



PANTHER PRESS



From the President:

“These are the times that try men’s souls...” These words were penned by Thomas Paine in 1776 when he wanted the distraught patriots to stand, to persevere, and to fight for an American victory. Today is no different and there will be an American victory and we will overcome this virus and we will have our reunion in 2020.

The association continues to press forward with our planning for the reunion in early October. Joe Papapietro, our reunion planner, and Larry Hawkins, our 1st VP for reunions, have pulled together an outstanding reunion schedule. It will be a great opportunity to finally get out of the house, flex your legs, use some of that inexpensive gas, and attend the association’s reunion in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our reunions are a great opportunity to renew relationships that you shared in the military. This year will be extra special as we will experience life, liberty, and the American way that maybe we have taken a bit for granted in the past. Our nation is incredible and we will overcome this pandemic. We are living in a unique time in history. Remind your children and grandchildren of this fact. Tell them to listen and learn well. They will have something significant to share with their descendants.

The Corps of Engineers is deeply involved in the attack on the coronavirus. The Corps is building a 2,900 bed hospital in NYC’s Manhattan convention center. Across the city the Corps is creating hospital space in hotels and vacant buildings. The Corps is doing this type of support across the country. It’s a great time to be a Corps of Engineers soldier. Be proud to have been one. God bless America.

Essayons,

Be safe and stay healthy.

Phil Loftis, pgloftis@gmail.com, 256-651-9829

From the 1st Vice President:

I pray this newsletter finds each of you healthy and safe. Like you, I look forward to the day we begin freely socializing and traveling again. Assuming the virus isolation restrictions are lifted by the end of August, may I suggest a great way to get back to enjoying and celebrating our freedom of movement is to spend a few days relaxing, beachcombing and touring the Myrtle Beach, SC, area with your 11th EBA fellows. The 2020 reunion is set for October 1-5 and is another joint reunion with the 547th EBA as was the 2019 reunion that worked out so well in San Antonio, TX. Our master planner, Joe Papapietro and wife Richel, prepared enclosures

including: Memo-For-Record that generally describes the reunion, the itinerary, costs, hotel information, dinner selection, things-to-do sheet, and more. Our hotel suites have beach access but at a very discounted rate. Myrtle Beach is a popular coastal destination with excellent restaurants, entertainment, and beach pleasures—and October is off-season! I urge you to consider Myrtle Beach, mark your calendar, complete and submit a registration form, and make a hotel reservation. Remember--you can always cancel your room reservation up until September 1st without penalty. If for any reason we would need to cancel the reunion, all costs paid in advance would be refunded. Also, while rooms are readily available at this time, the tour bus is limited in size to the first 50 people who are registered. If you have any questions regarding the event, please call Joe at **717 818-7331** or email him at **myoldarmy@gmail.com**. As always, please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions. I look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Attached find 6 documents that address the status and details of our 2020 reunion as follows:

- Attachment #1: Memo addressing the status of the reunion.
- Attachment #2: Info Paper providing details
- Attachment #3: The Reunion Registration Form
- Attachment #4: Menu for dinner Friday @ Joe's Bar & Grill
- Attachment #5: Pine Needle Basket Weaving activity
- Attachment #6: Things to do in Myrtle Beach

Essayons,

Larry Hawkins, 330 603-7059, lhawkins463@earthlink.net

From the 2nd VP:

Well I sure hope that this letter will find everyone in good Health. As the virus has become the big topic of the whole world, we need to trust our faith in God and enjoy the family as much as we can. For all the guys who play golf, now would be a good time to put your clubs in the car because at some point the wife is going to tell you to go find something to do. This being said you can leave without getting in trouble.

My wife and I enjoyed last year's reunion in San Antonio, Texas. We got to see many sights that we have only read about before. The 547th put together a beautiful package for everyone to enjoy. This year we are looking forward to going to Myrtle Beach in October. Joe has put together a terrific package with a lot of good things to do. My wife and I hope that it will be possible to attend and maybe to meet some new members. So for now I hope your summer will be enjoyable, stay healthy and remember to e-mail me with any new leads at sesweet71147@yahoo.com or call 315-768-7205. Thank you.

Roger Sweet

From the Treasurer:

As of February 29, 2020 the Association funds in our accounts total \$17,183.75.

Reminder, we still have 11th Engr Bn Association Tee Shirts available for sale to our members. Contact me or Jeff Corker if you are interested in purchasing one or more. Order Form is attached to the newsletter.

If your name is on the AWOL list, please renew your membership. As of today we have ONLY 53 paid members of the Association, down from 64 members last year.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the 2020 Myrtle Beach reunion. Thank you all 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

Greetings Jungle Cats, we are in the midst of trying times. Each of us is facing them daily in our own way. Staying in touch with friends is becoming even more important in our lives. Our association is one way to do just that with men and women you served with. Take a minute and send in your dues, hopefully for several years, your support is vital.

Our joint 2020 Reunion with the 547th in Myrtle Beach is coming up in October and it looks to be a great time. Looking forward to seeing you there. Stay safe, secure and healthy in your daily life. God bless our Republic!

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

From the Historian:

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

PART II: THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS DURING THE CIVIL WAR

In my first installment I covered the early years of the Corps:

- 1776 when GEN Washington named COL Richard Gridley as the first Chief Engineer
- 1802 when Thomas Jefferson established West Point and made the Corps of Engineers a permanent branch of the Army,
- 1838 when Congress split the Corps by establishing a separate Corps of Topographical Engineers with the Engineer Department
- 1863 when the Corps of Topographical Engineers was disbanded

It was a sign of the times in the years leading up to the Civil War that a large standing Army met with more than a little distrust by many of states (especially Southern states) who tended to rely on home bred militias and volunteer forces. When the Corps combined again in 1863 it had

forty-six officer positions, only 20 of which were filled with the other 26 already gone home to serve with the Volunteer Forces or on State Army staffs.

One of the more notable to defect was then COL Robert E. Lee who resigned his West Point commission in the Corps of Engineers on 20 April 1861, two days after Virginia had seceded from the Union. Lee was appointed commander of Virginia's forces with the rank of major general and the next year assumed command of the Army of Northern Virginia. He quickly turned the tables on Union General George B. McClellan, as he would several other commanders of the Army of the Potomac. His brilliance as a battlefield tactician earned him a place among the great military leaders of all time.

P. G. T. Beauregard is another example of a Corps of Engineers officer who was trained at West Point (2nd in his class of 1838) but who left the Union Army to return to his home state of Louisiana to fight for the Confederacy.

The Defenses of Washington became one of the most important Corps of Engineers projects of the Civil War. The forts and the ring road connecting them were designed to protect the capital from the adjacent Confederate states and create near-impregnable fortifications. The Union had some early successes with the capture of Arlington and Alexandria but was unable to prevail at Manassas Junction where the Army of Northern Virginia drove them from the field and back to D.C.

Fortunately for the Union the Confederate leadership failed to see the weakness of the poorly defended line and did not pursue them. For the remainder of the war, roughly 15 engineer officers were employed in Washington's defenses at any given time. By 1862 they had completed 37 forts, and by 1865 the number stood at 68, all within a thirty-seven-mile perimeter connected by trenches and blockhouses with roads leading back to central locations. Although some of the earthen works remain most have been destroyed by the forces of nature and time.

NEXT: The Corps of Engineers Post-Civil War

Joe Papapietro, 1-717-818-7331, myoldarmy@gmail.com

From the 11th Engineer Battalion Liaison:

UPDATE FROM CAMP HUMPHREYS, KOREA: I am in contact with LTC DION, 11th Engineer Battalion Commander who reports that all is well in Camp Humphreys, Korea. The Jungle Cats continue to excel and execute their missions with skill and efficiency. See his report, attached.

I have initiated procurement of plaques and gift cards for

- the 2019 Soldier of the Year (PV2 Jovanny Luna Alonso, 630 CC),
- the 2019 NCO of the Year (SGT Roh, Seung Hyun, 643 ESC), and
- the 2020 Battalion selectees for the Best Sapper Competition
 - CPT Erin O. McShane and
 - SSG Tyler J. Battig.

The plaques and Gift Cards will be presented by LTC Dion at the Engineer Ball in May.

In an unfortunate twist of fate DoD travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic will prevent CPT McShane and SSG Battig from participating in the competition at Ft Leonard Wood this year....but the Association wishes to acknowledge their selection nonetheless.

Also in the news is word from LTC Dion that CSM Russell has been selected to become the next CSM for the 1st Engineer Brigade at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. He will relinquish responsibility to SGM Capindo in July 2020. SGM Capindo is coming in from his current position as Operations SGM, 555 Engineer Brigade, Joint Base McChord.

That's about it from here and Korea....stay safe and healthy and mind your distance.

Joe Papa, 11th EN BN Liaison

From the Web Master:

Visit our Web Site at

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

I am learning the Word Press program through trial and error. Last visit I mastered uploading photos. During recent visits I began to learn the formatting and entering of newer data. But then the photos disappeared! Once I enter recent photos, I will attempt to add Links to other significant web sites.

If you have access to the Facebook social media, we have a site among other 11th Engineer Battalion pages. One is conducted by the 11th Engineers assigned to Korea. Once you join the site, please post photos of the time you were assigned to the 11th Engineer Battalion.

Our current pandemic COVID-19 will be a major concern for us to monitor. We certainly hope that the crisis will be on the downswing by summer. I've read that the 1918 Flu centered with the Army Training Camps. Only Spain published their health situation while other Countries suppressed information. Thus the 1918 Flu became known as the Spanish Flu. As we near the 2020 Reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC my intent is to keep us updated on the status of the Reunion.

Our Reunion is held jointly with the 547th Engineer Battalion Association. As of the San Antonio Reunion I became the 547th Association President. Therefore I have a dual role, serving both Associations.

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From the Chaplain:

Taps

Myrtle Beach October reunion is in active planning stages and we are anticipating a great program, seasonal fall weather and new members joining us this year. America is fighting off the coronavirus from all directions as we go to print but with more faith than fear our country will stand tall and win this battle once again. As your Chaplain, I welcome you to the combined Memorial Service with the 547th Engr Bn Assn this year. We are honored to offer up our past heroes together. We will prayerfully take time to celebrate our beloved veterans who served at another time. Once again this year the Lord is asking us to "lean in" to our fellow families and comrades. Please take a look at your membership roster. Make a call or send a letter. Extend a warm invitation to the Myrtle Beach reunion.....Beer, Beach, Bible, Community.....We come together yearly for a purpose.

See you on the beach!!! Outbid you at the auction.....go Engineers!

As your Chaplain, if you have a special prayer request or need help please call or email me.

Jim Rock, 901-292-3084 (cell), Email jrocknroll@comcast.net

Bless you and your family

From the Photographer:

No report this edition of this Panther Press.

Steve Dykes

...And a note from your Panther Press Editor:

The newsletter is for your benefit to keep you up to date on what is happening in the association and with your past fellow comrades in arms. If you have special topics you would like included in the newsletter, please let me know. Don't be discouraged...we will get through this...we are a strong nation.

Phil Loftis pgloftis@gmail.com 256-651-9829

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www:11thengineerbattalionassociation.com

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ATTACHMENT #1.

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: 11TH & 547TH ENGINEER BATTALION REUNION

TO: ALL MEMBERS, GUESTS & POTENTIAL ATTENDEES

REFERENCES (attached):

a. 2020 REUNION INFORMATION PAPER

b. 2020 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

1. I have completed the planning for the 11th & 547th Associations reunion to be held in Myrtle Beach this coming October.

- WHEN: 1 – 5 OCTOBER 2020
- WHERE: The BEACH COVE RESORT, MYRTLE BEACH, SC

2. Details (Costs, Registration, Hotel Reservations, Activities, Banquet, etc.) are included in the Reunion Information Paper and the Reunion Registration Form, attached.

3. In addition to the referenced documents, above, I have also included several miscellaneous documents on the following subjects:

- Joe's Bar & Grill Menu
- Pine Needle Basket Weaving Activity
- Other Myrtle Beach Activities for your spare time

4. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email me.

5. The weather in SC is great in October. Looking forward to seeing you there!

6. REMINDER: We will again be conducting the annual auction immediately following the Banquet on Sunday evening. Glenn Chase and I, your friendly auctioneers, are looking forward to a fun event. If you have items you would like to donate to the auction (I understand it's for a good cause) please contact us.

Thanks for your support,

Joe Papa

2020 Reunion Planner

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ATTACHMENT #2

REUNION INFORMATION PAPER

(a/o 30 March 2020)

SUBJECT: 11TH & 547TH ASSOCIATIONS JOINT 2020 REUNION

TO: MEMBERS OF THE 11TH & 547TH ASSOCIATIONS

1. The 2020 Reunion planning is complete! Now we just need YOU to make it a success.

2. REUNION AGENDA:

a. Thursday, 1 Oct 2020:

- 1) Arrive at the Beach Cove Resort. Hotel Check-In is at 4 PM.
- 2) Registration and "Meet and Greet" reception in the Hospitality Suite at 5 PM.
- 3) Refreshments & "heavy" hors d'oeuvres in the Hospitality Suite from 6 to 11 PM.

b. Friday, 2 Oct 2020: Group Activity

- 1) 9:00 AM: Board motor coach at 9 AM for trip to Georgetown, SC.
- 2) 10:00 AM: Memorial Service at the Georgetown VFW Post & Veterans Memorial.
- 3) 10:30 AM: Board bus for Georgetown historical tour.
- 4) NOON: Lunch on your own in the Georgetown historic district & boardwalk.
- 5) 2:00 PM: Board bus for return to Myrtle Beach via Pawley's Island & Murrells Inlet.
- 6) 4:00 PM: Time permitting, a quick stop at the Hotel to freshen up before dinner.
- 7) 4:45 PM: Dinner at Joe's Bar and Grill (see menu, attached).
- 8) 6:30 PM: See the #1 show in Myrtle Beach at the Alabama Theater (7 PM).
- 9) 8:45 PM: Return to Beach Cove Resort.
- 10) 9:00 PM: Hospitality Suite will be open from 9 until 11 PM.

c. Saturday, 3 Oct 2020:

- 1) 9:00 Separate Association Business Meetings (until noon). Locations TBD.
- 2) 9:00 Spouse activity (see Info Paper) until noon. Loc TBD. All are welcome.
- 3) 1:00 Veteran discussions re: WW2, Korea, Vietnam, GWOT (HS until 2PM)
- 4) Open time for individual activities to explore Myrtle Beach.
See the attached Info Paper that identifies the many opportunities available.
- 5) 2:00 The Hospitality Suite opens (until 11 PM)

d. Sunday, 4 Oct 2020:

- 1) Morning: Open for religious services.
- 2) Afternoon: Free time, open for individual activities.
- 3) 5 PM: Group photos (location TBD).
- 4) 6 PM: Banquet & Auction in Beach Cove Resort Banquet Room.

e. Monday, 5 Oct 2020:

- 1) Hotel check out & departure. Check out time is NLT 11 AM.
- 2) THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING...SAFE TRAVELS.

3. REUNION REGISTRATION: Please complete the [REUNION REGISTRATION FORM](#), attached, and return it to John Booth, 11th Association Treasurer.

4. HOTEL: The BEACH COVE RESORT, MYRTLE BEACH, SC

a. The 2020 reunion in Myrtle Beach will be held at the [BEACH COVE RESORT](#).

- 1) The property consists of 300+ privately owned condominium suites whose rentals are managed by the Resort.
- 2) All units are ocean front 'suites' that open onto balconies facing the ocean.
- 3) Each suite has a separate bedroom and is equipped with a full size refrigerator, 2-burner cook top, microwave oven, pots, pans, plates and utensils.
- 4) The resort property has multiple pools & hot tubs and provides direct access to a wide, sandy beach.
- 5) Info and photos are available at the resort web site: <https://beachcove.com>
- 6) NOTE #1: 2-bedroom suites have only one bathroom.
- 7) NOTE #2: There are a limited number of handicap accessible suites which should be reserved as soon as possible.

b. Room Rates:

- 1) A 1-BR Suite is \$103.04/night including taxes, resort fee and parking.
- 2) A 2-BR Suite is \$181.44/night including taxes, resort fee and parking.
- 3) NOTE: Since each suite is fully equipped (see above) the room rates do not include breakfast giving you the option to prepare your own. Those who desire can add a full service hot buffet for \$10.95/person/day.

c. Hotel Registration:

- 1) We have blocked a total of 25 rooms at the Beach Cove Resort.
- 2) These rooms will be available at the negotiated rate and guaranteed for up to 3 days prior to and 3 days after the reunion for those who want to come early or stay late.
- 3) Any rooms not reserved by 1 Sept 2020 will be released.
 - a) Please make your HOTEL reservations by phone (DO NOT REGISTER ON LINE):
 - b) Call 1-800-331-6533. Select Option 2 then select Option 1.
 - c) Ask for the "11th & 547th Engr Bn Reunion" and specify the type room desired.

- d) There is a 1 night deposit required when you book but this is fully refundable provided you cancel at least one week prior to your arrival date. If extraordinary circumstances require you to cancel after that time I will work this with the Resort.

d. Cancellations:

- 1) IMPORTANT: If it becomes necessary to CANCEL your reservation for any reason, at any time, PLEASE CONTACT ME, JOE PAPA, TO MAKE YOUR CANCELLATION TO INSURE THAT YOU ARE NOT CHARGED.
- 2) My cell number is 717-818-7331, my email is: myoldarmy@gmail.com.

5. GROUP ACTIVITY (FRIDAY, 2 OCT 2020)

- a. This day will be busy but provides a wonderful excursion into “old” South Carolina.
- b. We will board our motor coach at 9 AM en route to Georgetown, SC, aka “Little Charleston”. Our tour guide will provide a commentary along the way highlighting the unique history and attributes of the area. Georgetown is a beautiful and historic environment of centuries old Live Oak trees lining streets adorned by 50+ antebellum mansions, art galleries and antique shops.
- c. The first stop (about 10 AM) will be at the Georgetown Veterans Memorial where our Chaplains will lead a joint 11th/547th Memorial Service and unveil our Memorial Pavers.
- d. After the Memorial Service (about 10:30) we will board the bus for a tour of historic Georgetown with a stop at one or two historically significant sites.
- e. We will stop for lunch about noon in the Georgetown Historic District and Boardwalk. Here you can stroll down Main Street, visit the many shops and museums and stop for lunch at one of the varied eateries along the way. Some highlights include: The Rice Museum/Clock Tower and Museum Shop, The (Free) Maritime Museum celebrating Georgetown being South Carolina’s 2nd largest Port, a casual stroll down Front Street or on The Harborwalk to take in the views. Visit the Georgetown, SC web site for more info: <https://www.historicgeorgetownsc.com/>
- f. After lunch (at 2 PM) we’ll board the bus for the trip back to Myrtle Beach. Along the way we’ll visit the fishing villages of Murrells Inlet and Pawley’s Island, each with its own unique history.
- g. Time permitting we’ll make a quick stop at the hotel to freshen up and then board the bus to Joe’s Bar & Grill (5 minutes away) for dinner. See our special prix fix menu, attached.
- h. After dinner (about 6:30) the bus will take us to the Alabama Theater to see the #1 show in Myrtle Beach. The curtain goes up at 7 PM.
- i. After the show, about 8:45, the bus will take us back to the hotel.
- j. The Hospitality Suite will be open from 9 pm until 11 pm.

6. QUESTIONS? OTHER INFORMATION NEEDED? SPECIAL NEEDS?

- a. Please send me an email (myoldarmy@gmail.com) or call (1-717-818-7331) with any concerns you might have about the reunion.
- b. I will be happy to address any & all questions about the agenda, the Beach Cove Resort and its facilities, transportation, special needs or things to do in Myrtle Beach.

Richel and I are hoping to see you there! Best regards,

Joe Papapietro

Historian, 11th Engineer Battalion Association

2020 Reunion Planner

717-818-7331

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ATTACHMENT #3

11th & 547th REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
MYRTLE BEACH, SC from 1 – 5 OCT 2020

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

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 per person x # of attendees = \$ _____

Activities (see Agenda for more details):

1. **Arrival & Hotel Check-In** Thurs, 1 Oct @ 1600
a. Hospitality Suite and Reunion Registration @ 1600
b. Meet & Greet Reception in the Hospitality Suite @ 1700

2. **Memorial Service / Georgetown Tour / Alabama Theater** Friday, 2 Oct @ 0900
a. Motor Coach to Georgetown, SC & Return
b. Tour Georgetown, Pawley's Island & Murrells Inlet (No Host Lunch)
c. Dinner at Joe's Bar & Grill, Myrtle Beach (No Host, see \$20 prix fix Menu)
d. Bus to Alabama Theater & return to Hotel

COST: \$69 per person x ____ # of attendees = \$ _____

3. **Other Activity (Pine Needle Basket Weaving)** Saturday, 3 Oct @ 0900

COST: \$25 per person x # of attendees = \$ _____

4. **Reunion Banquet:** Sunday, 4 Oct @ 1800

Each entrée includes house salad, freshly baked rolls, dessert and coffee or iced tea.

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| a. Grilled Chicken Breast | \$41 x ____ # of meals | \$ _____ |
| b. Prime Rib | \$55 x ____ # of meals | \$ _____ |
| c. Grilled Salmon | \$55 x ____ # of meals | \$ _____ |

TOTAL DUE: REGISTRATION FEE + ACTIVITIES + BANQUET COSTS = \$ _____

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

1. **Make your check payable to "11th Engineer Battalion Association"**
2. **Mail this form (keep one for yourself) with payment to John Booth, Association Treasurer:**
JOHN BOOTH
56 HOPE ROAD
TINTON FALLS, NJ 07724
3. **Call the BEACH COVE RESORT (800-322-1927) to make room reservations (Info Paper #4)**
4. **QUESTIONS: Call (717-818-7331) or email (myoldarmy@gmail.com) Joe Papa**



**WELCOME VETERANS OF THE
11th & 547TH ENGINEER BATTALIONS**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

PRIME RIB AU JUS: A choice cut of the finest meat available, served with piping-hot au jus and our homemade Béarnaise sauce

CHICKEN PARMESAN: A fresh boneless breast of chicken, baked with mozzarella cheese, served over linguini covered with our homemade marinara sauce.

SHRIMP LOUIS: Fresh, large shrimp lightly dusted in flour, sautéed in white wine, garlic, butter, lemon and herbs and served over rice.

CHICKEN DIJON: A fresh boneless breast of chicken, sautéed and smothered in our homemade mustard cream sauce with mushrooms.

INCLUDED WITH THE ABOVE ENTREES ARE:

- A house salad
- Fresh baked bread
- Vegetable & starch of the day
- Coffee or tea
- Dessert

PRICE: \$20 (not including tax & gratuity)

NOTE: Appetizers, soups & alcoholic beverages available at extra cost.

ATTACHMENT #5

SPECIAL ACTIVITY: PINE NEEDLE BASKET MAKING

While Members are engaged in their respective Business Meetings on Saturday morning the Planning Committee is offering a special activity for spouses & guests who might be interested in learning about the history and culture associated with Pine Needle Basket Weaving, a Native American tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation in this region of South Carolina.



WHO MAY ATTEND: Ladies / Guests of the 11th and 547th Engineer Battalions. Children and grandchildren aged 13+ are also welcome.

WHAT IS INVOLVED: Local expert Zada Mae will lead the class and bring everything needed to help you unleash your inner creativity to design and make your own hand-woven long needle pine basket. A fun activity, no former weaving experience is needed!

HISTORY: Pine needle basketry, conceived by Native Americans in Pre-Columbian times, is part of our American cultural heritage. Employing ancient techniques using long-leaf pine needles, this art form has remained virtually the same for thousands of years. It has evolved into the 21st century, bringing with its connections to our past a contemporary need to preserve our natural resources and appreciate our planet's gifts to mankind. In this region of South Carolina the Seminole, Cherokee, Coushatta and Choctaw American Indian tribes are known for crafting baskets and other items from long-leaf pine needles.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR: Zada Mae was the primary artist for Emerald Bay Trading Company gallery at the nationally known RAIN BARREL artisan village in the Florida Keys and is well known in international basket weaving guilds. Originally from Charleston SC, Zada Mae has been a sweet water grass and pine needle weaver for more than 30 years learning her craft from the Gullah weavers. Zada Mae will provide a short history/overview of pine needle weaving and a handout for each student.

WHEN: Saturday, 3 Oct 2020 @ 9:00 AM.

WHERE: In the reunion Hotel (Specific location TBD).

RESERVATION: The cost for the class is \$25 per person. Please use the **REUNION**

REGISTRATION FORM to register and save your space. NOTE: Spaces are limited to a maximum of 16 people. For additional information contact Richel Papapietro at Richelmay@aol.com or (717) 676-8399.

NOTE: Bring a water bottle or you can purchase liquids at the hotel to sustain you for your 3 hour class. Hope to see you all there!!!

ATTACHMENT #6

SOME THINGS TO DO DURING YOUR VISIT TO MYRTLE BEACH, SC

Barefoot Landing on the Waterway: shopping/dining along the Intracoastal Waterway.

- **Alligator Adventure:** One of the largest facilities for reptile life in the world with live shows.
- **T.I.G.E.R.S Preservation Station:** Free living tiger exhibit
- **Restaurants:** A wide assortment of American, Southern & Breakfast restaurants including everything from Blueberry Grill (breakfast/lunch) to Gregg Norman Australian Grill
- **Shopping:** many unique and locally owned boutiques like Tara Grinna Swimwear, Purpleologist, A Silver Shack, The Mole Hole and more!
- **House of Blues:** A restaurant featuring a menu of Southern favorites and great rockin' blues music. Don't miss Sunday's Gospel Brunch from 9 am – 2 pm.
- **Nearby: Duplin Winery** – nice tasting room for those who prefer sweet wines.

Broadway at the Beach – SC's largest entertainment complex featuring shopping and dining at its best.

- **Restaurants:** Dave and Busters, Paula Deen's, Walhburgers, Wet Willies, Good Time Charley's, Margaritaville, 20+ more eateries.
- **Shopping:** Enjoy one-of-a-kind shops and boutiques along with a host of nationally recognized shopping names. The choice is yours.
- **Pavilion Park East, West and Central** – New and nostalgia rides for the family located in 3 locations.
- **Soar and Explore** – zip line and ropes course)
- **Ripley' Aquarium** – Marine life attraction with kid-friendly exhibits & dive tours
- **Backstage Escape Games/Mirror Maze** – Family Attraction
- **Wonderworks** - An indoor amusement park for the mind with 50,000 sq ft of edutainment
- **Dino Park** – over 20 animatronic life-sized dinosaurs in a unique true to life setting.
- **The Simpsons in 4D** – new ticketed theater attraction
- **Surrounding Broadway on the Beach:**
- **Legends** – Tribute Show
- **Broadway Grand Prix** – 7 Go Kart tracks, Bumper Cars, 7 Kids Rides, a full arcade, sky coaster, 2 18 hole mini golf courses and more.
- **Helicopter Adventures** – Tours start at \$20
- **Top Golf** - high-tech driving range & swanky lounge with drinks & games.

WALKERS:

- **Brookgreen Gardens** - Named by TripAdvisor as one of the top ten public gardens in the US, Offers the most significant American outdoor collection of figurative sculpture in the world. Tranquil experience. NOTE: Check distance from hotel
- **Myrtle Beach Boardwalk and Promenade** – 1.2 mile stroll, Skywheel and famous Landshark Bar and Grill

SHOPPERS:

- **Tanger Factory Outlet Center** - Over 200 brand and designer stores

CAR ENTHUSIASTS:

- **Wheels of Yesteryear** - Car museum houses 51 classic and muscle cars from the 1950's through the early 1970's
- **NASCAR Racing Experience** - Drive or Ride in a REAL NASCAR race car. It's as real as it gets as you drive by yourself or take a NASCAR ride along as a passenger on ½ mile asphalt racetrack.

WATER & SUN LOVERS:

- **Chill on the beach, Dolphin Cruise, Deep Sea Fishing, Parasailing, Banana Boat Rides, Jet Ski Rentals, Kayaking, Paddle Boarding and More!**

THRILL SEEKERS:

- **Radical Ropes Adventure Park** - Extreme Zips on an 8 zipline canopy tour, a 70 ft climbing wall with a breathtaking Leap of Faith and over 80 obstacles in the air with thrill seeking challenges for all ages.
- **Myrtle Beach Boardwalk Sling Shot** – Passengers are propelled over 300 feet at speeds up to 100 miles an hour.

NIGHT LIFE / PARTY PEOPLE – ALL AT BROADWAY AT THE BEACH

- **Carolina Comedy Club**
- **Crocodile Rocks** – Dueling Pianos
- **Fat Tuesdays** – Mardi Gras Atmosphere
- **Oz** – Amazing sound, lighting, visual effects and 360 degree projection mapping
- **Malibu Surf Bar** – 2 DJs keep the dance floor pumping

JUNGLE CAT KOREA UPDATE by LTC Rob Dion, Jr., BN CDR / CSM RUSSELL, BN CSM



It has been a busy quarter for the Jungle Cats! The battalion remains ready to fight tonight and win while taking care of Soldiers, KATUSAs, and Families.

- **55th Mobility Augmentation Company (MAC)** prepared and conducted a combined arms breach exercise, which included firing a live Mine Clearing Line Charge (MICLIC). This was the first time the battalion has done this since we were activated 2 ½ half years ago.



- **643rd Engineer Support Company (ESC)** is enabling readiness by building pullup bars around Camp Humphreys to allow Soldiers to prepare for the new Advanced Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) and also constructed a Forward Arming & Refueling Point (FARP) near Suseong to enable 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) to conduct gunnery with AH-64s.
- **630th Clearance Company (CC)** planned and executed training to reduce obstacles along routes and trained on conducting reconnaissance operations.
- **814th Multi Role Bridge Company (MRBC)** conducted a Line of Communication Bridge (LOC-B) exercise to practice constructing a 40-M Logistics Support Bridge in support of maneuver forces.

BATTALION FTX. The training the companies are doing will prepare the unit for the next big training event, which will be a battalion FTX in May 2020. The FTX will include a deliberate wet-gap crossing and combined arms breach in support of 2/1 ID.

BEST SAPPER COMPETITION. The battalion trained one team to complete in this year's Best Sapper competition, which consisted of **CPT Erin O. McShane** and **SSG Tyler J. Battig**. Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions prevented the team from traveling from Korea to participate in this year's competition.

ENGINEER BALL. The unit is currently planning our battalion ball, which will be conducted on May 22, 2020 on Camp Humphreys. This year we elected to plan a traditional battalion ball instead of the USFK Engineer Ball that the battalion planned last year. During the ball, the battalion will recognize the battalion NCO and Soldier of the year and de Fleury Medal recipients.

2019 Battalion NCO and Soldier of the Year:

SGT Roh, Seung Hyun (643 ESC)
PV2 Luna Alonso, Jovanny (630 CC)

Bronze de Fleury Medal:

MAJ Floyd, John (BN S3)
MAJ Wiehagen, Mike (BN XO)
SFC Graham, Kevin (55 MAC)
1SG Garrido, Steven (630 CC)
SFC Pagel, Alexander (630 CC)
SFC Claman, David (630 CC)
SFC Deleon, Robert (814 MRBC)

Steel de Fleury Medal:

SGT Vasquez, Walter (HHC)
SSG Roberson, Jerome (55 MAC)
SSG Nenadich-Perez, Guillermo (630 CC)
SSG Fontaine, Stephen (643 ESC)
SSG Quinn, Jonathan (814 MRBC)

As of 3/21/2020

ACTIVE MEMBERS dues paid

(* paid for 2021)

(* New Member since 2019 reunion)**

Arroyo, Pedro A., CW5 (ret)
Boehle, Fred F.
Booth, John L., COL (ret)
Brown, Wm. David,
COL (ret)
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.
Durkin, John A., COL (ret)
Dykes, Steven W
Ellegood, Michael S.
Fagge, Norman D.
Ford, Maria A.
Gallagher, Patrick J.
Gioiosa, Thomas E., LTC (ret)
Goring, Richard H., COL (ret)
Grimaldi, Gennaro J. Sr.
Hagedorn, Zach Jr., COL (ret)
Hawkins, Larry
Horne, Garth M.
Houck, Boyd D. (Doug)
Keech, Ronald E.
King, Billy J.
Lantz, Fr Rev Gary L.
Layde, William A.
Lillibridge, John
Loftis, Philip G, COL (ret)
Loose, F. James (Jim)
Marques, Edward D
McNichols, Thomas R
Mehl, Steven J., CW3 (ret)
Mogren, Eric T.
Owen, Paul E., BG
Papapietro, Joe G., COL (ret)
Peterson, Donald (Pete)
Peterson, Harold A., III
Pluciennik, Edward P.
Robishaw, Paul A.
Rock, James G. COL (ret)
Scala, John J.
Schumacher, Thomas J.
Smith, Thomas P.

Smoker, Ronald R.
Struble, Roy
Sweet, Roger P.
Throop, William H, COL (Ret)
Tolley, James S.
Thomas, Gary, COL (ret)
Trexler, Thomas D.
Verploegen, David L. LTC (ret)
Way, Walter

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**

Wyatt, James D. passed
6/4/2019
Hubble, John D. passed
6/27/2017

**Individuals who were members last
year and did not renew**

Atkins, Matthew S.
Brady, Raymond
Downs, George M.
Eubank, Rev L. Allan
Ferguson, Dennis E.
Harrison, William Jr.
Herkert, August J. (Gus)
Iwanyk, Eugene
Kelly, Jason E. COL
Mather, Dana C.
Sayles, Andre H. BG (ret)
Trott, Phillip W., CSM (Ret)

**MEMBERS AWOL / NOT Current
more than ONE Year**

Alexander, Charles J.
Allen, Joe E
Bankowski, Leo
Beck, Jesse R.
Bell, Jimmy W.

Berger, Richard P.
Binetti, Micael R.
Bowler, William E (Gene),
COL (ret)
Bradley, Edmund C.
Coulter, Robert E. CSM (ret)
Dimon, Charles E.
Donnelly, Thomas F.
Dorton, James R., MSG (ret)
Fahey, Kenneth
Fessenden, Paul H.
Fiala, Charles J. Sr., MG (ret)
Fischl, Richard G. (Doc) DDS
Forget, Stephen
Gardner, Roger R.
Graves, Donald E.
Gray, John R. (Jack)
Hamilton, Barry, K., CSM (ret)
Harper, Ronald A.
Henderson, Delbert
Hermanson, Merrill R.
Hixson, Arnold G.
Hussin, Chris, COL
Joyce, Michael, N.
Latham, John
Lundquist, Lawrence R.
Lunsford, Jessie
Marks, Russell H.
McGee, Thomas J.
Nichols, Bobby R.
Porcelli, Louis L.
Purdin, Terry L
Raines, Brian
Ray, Lynn
Renna, Richard
Rosario, Erick R
Shellenbarger, Robert T.
Soehlke, Richard G. (Dick)
Sperry, Rev Loy G.
Still, Quenten G.
Sulik, John A.
Teague, Noel O.
Trainor, John
Trevino, Mike
Vetter, Leo
Vinczi, Bela L.
Waugh, Earl M.
Weeks, Robert E. (Bob)

HUMAN INTEREST CORNER

A human interest story about one of our fellow soldiers:

Allen and Joan Eubank just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 7, 2019...how appropriate. If my math is correct, they got married 18 years after Pearl Harbor was bombed.

Here is a quote from their newsletter from their mission work:

December 7th 2019, we celebrated 60 years of marriage, 5 years ministry in Thailand and Allan's 90th birthday. The theme, "From Generation to Generation", was inspired by Psalms 145:4 "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts". During the dinner there were stories and performances from many of the mission projects we have been involved in through the years. To see some of these, read our [Thai Lights Special Edition newsletter](#)

Another story of interest:

Our newest member is Harold A. Peterson. He served with the 11th in Korea May 1967 to May 1968. With his membership application he included two pictures of him as XO of HHC and as CO of the 633 LE. I bet he looks a little different now...



11th Engineer's Association T-shirt Order Form

2017 Design



Available in S - XL

2012 Design



Available in XXL

SIZE	QUANTITY	STYLE	COST	COST
			INCLUDING TAX	IF MAILED
		Grey/Blk Ringer Tshirt	\$12.00	\$17.00
TOTALS				

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please send your order form and your payment made payable to 11th Engineer Battalion Association

to: John Booth

56 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

If you have any questions please contact Jeff Corker - corker94csm@gmail.com

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11th Engineer Battalion Association 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: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Designated 11th ECB Unit Served: _____ 11th ECB Assignment: _____

Locations served with the 11th ECB: _____

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: year 20____ Dues Payment: \$15.00 Additional Years at \$15.00/years: \$_____
Additional Funds to General Fund: \$____ Pre-paid Membership Dues through: _____
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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 Rich Goring, Secretary at 1-816-674-3763 or email at marbricke@gmail.com