



The 11th Engineer Battalion Association
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From the President:

Thank goodness 2020 is over. When you examine the history of this country it has gone through much worse and survived. We will do it again. Things look much brighter with the multiple vaccines coming online. Some folks are resisting this vaccination. That is their prerogative. I, a senior, have signed up for the shot and hope to take it in the very near future. Which brings me to the 2021 reunion. OK, we didn't have it in 2020. The virus won that one. But with another year going by and vaccines being administered our chances of a 2021 reunion are much greater. Myrtle Beach here we come! I had 8 cruises, reunions, and trips cancelled in 2020 and I'm ready to get out of my house. I hope as many of you as possible can make MB this October! As we have learned with our children concerning schooling, it is better with face to face than being at home. The tentative dates of our reunion are 14-18 Oct...mark your calendar.

Our Association remains strong financially as our treasurer will highlight below. We need to increase our numbers...a constant drum beat. You folks sitting on the sidelines...get off the couch and join in and bring one of your brothers along. Honestly, you would be surprised what satisfaction you would get out of reconnecting with guys you once served with.

I encourage you all to get a cup of coffee and sit back in your easy chair and read the historical account about the Korean War our Historian, Joe Papa is about to tell you below. It is very interesting. A lot of our members have served in Korea so it will have special meaning. I served at Camp Humphreys, Korea, some time ago in a construction battalion. Two weeks before I was to return home the North Koreans killed two American officers in the DMZ. South Korea locked down and we thought the Korean War may start all over again. Fortunately, it didn't.

I am presently going through a Covid experience with my sister. Fortunately, so far, many prayers are being answered. I wish you all to stay safe...safe...safe...and healthy.

"We must never forget why we have, and why we need our military. Our armed forces exist solely to ensure our nation is safe, so that each and every one of us can sleep soundly at night, knowing we have "guardians at the gate." Allen West

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From the 1st Vice President:

In our last issue we were looking forward to the development and distribution of COVID-19 preventative vaccine and they are rolling out at last. Let's pray this is the game changer we expect it to be. The next reunion is just a few months ahead and we are optimistic this one will be held successfully. The 547th EBA is handling the 2021 joint reunion planning for the same Myrtle Beach location we had planned last year. So, we again look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach in the fall. We will communicate dates and details to you in upcoming issues of the Panther Press. Until then, be safe.

Essayons,, Larry Hawkins, 330 603-7059, lhawkins463@gmail.com

From the 2nd Vice President:

At the start of a new year, I hope this newsletter finds that you all are safe and well. We all are sure counting on this year to be a lot better than 2020. I personally want to thank everyone who responded to the letters that I sent out last year concerning our membership and dues. As I stated in the letter, our history is a big picture and every time we lose a member we lose a piece of the puzzle, so, you are reading this publication and you might have forgotten about it please consider remaining in the picture. Thank you.

I am looking forward to going to the reunion this year if at all possible. I am also hoping to be able to spend some time with a lot of the membership. After spending a lot of time reading and watching TV through the winter months we need to talk with real people. As I come to a close, I am still here if you need to talk or have any questions e-m sesweet71147@yahoo.com or 315/768/7205 . please stay safe.

Roger Sweet

From the Treasurer:

As of February 1, 2021, the Association funds in our accounts total \$18,743.77.

Our major expenses for this year are expected to be the 11th Engineer Battalion **Soldier of the Year, NCO of the year, and Best Sapper Awards**, the newsletter, and reunion.

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

As of today, we have **ONLY 47 paid Association members**, that is 20 fewer than last year. If your name is on the **AWOL** list, please renew your membership. Consider paying for more than one year to save on postage by both yourselves and the secretary who have to mail out your membership card.

We hope the 2021 Myrtle Beach reunion will go as planned and look forward to seeing you. Thank you all for your support of the 11th Engineer Battalion Association.

NEW news, besides paying your dues with a check you can now pay via ZELLE, use the cell number below, but make sure you tell me if you do.

I also send along this hopefully helpful information:

Many of our members are retired. They might find the pdf file at : [2021 US Army Retired Soldier Handbook.pdf](https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Documents/static/2021%20US%20Army%20Retired%20Soldier%20Handbook.pdf) very useful. It's not just about Soldiers. The direct link is <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Documents/static/2021%20US%20Army%20Retired%20Soldier%20Handbook.pdf>

Have a Healthy, Happy, Blessed and Safe spring and summer.

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From the Secretary

Greetings Jungle Cats. 2021 has arrived and hopefully the year will get better each day. Our prayers and strength are needed each day to progress and solve the problems we as a Nation face. We have a reunion to look forward to in Myrtle Beach in the fall, hopefully the situation will have improved to allow us to meet up and enjoy each other's company. I know that I have missed these reunions tremendously and look forward to Myrtle Beach. Speaking of the reunion, there is a need for new officers this year and each of you should think about stepping up and joining the Board and officers. If you need any info on what each position entails, reach out to get the answers. Take part in steering this great organization in the future, after all it is your Association.

Stay safe and well, reach out to others just to say hi and get a status check. We had each other's six back in the day, it's time to revive that tradition again. See you in Myrtle Beach!

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

From the Web Master:

Year 2020 began with promise, but as the year progressed the one defining event for me was the Coronavirus nicknamed COVID-19. By year's end the Press identified nearly 400,000 deaths in the United States. We all learned a new lifestyle of wearing masks, maintain a minimal of 6 feet distance from others, and washing hands multiple times a day. We were revisiting a culture that occurred 100 years earlier, the 1918 Flu.

Research attributed the 1918 Flu to begin in Military Camps, subsequently becoming Pandemic World Wide. Spain evidently was the first to print a story about the Flu, so it was also named "The Spanish Flu". My Grandfather's younger brother was enlisted in the Army at this time. His Regiment was in New York about to embark by ship to France. However, he became ill with the Flu and was hospitalized. When his Unit arrived in Europe all of the pre-addressed post cards were mailed home to say, "We arrived safely in France, and are in training". But in reality my Uncle was still in a New York Hospital. He recovered, and the Armistice was signed, and was subsequently sent home!

During 2020 the majority of activities were shut down. Not much has taken place to report on the Facebook site nor the Web Site. Our Myrtle Beach Reunion was postponed. For 2021 our sister Engineer Association, the 547th will take responsibility for hosting the Joint Reunion, scheduled for October 2021. My hope is that the immunization program will be largely successful, including stopping the new Variant strains of the Virus. That it will be safe for the 2021 Reunion. We can only continue the culture of masks, distance, and of cleanliness. Schedule your immunization vaccination as soon as it is available!

Meanwhile I would encourage each Association Member to send to me some item of your involvement with the 11th Engineer Battalion. For an example Member Roy Struble posted many of his photos while we were working on the DMZ fence in Korea, 1967. I posted the Thanksgiving and Christmas Menus of my C Company meals. A photo of yourself, or of an event while you were assigned to the 11th would also be of high interest to other Members. This Historical record can be kept in a 3-ring notebook to display at our Reunions.

We also have a Web Site located at: <http://www.11thengineerbattalionassociation.com/>

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From the Chaplain:

Taps

Chaplain Rock has a few areas of priority on my mind, heart, and soul as I pen this Panther Press.

In your way, on your own, with your family, with your God, please pray for our country, our leadership, our military, and our direction. May we work together to move forward from here to a prosperous and healthy 2021.

Reunion South Carolina. We come from different walks of life – different units with combat and non-combat experiences. Combat engineers and Construction engineers we are all men and women of the 11th Engr Bn Assn who seek renewal of relationships. Let's make a mission of maximum attendance to bond together with a common goal and determine our direction forward.

We are older but much wiser. We all have something to say that counts. Let's get together to remember the old days and plan on what productive goals we can set as an Assn in the days ahead to make our mark on society! We are an Army of One.

As we look back on the past year let's reflect on members of the Assn that left us for Eternity. We will formally honor them at our reunion during the Memorial Service.

Bell, Jimmy W. – passed on Oct 1, 2020.

Boelsche, Charlotte (wife of NJ Fred) – passed on Oct 24, 2020.

Soenjke, Richard G. (Dick) passed on Aug 10, 2020.

Lillibridge, John L. Col (ret) passed on June 19, 2020.

Arroyo, Josie (wife of Pedro Arroyo) passed on Dec 14, 2020.

Please honor their families now with a card or call or email. We are all in this unity of life together.

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

From the 11th Engineer Battalion Liaison:

I am happy to provide the following message and photo from LTC ROBERT DION, Battalion Commander:

“Greetings from Korea! The battalion is doing well and just finished a big battalion training event in support of the 2nd Infantry Division. The battalion practiced installing a line of communication bridge, which is designed to replace a tactical bridge for a more permanent bridging solution. The weather in Korea in January was cold and even included a day where it snowed. However, the Jungle Cats continued to move forward executing missions in support of the division.



"I would like to thank the Huntsville SAME for sending care packages to the Soldiers in Korea. I successfully received the packages in the mail and distributed the goodies to the companies. The Soldiers were appreciative of the support the association continues to provide the battalion.

"COVID-19 continues to be a concern in Korea, which limits the Soldiers ability to travel off of US installations for leisure. The numbers are trending in the right direction in Korea and we expect some restrictions to be lifted soon. Soldiers are excited about being able to explore Korea again soon."



In other recent activities CSM CAPINDO, the Battalion CSM, conducted an NCO Induction Ceremony on 18 December 2020 (photo above) formally inducting twenty Jungle Cats into the NCO Corps.

The Association extends our congratulations and sincere best wishes for continued success to each of the following outstanding Jungle Cats:

Sgt. Shane Causey
Sgt. Salvado Pendas
Sgt. Ivan Abrego
Sgt. Oghenechuko Ejefiavwo
Sgt. Vaugh Palido
Sgt. Mhar Andeles
Sgt. Johnathan Collins
Sgt. Americo Sardo
Sgt. John Highfill
Sgt. Lesterdave Custodio

Sgt. Justin Cashion
Sgt. Sajan Osti
Sgt. Santiago Cuadros
Sgt. Samuel Maldonado
Sgt. Ivory Winnigham
Sgt. Michael Arrington
Sgt. William Lacey
Sgt. Nicholas Contreras
Sgt. Danterious Works
Sgt. Bobby Lopez

Submitted by: Joe Papa, Association Liaison

From the Photographer:

No report this publication.

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From the Historian:

THE KOREAN WAR - - 50 YEARS AGO - - PART II

In the last edition of the Panther Press (Nov 2020) I summarized the conditions in Korea following World War II and events leading up to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea attack in June 1950 and ultimate occupation of the entire peninsula to include:

- The end of Japan’s occupation of Korea after their surrender in 1945;
- The US/Soviet Union agreement to establish the 38th Parallel as the dividing line between North and South;
- Establishment of the Republic of Korea (ROK) in 1948 followed by creation of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) in 1950;
- The unprovoked move by Kim Il Sung, approved by Mao and Stalin, to “unify” the two Koreas by launching a massive artillery and ground attack against the ROK in June 1950, capturing Seoul and pushing southward;
- Passage of United Nations Security Council Resolution 83 on 27 June 1950 authorizing UN member states to provide military assistance to South Korea;
- US and South Korean forces were regrouping behind the “Pusan Perimeter” when the US Army X Corps staged an amphibious landing at Inchon, 150 miles behind enemy lines on 15 September 1950. Conceived by UN Forces Commander Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the plan was an unqualified success.
- The near simultaneous breakout of the Pusan Perimeter was made possible by our own 11th Engineer Battalion ‘Jungle Cats’, when on 20 September 1950 the Battalion’s 55th Treadway Bridge Company constructed a 213-meter bridge across the Naktong (Nakdong) River. NOTE: The 55th Treadway Bridge Co. is today’s 55th Mobility Augmentation Co. (55 MAC), a unit of the 11th Engineer Battalion.

AND NOW, THE REST OF THE STORY....

The highly successful Inchon Landing and Pusan Perimeter breakout allowed UN forces to recapture Seoul in only ten days (by 25 OCT 1950) destroying the bulk of the North Korean Army remaining in South Korea in the process.

UN Commanders, including GEN MacArthur, were encouraged by the quick move to Seoul and pressed the fight across the 38th Parallel and into North Korea by late October 1950. Faulty US

intelligence set the stage for disaster by failing to understand and report Chinese intentions and gave a false sense of security to UN Forces who encountered light DPRK resistance and only minimal Chinese involvement as they moved northward in North Korea. MacArthur was so confident that he told President Truman the fighting would be over by Thanksgiving and the men home by Christmas.

THE BATTLE OF UNSAN: CHINESE FORCES ENTER THE CONFLICT. UN Forces encountered the first major Chinese resistance at Unsan, DPRK, in the first week of November 1950. Located about half way between the 38th Parallel and the Yalu River, the heated battle lasted about a week when the Chinese suddenly withdrew. The ploy worked. Absent accurate intelligence the Chinese withdrawal encouraged UN Forces to continue their advance to the point that they were beyond the ability of their lines of supply to keep up. In late November, with UN Forces advancing on the Yalu River and Chinese border, Chinese Forces launched a major attack into North Korea inflicting serious losses on the lead units of the UN advance at the **Chongduchon River**.

THE CHOSIN FEW...ATTACK IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. While the Chinese attacked the U.N. lead forces at the **Chongduchon River** they also sent two PLA Armies to engage and destroy the 1st Marine Division at the Chosin Reservoir. On 6 December 1950 the 1st MARDIV, a force of about 30,000, found themselves encircled by 120,000 Chinese regulars. Forced to engage in a fighting retreat, what infamously became known as their “attack in a different direction”, the Marines ultimately broke through the Chinese lines. The Chinese forces succeeded in driving UN Forces from North Korean territory but paid an enormous price with as many as 80,000 Chinese troops killed or wounded. The battle of the “Frozen Chosin” has become one of the most storied episodes in U.S. Marine Corps history.

SEOUL FALLS A SECOND TIME (4 JANUARY 1951). Encouraged by their victories at the **Chongduchon River** and Chosin Reservoir, the Chinese attacked across the 38th Parallel on 31 December 1950 and moved quickly to retake Seoul. Breaching UN defenses surrounding the city, the Eighth US Army, now under the command of Lt Gen Ridgeway, evacuated Seoul on 3 January 1951 enabling Chinese forces to capture it the next day. But the Chinese string of victories came with a price. After months of fighting, the Chinese Army was exhausted and in need of resupply and replacements, allowing the UN forces the time to regroup.

SEOUL IS RECAPTURED BY UN FORCES (14 MARCH 1951). The refusal of China to accept a cease fire and the incursion of Chinese forces into South Korea served to galvanize flagging United Nations support for South Korea’s defense and allowed the UN to fight off those who argued for a total withdrawal. Ridgeway wasted no time in quickly reconstituting his forces to take advantage of the Chinese need to do the same so far from home.

Operations Killer and Ripper were back-to-back plans designed to push the Chinese and DPRK forces out of Seoul. Commonly referred to as the Fourth Battle of Seoul, Killer and Ripper lasted from 20 FEB 1951 until 14 MAR 1951 and were a complete success, pushing the Chinese and

DPRK forces out of Korea and clearing them from Seoul and other strategically important adjacent towns. Meanwhile, the city has been devastated and its population reduced to a fraction of its prewar size.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN RELIEVES GENERAL MacARTHUR (11 APRIL 1951). President Truman had given General MacArthur wide latitude in the conduct of the conflict and was deferential due to his demonstrated military skills, successes in World War II and the high esteem in which he was held by the American people. But the two men had fundamentally opposing views that doomed the relationship. While Truman viewed the conflict as one to stop the spread of communism into South Korea, MacArthur saw it as a broader opportunity to liberate North Korea and potentially China, as well. Ultimately, they clashed over MacArthur's continued desire, sometimes in public, to expand the conflict despite Truman's expressed guidance to keep it limited, to avoid the risk of bringing the Soviets into the fray, and, of utmost importance to Truman, to save as many lives as possible.

On April 11, 1951, President Truman relieved General MacArthur of his command for insubordination. He justified this decision on the basis of MacArthur overstepping his authority, refusing to accept direct orders and interfering with his (Truman's) desire to end the conflict quickly. MacArthur was replaced by General Ridgeway, then the 8th Army Commander.

THE BATTLES OF KAPYONG and IMJIN RIVER (22 – 25 APRIL 1951). The Chinese Spring Offensive of 1951 ended almost as soon as it began. After the highly successful UN Counter Offensive from February to April 1951 recaptured Seoul in March and established a perimeter around the city to protect it from future assaults, the Chinese launched a massive attack on 22 April. More than 700,000 Chinese and North Korean regulars attacked numerically inferior UN Forces at several locations across the broad northern front. Vastly outnumbered UN forces stopped the Chinese advance on Seoul at all points but the Battles of Kapyong and the Imjin River proved most significant and are deemed to be key in the UN Forces ability to prevent the loss of Seoul a third time.

- Despite three days of continuous Chinese withdrawals and renewed attacks the 2nd Bn of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment and the 3rd Bn of the Royal Australian Regiment - repelled an entire Chinese division at Kapyong.
- The British 29th Brigade (4,000 strong) staged a successful defense against nearly 30,000 Chinese troops at the Imjin River while 650 men of the 1st Bn, the Gloucestershire Regiment (the "Glorious Glosters"), fought off more than 10,000 Chinese infantry there. Although the overwhelming majority of the Glosters are killed or captured, their sacrifice allows UN forces to consolidate their lines around the South Korean capital.

INITIAL TRUCE TALKS (10 JULY 1951). Truce talks between the UN and the Communists begin at Kaesong, North Korea, just north of the future Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). After two weeks the delegates had agreed on an agenda but discussions did not result in any concrete resolutions much less an end to the fighting. The agenda identified the following five issues that had to be resolved before a truce and armistice could be negotiated:

1. Adoption of an Agenda.
2. Fixing a military demarcation line between the two sides.
3. Agreeing on an organization for carrying out the terms of a truce and armistice.
4. Arrangements relating to the repatriation of Prisoners of War.
5. Recommendations to the governments of the countries concerned on both sides.

FIGHTING AND TALKING (JULY – DECEMBER 1951). While the initial truce talks did not mark an end to the fighting it did seem to delineate a ‘high water mark’ of sorts. Large battles, the type involving major troop movements that had characterized the first year of the conflict were no longer seen. Multi-unit movements, massed combat troops and pitched battles for cities and large pieces of territory did not occur after July 1951. This fact is of little consolation to the troops that were still fighting, however, especially soldiers of X Corps and the Marines of 1st Marine Division, who were involved in the following legendary battles during late 1951:

- The Battle of Bloody Ridge, August – September 1951,
- The Battle of the Punchbowl from August – September and
- The Battle of Heartbreak Ridge, from September – October 1951.

Combat operations would continue into 1952 but Bloody Ridge, Punchbowl and Heartbreak Ridge would be the last of the major confrontations.

INCHING TOWARDS COMPROMISE (1952 - 1953). Up until late 1952 the pace of truce talks remained glacier-like. Both sides recognized the inevitability of a stalemate with neither party being able to achieve a military victory, but diplomats working on the armistice dithered over details while combatants continued to pay the price in the trenches. Thankfully, the fighting in 1952 and 1953 took on a reduced tempo, one that often reflected more of a guerilla style signified by patrol skirmishes, raids / counter raids and small-unit engagements aimed at securing key terrain.

Two landmark leadership changes, one in the United States and the other in the Soviet Union, had major influences on the ultimate cessation of hostilities:

1. General Eisenhower, the Republican nominee for President, was well aware that the American people were tiring of the Korean conflict. During the campaign he criticized Truman for his handling of the war and made ending hostilities an issue. Capitalizing on his decisive November 1952 victory now President-Elect Eisenhower did not wait to be inaugurated but travelled to South Korea in December 1952. The purpose of his visit was to personally assess the situation on the ground and ensure that General Ridgeway and Korean President Syngman Rhee understood that he did not view continuing the war to be in the best strategic interests of the United States.

2. Joseph Stalin had been in ill health since the end of World War II and in the intervening years had suffered a number of medical emergencies. It did not come as a surprise, then, when he suffered a stroke in very early March 1953 and died a few days later, on 5 March 1953. His death

precipitated an immediate Politburo decision to end further support for the war, a position that was supported by Nikita Khrushchev, who succeeded Stalin as First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU). Mao was not enthusiastic but understood that he could not continue without Soviet assistance and acquiesced to the reality.

A TRUCE BUT NO PEACE (27 JULY 1953). After the visit of President-Elect Eisenhower and the death of Stalin truce negotiations began moving more quickly, often at a surprising pace. Quickly, there was agreement on the DMZ details. Then, regarding the most difficult issue, the repatriation of POWs, the Chinese and North Koreans came off their demand that all of the ~77,000 Communist prisoners in the south be returned and accepted the US / South Korea alternative that the 22,000 who did not want to return would not be forced to.

The Korean Armistice Agreement was signed on 27 July 1953 by representatives of the United Nations Command, the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteer Army. South Korean President Syngman Rhee refused to sign citing its failure to unify the two Koreas. To this date, South Korea has never signed the agreement.

The Armistice Agreement called for all parties to meet within three months to finalize a peace agreement, but this did not materialize. John Foster Dulles, Eisenhower's Secretary of State, met with Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai in April 1954 at the Geneva Conference in Switzerland. Zhou suggested that a peace treaty be implemented on the Korean peninsula but Dulles rejected this overture most likely because he knew that the United States would be unable to convince South Korea to agree.

For the past 70 years the Agreement has held. Despite many exceptions (several hundred violations according to South Korea) the DMZ remains intact and is being respected by the conflict participants....but the desired peace agreement has never been achieved. North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons in recent years has further exacerbated the elusive search for a formal peace. Following a hiatus of many years President Trump initiated a dialog with North Korean President Kim Jong-Un in an attempt to broker a deal. The results at first were promising and resulted in three summits: the Singapore Summit in June 2018, the Hanoi Summit in February 2019 and the DMZ Summit in June 2019. Despite these attempts President Kim has been intransigent and refuses to make any concessions until the US first lifts its sanctions. And that's where it sits today.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Papa
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...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.

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As of 1/15/2021

ACTIVE MEMBERS dues paid

(* paid for 2022)

(*** New Member since 2019

reunion)

Atkins, Matthew S.
Boehle, Fred F. *
Booth, John L., COL (ret) *
Brady, Raymond *
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Loftis, Philip G, COL (ret) *
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Mehl, Steven J., CW3 (ret)
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Papapietro, Joe G., COL (ret) *
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Struble, Roy

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Trexler, Thomas D.
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Verploegen, David L. LTC (ret) *
Way, Walter N. *

HONORARY MEMBERS

**Smith, Bridget (wife of MOH
awardee SFC Paul Ray Smith)**

**Members we have learned have
passed since the last newsletter**

Bell, Jimmy W. Passed 10/1/20
Boelsche, Charlotte (wife of NJ Fred)
10/24/20

Soehlke, Richard G. (Dick) 8/10/20
Lillibridge, John L. COL (ret) 6/19/20

**AWOL Individuals who were paid
members in 2020 and have not
renewed for 2021**

Arroyo, Pedro A., CW5 (ret)
Clem, Joseph D., Jr, (Joe)
Davis, William R. (Bill), CSM (ret)
Dennis, Bernard A.
Diehl, Robert A.
Dykes, Steven W
Ellegood, Michael S.
Ford, Maria A.
Grimaldi, Gennaro J. Sr.
Hawkins, Larry
Horne, Garth M.
Keech, Ronald E.
King, Billy J.
Marques, Edward D
McNichols, Thomas R
Mogren, Eric T.
Peterson, Donald (Pete)
Robishaw, Paul A.
Tolley, James S.

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

Alexander, Charles J.
Bankowski, Leo

Beck, Jesse R.
Berger, Richard P.
Binetti, Micael R.
Bowler, William E (Gene), COL (ret)
Bradley, Edmund C.
Dimon, Charles E.
Donnelly, Thomas F.
Downs, George M.
Eubank, Rev L. Allan
Fahey, Kenneth
Fessenden, Paul H.
Fischl, Richard G. (Doc) DDS
Gardner, Roger R.
Graves, Donald E.
Gray, John R. (Jack)
Hamilton, Barry, K., CSM (ret)
Harper, Ronald A.
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Kelly, Jason E. COL
Latham, John
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Vetter, Leo
Vinczi, Bela L.
Weeks, Robert E. (Bob)
Waugh, Earl M.



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: _____

Street: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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: \$ _____

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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
319 Victory Gallop Court
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078**

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. **NEW – We are prepared to accept dues via Check or ZELLE. If you use ZELLE use the cell phone number below to make the payment.**

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 908-309-5586 or email: boothjl@aol.com or Rick Goring, Secretary at 1-816-674-3763 or email martrickg@gmail.com

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