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

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## From the President:

Fellow Jungle Cats:

Richel and I are enjoying a week with the family at Lake Lure, NC, but looking forward to our reunion get together in Arizona next month. Enroute to Prescott we have scheduled a two-week excursion to the beautiful canyonlands of Utah where we plan to hike through portions of Bryce, Zion, Capital Reef, Monument Valley, the Vermillion Cliffs and Arches. Hope to have some great photos to share. I called Hy Marks a few weeks ago to just check in. Hy indicated that he and Helen will not be able to join us at this year's reunion. They have given up their house in Durham, NC, and relocated on a permanent basis to Ft Lauderdale to be near their son. Hy is doing well but Helen continues to suffer the debilitating effects of Alzheimer's. I told them that we'll keep them close to us in spirit at the reunion and ask that you keep them in your prayers. Hy would like to receive the Panther Press in hardcopy from now on (he's not doing email any more) and if you would like to call or send a card let me know and I will provide the contact information.

Well, Mike and Julie have put together a great agenda for Prescott and looks like we'll have a pretty good turnout....see you there!

Joe & Richel

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## 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.

**Ladies Luncheon Update:**

The arrangements for the Ladies Luncheon have been finalized and I am very excited to announce that we have a local Arizona Hopi Artist who will share his famous "Hopi Calendar" painting with us and explain how it is used. You have never seen a calendar like this....no numbers. I have asked him to bring some prints of the calendar in case you would like to purchase one. One would make a great original Christmas gift or remembrance of your trip.

Fill Kewanyama is from the Hopi Tribe here in Arizona. "Sharing about the Hopi way of life and using my artwork as examples is what I do. I was also thinking of sharing images of the Grand Canyon as that is part of the Hopi history."

We will have lunch at noon in the hotel (they have reserved the bar area for us as it is separated from the restaurant). The presentation should begin about 12:45.

Gentlemen are invited as this is special "Arizona".

Please let me know if you are attending so I can tell the hotel about set-ups. If any of the gentlemen wish to attend, we are happy to accommodate. Let me know. If we have a full house we can move the presentation to the hospitality suite.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Prescott. Travel safely.

**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

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**From the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP:**

No report this newsletter.

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**From the Treasurer:**

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

I will be providing a complete financial statement at the reunion membership meeting and at the end of the year. That said, our combined savings and checking account balance is \$18,344.01. This includes over \$3k collected for the reunion activities.

**Membership Good news - Bad News** by the numbers since the last newsletter.

- **1** member, we learned of his passing.
- **1** new member since the last newsletter.
- **87** members are current with their 2015 dues.
- **89** members paid their dues in 2014.
- **42** members have paid dues for 2016 and beyond.
- **46** of the names in our database are not current with their 2015 dues, and

- 12 of those not current were paid up in 2014.

Remember annual dues are due January 1 each year.

Thank you again for your support of the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Association. ESSAYONS

John L Booth, 56 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724, 732-345-1134, [BoothJL@aol.com](mailto:BoothJL@aol.com)

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**From The Secretary**

Greetings Fellow Jungle Cats:

I just looked at the calendar and realized that our 2015 Reunion is less than one month away. Marlene and I are looking forward to seeing old friends in Prescott, Arizona, we hope that you will be there. If you haven't finalized your travel plans, there's still time to do it. Everything looks great once again, so I'm sure this will be another fantastic time.

I will be putting together the agenda with Joe Papa for the Annual Meeting in the next few weeks so if there's something you would like to see raised during the meeting, send Joe or me a note so we can include it on the agenda. On that note, you will find the minutes from last year's meeting as an attachment to this newsletter, if there is something I missed, send me a note so I can make the correction before we put the minutes up for a vote of acceptance.

For those of you attending the reunion whose annual renewal of your membership will be due in December, you might think about renewing them at the reunion. I will have membership cards ready to hand out to you once you give our treasurer, John Booth, a check. You can save the organization the cost of a stamp if you do it then.

Hope to see you in Prescott, until then stay healthy and safe! God's Speed!

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

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

I will be attempting to arrange a business trip to Atlanta in the near future and will attempt to make a trip to Ft Benning to catch up on the activities of the 11th Engineer Battalion.

Mike Ellegood - 11th Engr Bn Liaison

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**From the Historian:**

I 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](mailto:pgloftis@gmail.com)  
Phil Loftis

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**From the Web Master:**

Carol and I are looking forward to meeting all the attendees at the Prescott, AZ, reunion. Our method to communicate the 11th Engineer Battalion Association Reunions is through the *Panther Press*. Members receive the *Panther Press* via the Postal Service or by e-mail for those that use computers. The association hopes to entice former (and current) 11th Engineer Soldiers to become association members through our website.

I encourage members to share stories, documents, press releases from your time of service with the 11th Engineers. Please follow the procedures below to share your memorabilia:

1. Association newsletters, historical documents, announcements, photos, etc, are to be sent to me, where I in turn will submit them to be entered onto the web site.
2. Photographs taken when you served with the 11th Engineer Battalion are most welcome. These photographs will trigger our veterans' memory of their active duty and perhaps encourage them to share their memories.
3. Any items you want included in the Newsletter can be sent to Phil Loftis, [pgloftis@gmail.com](mailto:pgloftis@gmail.com)

As a reminder, our web site is

<http://www.11thengineerbattalionassociation.com/>

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Web Master, Bill Davis, PO Box 336, Cool, CA 95614, 530-885-3917, [wrd1945@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrd1945@sbcglobal.net)

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**From the Chaplain:**

TAPS September 2015

With Labor Day just occurring it seems fitting for the Chaplain to briefly address this last National holiday of the summer.

Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,  
We thank you for the Blessing of work.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask for guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that  
You be with those whose faces we might never see  
But who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen

As the 11<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn Association celebrates another Annual Reunion in Prescott AZ, keep the members and their guests in our thoughts and prayers as they travel via a multitude of means to a gorgeous location out West. Be safe and have a great 11<sup>th</sup> Engr time and God speed home.

As there is so much tragedy happening in every corner of our world today, I thought it fitting for us to find joy in each other. Be thankful for the day! Give praise for your family! Give back to someone who is far less fortunate than you are by sharing your time and talents. Realize your freedom and smile!! - You are in America !!!

Thank You for Your Service

If you have topics for the Chaplain email at [jrocknroll@comcast.net](mailto:jrocknroll@comcast.net) or mail him at 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. If you have special topics you would like included in the newsletter, please let me know.

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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# 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) 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 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! 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, 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 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](mailto:boothjl@aol.com) or Rick Goring, Secretary at 1-816-674-3763 or email at [marlrickg@gmail.com](mailto:marlrickg@gmail.com) May 2015

## 11th Engineer Battalion Association Membership as of September 5, 2015

### ACTIVE MEMBERS paid 2015 dues

(\* paid for 2016)

(\*\*\* New Member since last newsletter)

**BOLD/underlined attending the 2015 Reunion**

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)  
Bradley, Edmund C.  
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. \*  
Garner, J. H. "Hank"  
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),  
Henderson, Delbert \*\*\*  
Herkert, August J. (Gus)

Hermanson, Merrill R.  
**Hill, Malcolm L.**  
Horne, Garth M. \*  
Keech, Ronald E. \*  
King, Billy J. \*  
Kreikemeier, Donald D.  
Lantz, Fr Rev Gary L. \*  
Lillibridge, John  
**Loftis, Philip G, COL (ret) \***  
Loose, F. James (Jim)  
Lunsford, Jessie  
Marques, Edward D (Windy)  
McNichols, Thomas R. \*  
Mogren, Eric T.  
Mouzakes, Howard M.  
Owen, Paul E., COL \*  
**Papapietro, Joe G., COL (ret) \***  
Patton, Martin F.  
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.**  
**Tolley, James S. \***  
Trevino, Mike  
Trexler, Thomas D.  
Trott, Phillip W. \*  
Walker, Fred W. \*  
Way, Walter  
Weeks, Robert E. (Bob)  
Welch, Deane E.  
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**

Perry, John G.

Passed May 17, 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.  
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.  
Graves, Donald E. \*\*  
Gray, John R. (Jack)  
Hixson, Arnold G.  
Hubbell, John D. \*\*  
Hussin, Chris, LTC  
Joyce, Michael, N. \*\*  
Latham, John  
Layde, William A.  
Lundquist, Lawrence R.  
Marks, Hyman \*\*  
McGee, Thomas J. \*\*  
McOscar, John J.  
Nichols, Bobby R.  
Porcelli, Louis L.  
Ray, Lynn \*\*  
Robshaw, Paul A.  
Shellenbarger, Robert T.  
Soehlke, Richard G. (Dick) \*\*  
Speakman, Francis  
Sperry, Rev Loy G. \*\*  
Still, Quenten G.  
Sulik, John A.  
Teague, Noel O.  
Thomas, Gary, COL (ret) \*\*  
Tippett, Robert H.  
Trainor, John \*\*  
Vetter, Leo  
Vinczi, Bela L. \*\*  
Walker, Stuart M. Jr.  
Waugh, Earl M.  
Weeks, Robert E. (Bob)



# WELCOME TO THE 2015 REUNION

Welcome to the 2015 11<sup>th</sup> 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: 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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

### **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: 11<sup>th</sup> & 547<sup>th</sup> 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 "11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

# 11th Engineer Battalion Association 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

(Minutes to be approved during the 2015 Reunion Business Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Bill Davis, President at 10:07a.m.

Minutes from the previous 2013 Annual meeting were summarized by Ron Smoker, Secretary. The minutes were approved as read.

## - President's Report: Bill Davis

Finishing his 4th year as the president of the Association.

Thanked all the Board members for their support during his tenure as president.

Bill listed accomplishments and areas of concern:

Revised Association By-Laws

Thanks to John Booth, Treasurer, for getting all the financial data computerized and in great form.

Thanked Joe Papapietro for getting the website online as a tool for recruiting and sharing information.

Talked about the liaison with the active 11th Engineer Battalion and our support to the NCO and Soldier of the Year programs with a trophy and gift card.

Spoke about the boxes of information that still needed to be sorted and distributed appropriately.

Began a discussion regarding the reunion being hosted by the person making the recommendation and that person should be on site.

The 1st Vice President Joe Papapietro entered the discussion at this time.

Joe began by reading the duties of the 1st Vice President regarding the annual reunions.

Proposed a motion to amend the 1st Vice President's duties to read:

The 1st Vice President will oversee the reunion preparation done by the person who made the recommendation for the reunion site. The person making the recommendation will be the on-ground coordinator planning and executing the reunion.

A motion was made and seconded.

Discussion: John Booth said the 1st Vice President needs to be intimately involved in the planning of the reunion.

Dutch said the 1st Vice President should actually plan and make the arrangements rather than the person making the suggestion.

George said that it's not necessary to be on the site and the reunion planning can be done by phone through the local Chamber of Commerce planners.

John Booth said: He agrees with Joe's recommendation.

Much discussion followed.

A vote was called for and the motion to amend the duties was passed as presented by Joe.  
16-1.

President continued:

There were three main points he wanted to make:

1. Member Retention is paramount to the survival of the Association.
2. Need for vacant Board Member positions to be filled.
3. Again thanked the Board Members for their support.

- 1st Vice President Report: Joe Papapietro

1. The reunion is going well. Problems areas have been, and will be addressed as raised.
2. Planning for the Charleston reunion required three trips to Charleston to coordinate.
3. The need for a local person, on site is extremely important.
4. Things have gone really well while he has been Vice President.

- 2nd Vice President Report: Jeff Corker

Reported that he had spent time looking for new potential members.

Stated that email is not working as a recruiting tool.

New Jersey Fred told him not to give up and to keep following up with contacts.

Asked for suggestions, and assistance, in finding new potential members.

Jim Rock stated we need to ask younger members what they think we need to do to recruit new members. Stated that history is just that, but social media is the way to bring in new and younger members.

Feels that the Association probably needs a Facebook page.

- Treasurer Report: John Booth

Four reports:

1. Financial report
2. Dues list
3. Membership base list
4. Breakout of members locations

- Secretary Report: Ron Smoker

1. Has been sending out notifications in letters to members.
2. Sent 56 membership cards.
3. Transitioning the secretary duties to a new secretary.

- Historian Report: Position vacant (At a later date, Phil Loftis accepted this position.)

General Reports:

1. Reminder from the 1st VP that 2014 reunion comments need to be submitted.
2. Presentation on 2015 Prescott, Arizona, reunion by Mike Ellegood.

3. October 5-October 9, 2015 presentation included information on hotels, potential costs, Grand Canyon trip and all facets.

4. Liaison report: the 11th Engineer Battalion is in a state of transition as are the majority of Engineer battalions on active duty. It will be reflagged as a Brigade Engineer Battalion at a later date.

- Chaplain Report: Jim Rock

1. Provided a list of deceased members and spouses.

New Business:

Nominations for a 2016 reunion site were made. One was Williamsburg, Virginia, or a Maine boat trip. Discussion followed and it was voted on Williamsburg for 2016.

Nominations for officer positions were made:

President, Joe Papapietro

1st Vice President, Mike Ellegood

2nd Vice President, Jeff Corker is good through 2015.

Nominations were closed and the slate was approved unanimously.

Installation of new President and 1st Vice President by the Secretary.

Discussion on new coins. A motion was made, and seconded, to keep the same coin design. It was passed unanimously. Motion was made to authorize \$600.00 to procure 100 new coins when current supply reaches 10 on hand. Seconded and passed.

New shirts: Motion was made and seconded to keep the same design for t-shirts and procure more and allocate up to \$1,000.00 to purchase 100 additional shirts. Seconded and passed.

There was a motion made and seconded to purchase the existing stock of t-shirts from Jeff Corker (who personally funded the purchase of shirts), at his cost. Seconded and passed.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.