looked too late. Do it today. To my friends and the other fine soldiers who have left us and marched off to the sound of Taps; God's Speed.

Essayons,

Rick Goring, 816 674-3763, marlrickg@gmail.com

From the 11th Engineer Battalion Liaison:

After several contacts with the 11th Engineer Battalion Command Group, and a gentle nudge by our President, we finally got the names of the Soldier of the Year and NCO of the year. We got the plaques manufactured by a local jeweler here in Prescott, Arizona (at a great price, I might add) and shipped via FedEx to CSM White. I spoke to the Command Sargent Major and he confirmed receipt and that the awards will be made at the appropriate time.

During my conversation with CSM White and in a personal memo to him and LTC Putnam, the C.O., I extended a personal invitation for them to participate in our annual reunion. They appreciated the invite but made no commitments.

I will continue to maintain contact and offer any assistance that they may need.

On a related matter, our President, Joe Papa, received a request from the Battalion to take the lead in funding raising for a monument to be erected in Gouzeaucourt, France. More on this elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mike Ellegood - 11th Engr Bn Liaison

From the Historian:

Jeff Corker (outgoing Historian) and I (incoming Historian) met a few weeks ago to transfer documents. Jeff provided me with ideas how to handle the historical documents. I have been contemplating a path forward and will send out the suggested path in the near future. Jeff had some good ideas that I will be incorporating into a SOP.

Additionally, I always solicit your input for future editions of the newsletter under the Historian's column. Your suggestions, articles, or input drives what everyone will be reading in the future here, so keep that in mind and be prepared to submit articles for this section of the newsletter. You can email me at pgloftis@gmail.com

Phil Loftis

From the Web Master:

I ask that Association Members wishing to post items on the 11th Engineer Battalion Association Web Site to please send to me a file in the *.pdf format, or a photo in the *.jpeg format. They will be posted quarterly by the Web Designer/Maintenance representative. The web site is located at:

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Web Master, Bill Davis, PO Box 336, Cool, CA 95614, 530-885-3917, wrd1945@sbcglobal.net

From the Chaplain:

It is with a skip in my step that I report that our membership remains healthy. I've spoken with a few men in nursing homes or at home recovering from long term illnesses but all in all, they are thrilled to be alive and so proud to have served in the 11th Engr Bn. I pray for their continued health and vitality.

As Memorial Day approaches, I ask that you honor America with a trip to the cemetery to pay respect to those who have paid the ultimate price.

In remembrance of Memorial Day I submit a touching article by Fred Bauer. It moved me...perhaps it will move you and your family to action.

A Devotion For Memorial Day by Fred Bauer:



And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations.....Exodus 12:14

We often make the trip to our lake cottage in Indiana over the Memorial Day weekend to “open up the place”. It’s a family tradition that dates back to around 1910. And if things follow their normal course, I’ll take Mother, who still lives in my birthplace, Montpelier, Ohio, out to Riverside Cemetery where we’ll place flowers on the graves of our loved ones. Home grown flowers-peonies and irises-were the bouquets of choice when I was growing up because they usually came into bloom about this time of year.

At my father’s grave, Mama will point to the vacant space next to his and remind me again that this is where she will be laid to rest. She won’t say it forebodingly-her Christian faith is too strong for that-but matter of fact. I think she wants to prepare me. I’m prepared. Only a few yards to the East are some plots reserved for my family.

Not long ago I stopped in Boalsburg, PA, and visited a cemetery said to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. There, three young women- Emma Hunter, Sophie Keller and Elizabeth Myers-began the custom of decorating soldiers graves in 1864, while the Civil War was still being fought. They wanted

to recognize the contributions of villagers who had paid the ultimate price and they did it with what was at hand, some home grown flowers.

The idea of decorating graves caught on, and today, because of the thoughtfulness of Emma, Sophie, and Elizabeth, millions of people across the nation this Memorial Day will remember, with deep affection, those whose lives once touched theirs.

*Teach us, Lord, the best way to pay an unpayable debt is to show with our lives that we didn't forget.
(End of Devotion by Fred Bauer)*

On Monday, May 25th, I will be present as part of the Support Group at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Memphis, TN. 22,000 veterans are buried there. 1,500 veterans and their families will come this Memorial Day to visit their fallen heroes and witness our ceremonies. Memorial Day remains a Heroes Day in America.

In closing, if you have topics for the Chaplain email at jrocknroll@comcast.net
Or mail at 8479 River Glen Dr. Germantown, TN 38139.

...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. If you have special topics you would like included in the newsletter, please let me know.

Thanks. Phil Loftis pgloftis@gmail.com 256-536-1411

11th Engineer Battalion Association

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED 11th ENGINEER REGIMENT MARKER/MONUMENT

BACKGROUND: I have been approached by LTC Putnam, CO, 11th Engineers, inquiring as to the Association's interest in supporting the design and construction of a marker/monument memorializing the actions of the 11th Engineer Regiment at Gouzeaucourt, France, site of the initial battle for US Army's "First to Fight" unit in The Great War.

HISTORY: The 11th Engineer Battalion's history began in 1917 with the activation of the 11th Engineer Regiment (Railway). It was one of three Engineer regiments activated to maintain railroads in northern France in support of the planned American deployment and overall war effort. The 11th Engineers, the first American unit to enter the European theater, arrived in France in August 1917.

On 20 November 1917, elements of the 11th were repairing a section of railway at Gouzeaucourt, France when the British launched what would become the Battle of Cambrai. In a desperate counterattack, the Germans penetrated British lines and overran the engineer work site. Despite suffering heavy losses (six killed, 11 wounded and 13 captured) the 11th Engineers held their position. The British rallied around the engineers' site and forced the Germans to withdraw.

The 11th Engineers were thus the "first to fight" of all American units engaged in World War I.

THE REST OF THE STORY: Dalton Ranlet, a seventeen-year-old from New York City, lied about his age and enlisted in the Army to join the 11th Engineers in April, 1917. Private Ranlet was wounded at Gouzeaucourt when the Germans attacked and was ultimately declared Missing In Action (MIA). His remains, found in 1955 during excavation of some foundations near the old railway line, were ultimately interred in the Somme American Cemetery.

Enter Linda Gagen, sister of "MIA" PVT Ranlet, who, while doing some family research stumbled across an entry for her brother in the Somme American Cemetery register. She tracked down the details of how/when/where his remains were found and ultimately followed the path to Gouzeaucourt where she met with the Mayor and local officials last year. During the meeting and subsequent discussions it was noted that while markers existed for other units that fought there during WWI there was no recognition for the 11th Engineers.

PROPOSED ASSOCIATION PROJECT: I believe that this project falls within the scope of our By Laws and is worthy of the Association's sponsorship. If the Board of Directors approves and Officers agree I propose the following Course of Action:

1. Establish necessary relationships with the Mayor of Gouzeaucourt and other interested US Army parties (i.e. the Corps of Engineers Historian, the 11th Engineer Battalion, etc.)
2. Consult on and establish a budget (TBD) constrained design of the proposed marker/memorial.
3. Use all available member contacts, relationships and social media outlets to advertise the project.
4. Solicit contributions for the project being sure to take advantage of the Association's IRS 501(C)(19) tax status.



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CW5 (Ret) Pedro and Josie Aroyo



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Annual Dues Payment Form



As your 11th Engineer Battalion Association Treasurer this is a reminder of payment for Annual dues (\$15.00/year) 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 it pertains to you and your service with the 11th 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! All donations to the General Fund are TAX DEDUCTABLE. The Association is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(19) post or organization for past and present members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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

**John L. Booth
 Treasurer, 11th 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 the current year, 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. _____

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 make a note in the space below or the back side of the form.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (John Booth) at 732-345-1134 or email: boothjl@aol.com or Rick Goring, Secretary at 1-816-674-3763 or email at marlrickg@gmail.com

May 2015

11th Engineer Battalion Association Membership as of April 16, 2015

ACTIVE MEMBERS paid 2015 dues

(* paid for 2016)

(*** New Member)

Allen, Joe E.
Arroyo, Pedro A., CW5 (ret) ***
Atkins, Matthew S.
Baswell, Carl F., COL (ret) *
Berger, Richard P.
Boehle, Fred F. *
Booth, John L., COL (ret) *
Bowler, William E (Gene), COL (ret)
Brady, Raymond
Brown, William D (Dave)
Canant, Dennis C, LTC (ret) *
Castle, James M. (Jim)
Clem, Joseph D., Jr, (Joe) *
Corker, Jeffery, CSM (ret)
Davis, William R. (Bill), CSM (ret)
Delleo, Michael F., Jr.
Dennis, Bernard A.
Diehl, Robert A.
DiVacky, Raymond J. *
Dodson, James R. *
Dorton, James R., MSG (ret) *
Downs, George M.
Durkin, John A., COL (ret)
Ellegood, Michael S. *
Eubank, Rev L. Allan
Fessender, Paul H.
Fiala, Charles J. Sr., MG (ret)
Forget, Stephen * ***
Gallagher, Patrick J. *
George, Lynn D.
Gioiosa, Thomas E., LTC (ret)
Goring, Richard H., COL (ret) *
Grimaldi, Gennaro J. Sr.
Hagedorn, Zach Jr., COL (ret)
Hamilton, Barry, K., CSM (ret)
Harrison, William Jr. *
Harper, Ronald A. *
Heiney, Harry A. (Dutch),
Herkert, August J. (Gus)
Hermanson, Merrill R.
Hill, Malcolm L.
Horne, Garth M. *
Keech, Ronald E. *
King, Billy J. *
Lantz, Fr Rev Gary L. *
Lillibridge, John
Loftis, Philip G, COL (ret) *
Loose, F. James (Jim)
Lunsford, Jessie
Marques, Edward D

(Windy)
Mogren, Eric T.
Mouzakes, Howard M.
Owen, Paul E., COL *
Papapietro, Joe G., COL (ret) *
Patton, Martin F.
Perry, John G.
Pluciennik, Edward P. * ***
Purdin, Terry L. *
Raines, Brian
Reeves, Ernest J.
Rock, James G. COL (ret) *
Rosario, Erick R. *
Schumacher, Thomas J.
Seidler, Albert H.
Seymour, Ernest S.
Smith, Thomas P. *
Smoker, Ronald R. *
Struble, Roy *
Swanson, Eugene *
Sweet, Roger P.
Trevino, Mike
Trexler, Thomas D.
Trott, Phillip W. *
Walker, Fred W. *
Way, Walter
Weeks, Robert E. (Bob)
Wyatt, James D. *

HONORARY MEMBERS

Boelsche, Charlotte

(wife of NJ Fred)

Smith, Bridget

(wife of MOH awardee
SFC Paul Ray Smith)

Members who we have learned

have passed in their final

review, since the last newsletter

Ealey, Sam O., Sr
Passed 29 Aug 2014
Scott, Charles, L (Chuck)
Passed 15 Feb 2015

MEMBERS AWOL and NOT

Current (Active in 2014 but
not in 2015)**

Alexander, Charles J.
Alston, J Paul
Bankowski, Leo
Beck, Jesse R.
Bell, Jimmy W.
Binetti, Micael R.

Bradley, Edmund C. **
Breed, Edwin R (Ed)
Cheatham, John
Coulter, Robert E. CSM (ret)
Donnelly, Thomas F. **
Fahey, Kenneth
Fischl, Richard G. (Doc) DDS
Foley, Gerald K.
Gagne, John M.
Gardner, Roger R.
Garner, Jessie Harlan
(Hank) **
Graves, Donald E. **
Gray, John R. (Jack)
Hixson, Arnold G.
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Hussin, Chris, LTC
Joyce, Michael, N. **
Kreikemeier, Donald D. **
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McGee, Thomas J. **
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Speakman, Francis
Sperry, Rev Loy G. **
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Sulik, John A.
Teague, Noel O.
Thomas, Gary, COL (ret) **
Tippett, Robert H.
Tolley, James S. **
Trainor, John **
Vetter, Leo
Vinczi, Bela L. **
Walker, Stuart M. Jr.
Waugh, Earl M.
Weeks, Robert E. (Bob)
Welch, Deane E

WELCOME TO THE 2015 REUNION

Welcome to the 2015 11th Engineer Battalion Association Reunion and welcome to Prescott Arizona! We have planned an exciting reunion in a very unique and scenic part of the world. The attached sheets will describe the itinerary and the Information Memoranda will spell out the details of each day's activity.

But first, some information about Prescott:

Location: Prescott is located about 100 miles north west of Phoenix, about an hour and forty-minute drive. It is also 4200 feet higher in elevation so the climate and temperatures are quite different. While Phoenix can still be over 100, Prescott will be in the 80's, with cooler temperatures at night.

What to wear: Casual wear except for the banquet, there is little chance of rain but it can get cool in the evening. Bring a light jacket or a sweater.

About the Community: While Prescott started as a mining, ranching and logging town, it has been discovered by the retirement community, as a result it has been named, "One of the best retirement communities in the nation." It tends to be politically conservative and loves its veterans. Wear a veteran hat or tee shirt and odds are you will be recognized and thanked by passersby.

The population is about 40,000, 30% over age 65 and primarily Caucasian.

Shopping: Most national retail chains have stores in the Prescott – Prescott Valley area. But the locally owned stores have a collection of more unique items. Within a few moments of walking from the Hassayampa Inn is Cortez Street with its numerous antique shops. Whiskey Row on the west side of the Courthouse Square has unique boutiques featuring locally crafted artist's products. There are three hiking and outdoor recreation shops close by and numerous jewelry stores featuring locally crafted fine jewelry.

What to see and do in town:

- **Hiking:** Prescott lies in a basin in the middle of the Bradshaw Mountains and the largest stand of Ponderosa Pine in the US; the hiking is spectacular! There are numerous trails for every skill level. The four mountain lakes and the spectacular rock formations known as the "Dells" make for great hiking scenery.
- **Museums:** There are three top rated museums in Prescott.
- **Walking the Courthouse Square and Downtown:** The Courthouse and Square are the center of Prescott and the region. It is a beautiful treed setting with statuary, a Victorian style band pavilion. Across Montezuma Street, west of the square are world famous "Whiskey Row" with authentic old west taverns, modern coffee houses, restaurants and two artists' cooperatives.
- **Golf:** There are four golf courses open to the public near the Courthouse Square. The concierge at the Hassayampa can make arrangements.

What to see nearby: Prescott is in the heart of Indian Country as well as being within a day's drive of numerous national parks and monuments including:

- Montezuma's Castle
- Meteor Crater
- Grand Canyon
- Petrified Forest
- Monument Valley
- Zion
- Moab
- Bryce Canyon
- Arches

...just to name a few...

In addition, Sedona lies across Mingus Mountain, a 45 minute to an hour drive. Getting there on SR 89A will take you through the artist community of Jerome. This is a scenic drive but is a twisty, narrow mountain road.

So there is a lot to see and do. Stick around after the Reunion and enjoy a little Arizona scenery and hospitality.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: Hotel Info and 2015 Reunion Registration Procedures

1. Hotel Information:

- a. **Address:** Hassayampa Inn
122 East Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301
Tele: 800-322-1927
Website: www.hassayampainn.com

- b. **Hotel accommodations:**
 - i. Rooms with two double beds or one queen bed @ \$95/night + tax (does not include breakfast)
 - ii. Suites (basic room w/attached living area): \$154/night + tax
 - iii. Rooms will be held at these rates until September 5, 2015.
 - iv. Please book early as this is a popular place.

- c. **Hotel Amenities:**
 - i. Full service restaurant and bar and banquet facilities.
 - ii. This is a historic property in the Center of town
 - iii. Walking Distance to antiques, shopping areas, original Capitol building
 - iv. Fitness Center and wireless Internet
 - v. Free Parking

2. Reunion Registration:

- a. Complete the Registration Form with the names of those attending. Please list each name the way you want it to appear on your name badge.

- b. Calculate the Total Amount Due based on:
 - i. The number of attendees/guests.
 - ii. A \$20 registration fee for each person.
 - iii. The cost of each activity selected per person.

3. IMPORTANT:

- a. **Submit the Registration Form and the Total Amount Due to the Association Treasurer.**
 - i. **Make your check payable to: 11th Engineer Battalion Association**
 - ii. **Mail the check AND the Registration Form to the Association Treasurer:**
JOHN BOOTH
56 HOPE ROAD
TINTON FALLS, NJ 07724

- b. **Hotel Reservations:**
 - i. **Call the Hassayampa Inn at 800-322-1927 #1; mention you are attending the reunion**
 - ii. **Provide your CC, contact information and email address.**

- c. **Email Julie Ellegood if you will need shuttle transportation. We are working to get reduced price tickets.**

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2015 Reunion Agenda, Prescott, AZ

Prescott Arizona was the territorial capitol of Arizona. As such, it has many historical sites. You will be staying in one of the National Trust Historic Inns. The town offers antique stores, many small cafes, and is in easy driving distance of the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley and Sedona's red rocks.

a. Monday, 5 October:

- 1) Check-In: Hassayampa Hill
- 2) Registration in the Lobby: (see Info Paper #1)
 - 1) 1600 – Registration
 - 2) 1700 - Opening Reception with hors-d'oeuvres
 - 3) 1730 - Welcome by Mayor Kuykendall
 - 4) 1800 - Hospitality Suite Open

b. Tuesday, 6 October:

- 1) Morning: 7:30 Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Suite
- 2) 0830 Board the Bus for the Grand Canyon (see Info Paper #2)
- 3) 0900 Coach departs for Grand Canyon
- 4) 1130 Bus Arrives at Grand Canyon
- 5) 1130-1330 Visit the Grand Canyon – Lunch on your own
- 6) 1330 Coach departs for the Watch Tower
- 7) 1400 Arrive Watch Tower, personal walking tour of Watch Tower
- 8) 1500 Coach departs for Cameron Trading Post
- 9) 1530 Arrive at Cameron
- 10) 1600 Depart Cameron
- 11) 1900 Arrive at Hassayampa, Hospitality Suite Open
Supper on your own

c. Wednesday, 7 October:

- 1) Morning: Breakfast on your own
- 2) 1030 Board Coach for Fort Whipple (see Info Paper #3)
- 3) 1120 Coach arrives at Fort Whipple Theater
- 4) 1130-1300 Lunch at the Fort Whipple Theater, Welcome and Post history briefing
- 5) 1400 Driving Tour of Fort Whipple followed by a tour of the Museum
- 6) 1530 Coach departs for Prescott National Cemetery
- 7) 1600 Memorial Service
- 8) 1700 Coach to Hassayampa, Hospitality Suite Opens – Dinner on Your Own

d. Thursday, 8 October:

- 1) Morning: Breakfast on your own; no activities on schedule
- 2) 1130-1300 Ladies Luncheon (see Info Paper #4)
- 3) 1400 Business Meeting: Prescott Garden Room
- 4) 1700 Group photos in hotel lobby – Hospitality Suite Opens following
- 5) 1800 Association Banquet in Arizona Room

e. Friday, 9 October:

Depart Prescott.

**SUBJECT: 11th & 547th Reunion Registration Form
Prescott, AZ, Hassayampa Inn, 5 October - 9 October 2015**

Attendees: Member: _____
Spouse/Guest: _____
Guest: _____
Guest: _____

Registration Fees: \$20 per Member & Guest \$ _____

Activities:

1. **Arrival & Registration (See Information Paper # 1):** **Monday, 5 October 2015 @ 1600**
 - a. Hospitality Suite and Registration opens at 1600
 - b. Association sponsored Reception in the Main Lobby @ 1700

2. **Grand Canyon (see Information Paper # 2):** **Tuesday, October 6 @ 0830**
 - a. Motor Coach to Grand Canyon & return to hotel
 - b. Lunch and Tour the Grand Canyon on Your Own
 - c. Return to Hotel on Coach Stop for Dinner at Cameron (on your own)
 - d. **COST: \$50 per person** \$ _____

3. **Tour of Fort Whipple (see Information Paper # 3):** **Wednesday 7 October, @ 1030**
 - a. Motor Coach to Fort Whipple
 - b. Buffet Lunch in the Theatre at Fort Whipple
 - c. Tour of the Post and Museum
 - d. **COST: \$20 per person** \$ _____

4. **Memorial Service at Prescott National Cemetery** **Wednesday 7 October, @ 1600**

5. **Ladies Brunch/Luncheon: Location: TBD; Cost: Pay As You Go.** **Thursday 8 October**
(see information Paper #4)

6. **Reunion Banquet:** **Thursday 8 October @ 1800**
 - a. Location: Hassayampa Inn
 - b. Menu Options: Each entrée includes salad, rolls, vegetables, dessert & coffee or tea.
 - i. Chicken Florentine (\$45 x _____ # of meals) \$ _____
 - ii. Filet Mignon (\$45 x _____ # of meals) \$ _____
 - c. No Host / Cash bar

Total Due: Registration Fees + Activity Costs \$ _____

*******ACTIONS REQUIRED*******

1. **Make your check payable to "11th Engineer Battalion Association"**

2. **Mail this form with payment to John Booth, Association Treasurer:**
JOHN BOOTH
56 Hope Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

3. **Call the Hassayampa Inn (800-322-1927) for room reservations**
4. **If you need shuttle tickets to the hotel (\$29.00/person), email Julia Ellegood at jellegood@me.com**

INFORMATION PAPER #1

SUBJECT: Agenda for Arrival and Opening Ceremony

1. **Location:** The Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, Arizona
2. **Cost:** No Charge
3. **Sequence of Events for Monday, October 5th 2015:**
 - a. **Afternoon:** Arrive and check in to the Hassayampa Inn
 - b. **Registration:** 1600 in the Lobby
 - c. **1700:** Opening reception in the Hassayampa Lobby, heavy hors-d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks
 - d. **1730:** Welcome to Prescott, Mayor Kuykendall
 - e. **1800:** Hospitality Suite Open
4. **Supper on your own**



INFORMATION PAPER #2

SUBJECT: Agenda for Grand Canyon Trip

1. **Location:** The Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, Arizona
2. **Cost:** \$50.00 (Includes Continental Breakfast and Transportation)
3. **Sequence of Events for Tuesday, 6 October 2015:**
 - a. **0830:** Board coaches at the Hassayampa Inn
 - b. **0900:** Coach departs for Grand Canyon
 - c. **1130:** Coach arrives at South Rim
 - d. **1130 – 1330:** Personal walking tours of South Rim, lunch on your own
 - e. **1330:** Coach departs for Watch Tower
 - f. **1400:** Arrive Watch Tower, personal walking tour of Watch Tower
 - g. **1500:** Coach departs for Cameron Trading Post
 - h. **1530:** Arrive Cameron Trading Post
 - i. **1600:** Depart Cameron for Hassayampa
 - j. **1900:** Arrive Hassayampa, Hospitality Suite Opens
4. **Supper on your own**

Important Notes:

1. The Grand Canyon, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, is a National Park administered by the U. S. National Park Service. Admission to national parks is free to holders of Senior Passes issued by the Park Service. Go to www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm to learn more. **It is imperative that as many of us as possible have passes in our possession in order to get free admission to the Grand Canyon. A pass will cover 4 people (we can share). If not enough, the entrance fee will be \$8.00.**
2. Tuesday will be a long day, you might want to pack a snack for the trip up and back. We will have some available.

INFORMATION PAPER #3

SUBJECT: Tour of Fort Whipple and Memorial Service at Prescott National Cemetery.

1. **Start Location:** The Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, Arizona
2. **Cost:** \$20.00 (Includes transportation and lunch)
3. **Sequence of Events for Wednesday, 7 October 2015:**
 - a. **1000:** Meet in Hospitality Suite
 - b. **1030:** Board Coach for Fort Whipple
 - c. **1100:** Coach departs for Fort Whipple
 - d. **1120:** Coach arrives at Fort Whipple, Post Theater
 - e. **1130 - 1300:** Lunch at historic Fort Whipple Theater
 - f. **1300:** Welcome to Fort Whipple and Post history briefing
 - g. **1400:** Driving tour of Fort Whipple followed by guided tour of Post museum
 - h. **1530:** Coach departs for Prescott National Cemetery
 - i. **1545:** Arrive Prescott National Cemetery
 - j. **1600:** Memorial Service at Monument to the Unknown
 - k. **1700:** Coach to Hassayampa, Hospitality Suite Opens
4. **Supper on your own**

Notes:

- Fort Whipple is now the Northern Arizona VA Hospital. While photographs are allowed, VA protocols prohibit photography that includes patients in any part of the picture. Please be careful and use caution before photographing.
- The Fort Whipple Museum is administered by the Sharlot Hall Museum in downtown Prescott. They have an excellent docent who will be leading our tour and giving us a narrative of the rich history of the Post from the Indian Wars until the present time.
- The Memorial Service will be held at an obelisk monument on the Prescott National Cemetery. It is expected that our Association Chaplain will preside. We anticipate a bugler or piper to augment the ceremony.

INFORMATION PAPER #4

SUBJECT: Association Ladies Luncheon, Business Meeting and Annual Association Banquet

1. **Start Location:** The Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, Arizona
2. **Sequence of Events for Thursday 8 October 2015:**
 - a. **Morning:** On your own
 - b. **1100:** Ladies assemble in lobby for luncheon
 - c. **1130 - 1300:** Ladies Luncheon (cost on your own)
 - d. **1400:** Business Meeting Begins: Prescott Garden Room
(Hassayampa Inn)
 - e. **1530:** Hospitality Suite opens
 - f. **1800:** Banquet – Arizona Room (Hassayampa Inn) \$45.00/person

Suggested Morning Activities:

- **Guided Nature Hike of Highland Center:** The Central Highlands of Arizona hold a unique place in southwestern natural history. It is the home of the largest stand of Ponderosa Pine in the United States and a transition zone between the Colorado Plateau to the north and the Sonoran Desert to the south. The nature hike will be an easy and informative guided hike pointing out the flora and fauna of this unique region. We must make prior arrangements; see Mike ahead of time to sign up!
- **Sharlot Hall Museum:** Prescott was the first territorial capital of Arizona. The Sharlot Hall Museum is a depiction of life in the Arizona Territory in the 1860's through Statehood in 1912. Buildings including the first territorial capital are on the Museum grounds. Museum opens at 10:00 AM, admission for seniors and veterans is \$6.00. It is located just down Gurley Street past the Courthouse Square.
- **Phippen Museum of Western Art:** The Phippen Museum is dedicated to western art and consists of 17,000 square feet of paintings, photographs, sculptures and artifacts of the pioneer and ranching West. It is located about 7 miles north of the Hassayampa on SR 89. Individual admission is \$7.00.