



## **MESSAGE TO THE REGIMENT #105:**

### **“The Engineer Blast”**

July - October 2014

**A. Overview:** The Office of the Chief of Engineers is pleased to forward this 105th version of **“The Engineer Blast”**. Thanks for all you do and stay safe – enjoy the **“BLAST!!”**

NOTE: In order to further enhance communications from the major entities of the Engineer Regiment to the field, the Office, Chief of Engineers (OCE) is facilitating a process to spread Engineer knowledge from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), The United States Army Engineer School (USAES), Engineer Branch, other Engineer agencies and our office in the Pentagon.

#### **Maj. Gen. Harold Greene receives full burial honors at Arlington**



Army 1st. Lt. Matthew Greene, the son of slain Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene, mourns at his father's casket after laying a rose at Arlington National Cemetery on Aug. 14, 2014. The two-star general was killed in an insider attack in Afghanistan on Aug. 5. C.J. Lin/Stars and Stripes

#### **CSTC-A welcomes new commander**

Story and photo by Lt. Michael J. Fallon



#### **ISAF Headquarters**

**KABUL, Afghanistan (Oct. 4, 2014)** — Major General Kevin Wendel thanked his troops and fondly looked back on his time as the commanding general of Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan (CSTC-A) at a change of command ceremony in Kabul today. **Wendel also welcomed Major General Todd T. Semonite, the new commander of CSTC-A,** the NATO organization responsible for training, advising, and assisting Afghan counterparts as part of the current ISAF mission and the upcoming Resolute Support mission. Wendel was pleased with the progress made under his watch since he took command of CSTC-A last September; Semonite expressed confidence in the organization being handed over to him. “Along with the Afghan soldiers and policemen, you are the heroes of this mission,” said

Semonite. “The impact of your service is an enduring legacy of our progress here.” Semonite acknowledged the accomplishments already made through working with Afghan security forces and looks forward to continuing this momentum into the future. “ISAF’s legacy will be about the capacities and processes you leave here after you are gone. Afghanistan is well postured for security, stability, and long-term sustainability.”

The Chief of Staff, Army announces the following officer assignments:

Major General Todd T. Semonite, Deputy Commanding General, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan to Commander, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan/Commander, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Training Mission-Afghanistan, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan.



The following general officers were placed on the retired list effective 1 July 2014:

Brigadier General Thomas W. Kula culminated more than 32 years of service as the Commanding General, United States Army Engineer Division, Southwestern, Dallas, Texas.

The following general officers were placed on the retired list effective 1 November 2014:

Brigadier General Peter A. DeLuca culminated more than 31 years of service as Commanding General, United States Army Engineer Division, Mississippi Valley, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Brigadier General Stephen B. Leisenring culminated more than 32 years of service as Deputy Chief of Contracting Management, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC.

The following Army General Officer nominations were confirmed by the Senate on 17 September 2014:

Colonel Jeffrey L. Milhorn, United States Army, for promotion to the rank of brigadier general. He is currently serving as Commander, United States Army Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.



\*\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS\*\*\*\*\*

Command Sergeant Major Roy D. Ward, Command Sergeant Major, Transatlantic Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Winchester, Virginia has been selected as the Command Sergeant Major, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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## **B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provides the following information:**

### **1. Army Corps of Engineers waives day use fees at recreation areas on Veterans Day**

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today that it will waive day use fees for veterans, active and reserve component service members, and their families at the more than 2,200 USACE-operated recreation areas nationwide on Veterans Day, November 11. [More](#) Published: Oct-24-14

### **2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Deploys Team in Support of Operation United Assistance**

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers deployed a team with engineering and engineering-related expertise to Liberia in support of Operation United Assistance, which is part of the comprehensive U.S. Government

Ebola effort in West Africa led by the U.S. Agency for International Development. [More](#)

### 3. [Corps engineers connect with students at Morgan State STEM expo](#)

Hundreds of middle and high school students met Baltimore District engineers at the 2014 STEM Expo at Morgan State University in Baltimore on Oct. 4.

Architect Chris Bowden, a Morgan state alumni, and civil engineer Chaz-Richard Tolbert, who graduated from Alabama A&M, talked to students, parents and teachers at this second annual event. [More:](#)

### 4. USACE News Stories:

October 31, 2014 - [USACE mission in West Africa aimed at supporting Ebola containment](#)

October 31, 2014 - [The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Releases Robust Climate Change Adaptation, Strategic Sustainability Plans](#)

October 24, 2014 - [Developing an Army Energy Information Management plan from the ground up](#)

October 24, 2014 - [Fast-growing Resource Efficiency Manager Program expands to Army Reserve](#)

October 23, 2014 - [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Deploys Team in Support of Operation United Assistance](#)

October 15, 2014 - [Restoring a former Atlas Missile site in Nebraska](#)

October 15, 2014 - [Corps Booth Helps Girl Scouts Learn About STEM](#)

October 06, 2014 - [Restoring Quality Habitat and Combating Invasive Plants at Times Beach](#)

October 03, 2014 - [A multigenerational workforce brings opportunities, challenges for the Corps](#)

October 03, 2014 - [The secret to her success: ops chief shares some key milestones on the road to career success](#)

October 03, 2014 - [Santa Clara Pueblo and the Corps of Engineers: A Working Partnership between Two Nations](#)

September 30, 2014 - [Corps awards \\$12 million contract to build islands near Lansing, Iowa](#)

September 30, 2014 - [Huntington District artifacts transferred to the Veterans Curation Program](#)

September 30, 2014 - [USACE participates in Phoenix STEM event](#)

September 19, 2014 - [National award winners recognized for excellence](#)

September 15, 2014 - [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Soldier Receives Soldier's Medal](#)

September 12, 2014 - [Army Corps of Engineers waives fees on National Public Lands Day, Sept. 27](#)

July 31, 2014 - [Craney Island safety, health management program reaches pinnacle, earns VPP Star status](#)

July 31, 2014 - [Kansas City District supports Pacific Command in Southeast Asia](#)

July 30, 2014 - [Reducing the impact of invasive species through partnership](#)

July 30, 2014 - [Stopping an aggressive aquatic hitchhiker](#)

July 30, 2014 - [Florida agencies work together](#)

July 30, 2014 - [Nipping invasive air potato 'in the spud'](#)

July 30, 2014 - [Slowing the spread of new invasives](#)

### 5. [Construction begins on environmentally-friendly training complex at Fort Hunter Liggett](#)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District broke ground for an operational readiness training complex Oct. 7 at Fort Hunter Liggett in Monterey County. [More:](#) Published: Oct-10-14

### 6. [New 'footprint' emerging in Korea for U.S. military](#)

The Yongsan Relocation Plan (YRP) and Land Partnership Plan (LPP) signed in 2004 formally designated a new footprint for the American military in the Republic of Korea. The YRP will move most U.S. service members out of the Seoul metropolitan area, while the LPP will move most of the U.S. forces stationed north of the Han River (near the Demilitarized zone) to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, west of the city of Pyeongtaek, about 40 miles south of Seoul. [More:](#) 9/19/2014

### 7. [Drought Update, Oct. 30](#)

DROUGHT UPDATE: As of Oct. 28, approximately 30 percent of the lower 48 states remained in some level of drought. Tulsa District, which includes the Red River and Arkansas River watersheds, varied from normal conditions in some eastern areas to the exceptional drought level in western portions. The extreme and exceptional drought levels rose about 2 percent in Oklahoma since last week. [More:](#)

A drought index link is: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

8. The [412<sup>th</sup> Theater Engineer Command](#) offers the following: [Castle Magazine](#)



VICKSBURG, Miss.- U.S. Army Reserve (now) Maj. Gen. Tracy Thompson assumed leadership of the 412th Theater Engineer Command in a change of command ceremony held here June 29.

The ceremony represents the changing of the guard between the outgoing and incoming commanders and is the epitome of ceremony.

Ranks form. Flags unfurl. The band plays and cannons blaze, but put aside the pomp, the ceremonies and traditions a change of command entails, it all comes down to two commanders and their visions of today and tomorrow's 412th TEC and the Army. [More:](#)

### Thompson talks priorities, theater support, way forward for the 412th TEC

In his first interview since taking command on 29 June, Major General Tracy A. Thompson spoke in length about priorities, soldier readiness, support to the ASCCs, lessons learned, role models and much more. A lawyer by profession, Maj. Gen. Thompson was interviewed for this piece during his travels to the Pacific for the Ulchi Freedom Guardian Exercise, where approximately 80 Soldiers from the Deployable Command Post and TEC-Main deployed to Korea, Japan and Hawaii to provide engineering expertise and logistical support functions to US Army Pacific, US Forces Korea and Eighth Army. -- CPT Maryjane Falefa Porter, Public Affairs Officer, 412th Theater Engineer Command.



9. [The 416<sup>th</sup> Theater Engineer Command](#) offers the following: [Bridge Magazine](#),



### ARMY RESERVE LAYS DOWN THE HAMMER, STRIKING THROUGH MINE FIELDS WITH A FORCE



**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – It looks like a giant rototiller, except the Army doesn't intend on planting gardens with it.

Instead, the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle (MCV) is designed to plow through a minefield faster than ever before, and the Army Reserve is the first component to hop in the driver's seat and take a few home. [More:](#)

*Army Reserve Soldiers with the 364th Engineer Platoon (Area Clearance), headquartered in Pine Bluff, Ark., train on the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle during a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Oct. 30. The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)*

## 10. [Transatlantic Division \(TAD\):](#)



WINCHESTER, Va. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Middle East District staff met with more than 300 contractor representatives during the Industry Day event held Oct. 16 at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va.

The Industry Day event allows contractor representatives to learn about the Middle East District's mission, future contract opportunities that may become available, network with each other, and hear from District personnel on various topics.

(caption) WINCHESTER, Va. - Col. Vincent Quarles, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Middle East District commander, answers questions from attendees during the Middle East District Industry Day Oct. 16 in Winchester, Va. (Photo by Nathan Herring) [More:](#)

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan - The Afghanistan Builders Association hit a benchmark with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the authority to certify material testing laboratories passed from USACE to the ABA in Kabul, Oct. 27, 2014.

For the first time since 2001, an Afghan organization will have the authority to ensure building material testing standards are met by Afghan labs, which the USACE will rely on for future projects in Afghanistan. [More:](#)



## 11. Career Program-18 Proponency Office – The Army's Civilian Competency Management Enterprise by Lerone Brown

The Army's Competency Management Enterprise is a paradigm shift in how the Army recruits, hires, and develops its Civilian workforce. The driving force behind this change is the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Act requires the Department of Defense (DoD) to develop and implement a Strategic Workforce Plan (SWP), that outlines the deliberate initiatives taken to close the Federal Civilian workforce's strategic competency and skill gaps. The Army revamped its Campaign Plan because of the SWP. The Campaign Plan describes the Army's long-term investment in the Civilian Corps and commitment to developing and acquiring Civilian employees to meet the future needs of the Army. The Army's Competency Management Enterprise qualifies as an initiative to the Army's part of DoD's SWP.

So, what is the Army's Competency Management Enterprise? It is a platform that uses a competency-based lifecycle management model to support the Army's professional Civilian human capital talent workforce management plan by getting the right people, in the right positions, at the right time.

[More:](#)

## 12. [TransAtlantic Afghanistan](#) [Freedom Builder](#)

## 13. [USACE Divisions/Districts Publications:](#)

## C. The US Army Engineer School (USAES) provides the following information:



### **Fall Regimental Command Council**

The fall 2014 Regimental Command Council (RCC) will be held virtually 19-20 November via DCO at the following link: <https://connectcol.dco.dod.mil/en-rcc/>

Target Audience: BDE/TEC Commanders and CSMs, BN Commanders and CSMs, District and Division commanders, CW4s and 5s, DIV ENGs and selected key Engineer billets (OCE Director, FORSCOM Engineer, ASCC Engineers, COCOM Engineers, USACE G3 and CSM, CTC Engineers

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#### *Draft Agenda:*

19 November 1300 – 1600 (CST)

1300 – 1320 Commandant/RCSM/RCWO Remarks

1320 – 1330 Governance (COL Roth)

1330 – 1415 FORSCOM (COL Kater)

1415 - 1445 CTC (LTC Brown)

1445 – 1500 Break

1500 – 1520 Landmine Policy (COL Raymer)

1520 – 1545 AOC / Force 2025 (CODD)

1545 – 1600 Geospatial Update (COL Connor)

20 November 0900 – 1100 (CST)

0900 – 0930 Talent Mgt/Broad/Cred (COL Smallfield, LTC Dorf)

0930 – 0945 AC to RC transitions (COL Roth)

0945 – 1000 Personnel update (CW4 Hill)

1000 – 1045 DSCA (LTC Calderon)

1045 – UTC Remarks from the Field

We encourage everyone to log into DCO with their CAC credentials. If you do not have a DCO account, and will be signing in as a guest, please provide your rank, full name, and organization in the "Guest Window".

Additionally, if there are several members from the same organization wishing to attend, please "carpool" in a conference room or classroom (if feasible) so as not to tie up bandwidth. If signing in as a group, please log in with the most senior member's credentials or rank, full name and organization.

BG Funkhouser, CSM Kendrick, and CW5 Owens look forward to your participation!

Questions regarding the DCO connection may be sent to Ms. Kristen Jenner, USAES KMO, email: [kristen.l.jenner.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kristen.l.jenner.civ@mail.mil)

#### **DATA CALL: Annual Historical Reports for FY14**

Engineer units will be closing out activities and operations from the last year and looking forward to the new FY's challenges. As units make this transition, the USAES History Office requests copies of unclassified documents from FY14. These could include annual reports, newsletters, annual histories, AARs, briefings, staffing papers, trip reports, change of command programs, photographs, key correspondence, or other similar materials down to the company level. Sample documents and SOPs for compiling unit documents are available on AKO at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/22324067>. See also the USAES History Office's web page at <http://www.wood.army.mil/usaes/historian.html>.

It is essential to retain records about units in garrison as well as down range. Too often, the USAES History Office receives requests for information that cannot be answered because of lack of documentation in the History Office

Archives. In other cases, unit colors are cased, and those unit older records are lost.

Send unit materials to [david.c.chuber.civ@mail.mil](mailto:david.c.chuber.civ@mail.mil); or on disk or in hard copy to the USAES History Office, 320 MANSCEN Loop, Suite 043, Fort Leonard Wood, 65473.

This is your unit's chance to tell its story! The USAES History Office wants to capture those stories and preserve them for the future. Thank you in advance for your input.

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David Chuber  
USAES Command Historian xx  
**Best Sapper Competition 2015**

The Best Sapper Competition, hosted by the Engineer Regiment at Fort Leonard Wood, is where the Army's strongest combat engineers clash for the title of "Best Sapper." The 9th Annual competition will be held 19 – 24 April. Team registration will be open by mid-January 2015. Information can be found on the Best Sapper Competition website: <http://www.wood.army.mil/sapper/bsc> as well as their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Best-Sapper-Competition/117719934968436>

### **Line Of Communication Bridge Sets**

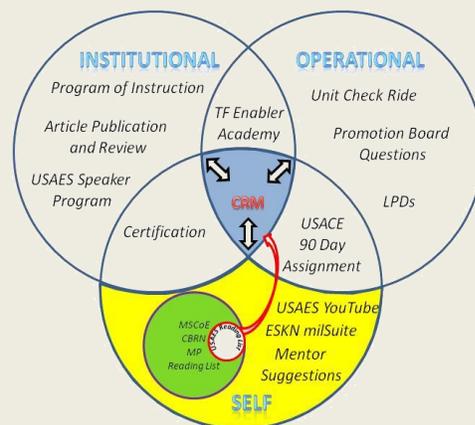
To ensure current requisite skills are retained and maintained by U.S. Army Engineer Corps units, the commercial line of communication bridge training sets will be staged at five sites. These sets will be available to Engineer units of all components who will coordinate with the appropriate owner for use. The TDA training sets have been added to the Army requirements as follows:

1. One to 555th ENGINEER BRIGADE, JBLM, UIC WAZT99 for 864th Engr Bn located at JBLM.
2. One to 20th ENGINEER BRIGADE, Fort Bragg, UIC WGEN99 for 19th Engr Bn, 502nd MRBC located at Ft Knox.
3. One to 36th ENGINEER BRIGADE, Fort Hood, UIC WAZQ99 for 46th Engr Bn, 814th MRBC located at Ft Polk.
4. One to W8GKAA 164TH REGIMENT - NORTH DAKOTA ARNG RTI
5. One to W4K7AA US Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, MO

POC: Mr. Jim Rowan, Deputy Commandant, james.r.rowan4.civ@mail.mil

### **Engineer Regiment Resource Menu – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Version of the Commandant's Reading List**

USAES has initiated the Engineer Regiment Resource Menu. The purpose of the Resource Menu is to vertically nest with strategic and MSCoE guidance, progressively build upon attributes and competencies throughout a career, and integrate horizontally among the three learning domains (institutional, operational, and self). The Resource Menu is a paradigm shift from a reading list which operates solely within the self domain. The Resource Menu operates in the overlap of the three domains and is to be equally useful to an individual as to an operational leader or institutional programs of instruction.



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Resource Menu is organized into five bands based upon rank including:

- Band 5: Senior CSMs, CW5s, COLs, GOs, GS15s/SESSs.
- Band 4: Senior NCOs, CWO 3-4s, Field Grade Officers, GS 13-14.
- Band 3: NCOs, WO 1-2s, Company Grade Officers, GS12.
- Band 2: Enlisted Soldiers, Cadets, GS 1-11.
- Band 1: All ranks and grades.

It is a matrix of information and documents that leaders and organizations can use to enable individual and

organizational learning. Each band includes organizing thoughts relevant to that band along with books, audio books, electronic books, articles, magazines, social media, reports/studies, and movies which support each organizing thought. History, doctrine, and theory are also included in order to provide a comprehensive menu from which to draw from.

The Resource Menu is located at: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/usaes-commandant-resource-menu> (CAC authentication required). All Engineer leaders are invited to access this site and provide USAES your thoughts, comments, and feedback so the Resource Menu can be improved.

POC: COL Jason Smallfield, Director of Training and Leader Development, USAES

### **12N Critical Task Site Selection Board**

The United States Army Engineer School (USAES), Directorates of Training and Leader Development (DOTLD), Construction Engineering Branch will be conducting a Critical Task Site Selection Board (CTSSB) for the 12N, Horizontal Construction Engineer in November of 2014. The CTSSB is a culminating event preceded by a job analysis whereby the field identifies critical tasks, including leader tasks a job incumbent must perform to successfully accomplish their mission and duties as well as survive in the full range of military operations.

Training developers of the Construction Engineering Branch assessed the relevance of the current Programs of Instruction (POI), doctrine, changes in equipment and the current CTSSB data (now several years old) and determined there was a sufficient need to warrant further analysis. Leading up to the board, 12N Soldiers in Active, Guard and Reserve units were asked to participate in an automated survey which addressed the individual critical tasks they have performed. The results of the survey are being analyzed by training developers and will be presented to the board members for use in determining which tasks are critical and where they will be trained.

Operating Force Units with 12N NCOs in the grade of E-7 and E-8, who would like to serve as voting members on the CTSSB in November, can contact the Construction Engineering Branch Chief at (573) 563-7553 or [brian.j.nering.civ@mail.mil](mailto:brian.j.nering.civ@mail.mil) for additional information and to get on the board list. As the board draws closer, selected individuals will be contacted and provided additional information/instructions.

### **Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC)**

The team recently conducted two classes, the first JEOC Class 14-05 at U.S. Pacific Command, on Pear Harbor, HI and then JEOC Class 15-01, hosted by the U.S. Marine Corps University at Quantico, VA from 27-31 October 2015.

JEOC Graduates, as a reminder, the JEOC has been added to the database for military education on ORBs and ERBs. The code is "XCH" which will show as an entry that reads "Joint Engineer Operations". Battalion-level S-1s should now be able to add JEOC to your ORBs/ERBs and send the certificates to iPERMS as supporting documentation.

The course continues to meet the training and education requirements of service engineer from around the world. The JEOC is on schedule to educate over 300 Service engineers in their Joint Staff Engineer roles and responsibilities this training year.

The schedule below outlines the JEOC Classes for FY 15 Training Year.

JEOC 15-01, USMCU, Quantico, VA 27-31 Oct 2014  
JEOC 15-02, USAES, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 20-24 Apr 2015  
JEOC 15-03, CECOS, Port Hueneme, CA, 4-8 May 2015  
JEOC 15-04, AFIT, WPAFB, OH, 22-26 June 2015  
JEOC 15-05, AFRICOM/EUCOM, Germany, March, 2015  
JEOC 15-06, PACOM, Pearl Harbor, HI, 14-18 Sep, 2015

As a reminder, the pre-requisite dL phase is open 90 days prior to class start date. To enroll, use the link:

<https://engineer.bb.wood.army.mil/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>

Log in using your AKO login and password. You may contact Mr. Dwayne Boeres at (573) 563-7065, or

[dwayne.boeres@us.army.mil](mailto:dwayne.boeres@us.army.mil). JEOC POC is Shawn Howley, at 573-563-5088, email: [shawn.p.howley.civ@mail.mil](mailto:shawn.p.howley.civ@mail.mil)

## Engineer Diver Newsletter

The latest edition of the Engineer Diver newsletter, "The Bottom Times", is available on AKO at the following link: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/43163253> (AKO CAC authentication required.)

The "Bottom Times" features the outstanding work performed by Engineer Divers around the world. POC: MSG Raymond Ramirez, email: [raymond.j.ramirez@us.army.mil](mailto:raymond.j.ramirez@us.army.mil)

Calling all 12A, 125D and 12Ys!

The NGA Army Reserve Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee (DIMA) program is actively seeking 0-3 12As, CW2-CW4 125Ds and E-5-E-7 12Ys who are eligible for a Top Secret clearance. The NGA DIMA program runs split operations between Denver, CO, Springfield, VA, and St. Louis, MO and is looking for the best MOS qualified 12A Captains, CW2-CW4 125D and E-5 through E-7 12Ys at all locations. If you are a MOS qualified 12A, 125D, 12Y that would like the flexibility of drilling with a DIMA unit at one of NGA's sites, please let us know. Send your last 3 evaluations, military biography, civilian resume, DA 705 and DA 5500/5501 (if required for height/weight) to the Reserve NST at [reservenst@nga.mil](mailto:reservenst@nga.mil); if you have further questions you may call 571-558-3683.

## Unit Crest Request

"The United States Army Engineer School requests Engineer Units to provide two unit crests (DUIs) for display during the holidays to raise awareness of the Regiment. Many years ago a tradition started at the USAES of displaying snowflake ornaments with a unit crest from each Engineer Battalion on the John Henry Atrium Christmas tree and on an additional one in the Sapper Lounge of Quarters #4. Over time, ornaments have been damaged or more recently units have reactivated; leaving a large portion of the Regiment unrepresented. USAES request units to mail (at a minimum) two unit crests to CPT Pat Ripton ADC to the Commandant at:

United States Army Engineer School  
ATTN: CPT Patrick Ripton, Suite 1661  
14010 MSCoE Loop  
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 65473"

## The Engineer Doctrine Team Needs Your Support!

We are asking for your support of our Doctrine Sponsorship Program. It is a part of the Army-wide renewal and adaptation and improvement of our doctrine in the Army Doctrine 2015 program. We ask that unit commanders sponsor as many publications that your unit can manage based on resident skill and recent deployment experience. Your command's experience will assist in providing relevant updates to meet the needs of Soldiers and the Engineer Regiment in the field today.

If you are interested, please contact MAJ Sally Hannan, Engineer Doctrine at [sally.c.hannan.mil@mail.mil](mailto:sally.c.hannan.mil@mail.mil) or Mr. Doug Merrill, Senior Doctrine Analyst at [douglas.k.merrill.civ@mail.mil](mailto:douglas.k.merrill.civ@mail.mil).

Thank you for helping our Regiment incorporate all the experience and skill that resides in our force today.

MAJ Sally Hannan  
Chief, Engineer Doctrine

The Engineer School Knowledge Network (ESKN)



Looking for BEB information, the updated TOE Reference Book, or Landmine Policy changes? Then add ESKN to your favorites on AKO. The Engineer School Knowledge Network (ESKN) is the gateway to Engineer knowledge. It is the Regiment's primary landing page to find Engineer specific information in two clicks or less. AKO users can access ESKN at the following link: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/637460>

For questions and comments regarding this site, contact Ms. Kristen Jenner, USAES Knowledge Management Officer. Email: [kristen.l.jenner.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kristen.l.jenner.civ@mail.mil) Phone: 573-563-7271 DSN 676-7271.

**Regimental Command Sergeant Major's ORP (Forum for the Engineer NCO community on milBook)\*\***

**Engineer Warrant Office Group on milBook\*\***

**Engineer School Knowledge Network (ESKN)\***

**Commandant's Corner (Forum for Regimental Senior Leaders on milBook)\*\***

**USAES History**

**Engineer Historian**

**Engineer Museum**

**Engineer Professional Bulletin**

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**Engineer ALC**

**Family Readiness**

**Request for Information (RFI) (AKO Authenticated Users)**

**Retirees and Veterans**

**Newcomers and Visitors**

**Emergency Numbers**

**FLW Phone Directory**

**Community Resources A-Z**

\*AKO authentication required, \*\*DEERS CAC authentication required

## **D. The Engineer/ Enlisted /Warrant/ Officer Branch provides the following information:**

Ladies and gentlemen, there is some pertinent information we wanted to distribute before the next issue of the Enlisted Branch newsletter.

12Vs: First, the transition of the 12V MOS into the Reserves and National Guard is nearing and Engineer Branch is contacting all of the 12Vs still on active duty to inform them one last time of what is about to happen to their MOS and what MAY happen to them if they have not been actively finding an alternative to remaining in 12V. The information below was e-mailed to all active duty 12V's:

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Engineer Regiment has decided to transition the 12V MOS into the Reserves and National Guard. Enlisted Branch has been trying to notify everyone of this pending change. We have touched on this in the September 2013, January 2014, April 2014, May 2014, and June 2014 Branch Newsletters, but we believe there are still some who may not have received word or still have not taken action to either leave service or reclassify into another MOS."

"By December 2014, Retention Branch will identify all 12Vs who have are not in the process of either leaving service or reclassifying to a new MOS and will either code them as "MOS unqualified" (which means they will be separated from service within 9 months of coding) or mandatorily reclassify them into another MOS at the needs of the Army. Because the Regiment is understrength 12B10s, those 12Vs may get forcibly reclassified into 12B."

"Based on this, Engineer Branch needs to discern the status of all 12Vs still on active duty. We need each 12V to e-mail Branch with their current status as it pertains to the MOS transition:"

"- Have you decided to leave service? (Y or N) If "yes", are you leaving the Army in total or are you transitioning into the Reserves or National Guard?

- Have you been approved to reclass into another MOS? (Y or N) If "yes", to which MOS are you reclassifying?

- Are you in the process of reclassifying? (Y or N) If "yes", what is your status in this process? Are you unable or unqualified to reclassify into another MOS? (Y or N) If "yes", why?

- Are you still waiting to start one of the processes - leaving service or reclassing into another MOS? (Y or N) If "yes", which process are you planning to execute and why haven't you started? "

"Branch needs all 12Vs to respond to this e-mail and answer the above questions. Failure to reply to this e-mail leaves you at risk for forced separation via "MOS unqualified" coding and/or mandatory MOS reclassification for the needs of the Army. "

"Widest dissemination of this e-mail is authorized and highly encouraged."

Branch is asking for unit command team assistance on this endeavor. If you have 12Vs in your formation, PLEASE

ensure they have seen this e-mail AND respond to it. We are trying to gauge how many 12Vs have not made plans for this MOS's transition. December is when Retention Branch here in HRC is looking to act on those 12Vs who are not ACTIVELY in the process of reclassing or separating from the Army.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact Branch.

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## **E. The Office of the Chief of Engineers provides the following information:**

### **From the Desk of the Office of the Chief of Engineers Chief of Staff (Reserve Affairs)**

Despite our definitive entry into a period of severe fiscal constraint, we seem to be getting busier to include supporting potential CONOPS, as well as we seem to be challenged in how to make training "plans" into "training realities". The connective tissue for making this happen remains our Regimental Governance architecture and our ability to share, collaborate, and innovate. Here are some items of interest where Regimental Governance where we are bringing engineers together, and is something that you can be a part of.

### **REGIMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND NEXT STEPS**

The Office of the Chief of Engineers has held an **Engineer WWSVTC** for years. The challenge has always been that most RC units lack any access to secure communications. This has greatly limited the ability for a majority of the Regiment to take part in this key Regimental Governance forum. As we move forward, OCE will be holding unsecure teleconferences as that means to bind all components of the Regiment. Starting **071300EST NOV 14**, the ARNG and USAR will hold a teleconference to set conditions for what will eventually become a battle rhythm of one SVTC per quarter and two teleconferences (with ALL compos of the Regiment). Target audience remains TEC/BDE/USARC/OCAR/TNG for the USAR side, and BDEs, NGB, BEBs (potentially) for the ARNG side. Plz be looking out for more information coming and become part of the Regimental dialogue.

The **Training and Integration Working Group (TIWG)**, under the leadership of the FORSCOM Engineer, will hold its first virtual meeting on 24 OCT 14 under the leadership of the 36<sup>th</sup> EN BDE. The TIWG is designed to meet at the regional level (in this case the 36<sup>th</sup> will "meet" with the 176<sup>th</sup> EN BDE (TXARNG), 194<sup>th</sup> EN BDE (TNARNG), the 225<sup>th</sup> EN BDE (LAARNG) and the 420<sup>th</sup> EN BDE (USAR)) as they all look at not only preparatory events for the upcoming ARFORGEN Synchronization Resourcing Conference (ASRC), but will also look at ways to capitalize on their partnership efforts, such as the FHTX Engineer Week in MAY 14. Fora such as this may provide great opportunities to maximize training opportunities across the components, especially when resourcing becomes tight.

The **REDi (pronounced Red Eye)** system from ERDC, selected as the system of record for all troop consx opportunities across CONUS, will be FOC by the beginning of NOV 14. This geospatial system provides situational awareness and connectivity between all regimental units of ALL components, as well as USACE Divisions and Districts. This is a "match.com" capability that will link those units to projects that are potentially eligible for Troop Construction with USACE, Active Army Garrisons, ARNG and USAR installations, and even AMC installations. The key here is to provide a geospatial vehicle to portray the entire engineer directory in one setting and ALSO provide where the USACE Districts/Divisions are, and what projects may be available for commanders to consider for execution. Because you can quickly see who's who in your own neighborhood, this equally serves as a great primer for PARTNERSHIP opportunities as well. I am including the link, so plz check it out: <https://redi.usace.army.mil/Pages/index.htm>.

The **Regimental Command Council (RCC)** will be held at the home of our Regiment, the USAES and FLW, during the period 18-20 NOV. While much of the planning is still occurring, we anticipate that this will become an in-person (by invitation from USAES) event with definitive links to the Regimental Governance structure (and it's four (4) subcomponent working groups (Training and Integration (TIWG), Organization and Materiel (OMWG), Combined Talent Management (CTMWG) and DSCA (DSCAWG)). What is also important is that the RCC, and many of its subprocesses, will feed into the annual **Engineer Command Council (ECC)** at HQ, USACE during the last week of JAN 2015, at the end of the USACE Winter Leader Conference. While the date for this has not yet been solidified, we want to hold it on a weekend (for maximum RC participation) while also having at least one day (FRI) as a total Regiment Day (as we had earlier this past year) where the Chief of Engineers and other Regimental leaders can share ideas on the multitude of issues facing the Regiment, and to jointly develop solutions with a shared (and perhaps unified) voice.

### **Talent Management - IMA Program and PFI Tours**

My office is responsible for the administration of both the Individual Mobilization Augmentee program (which supports both HQ, USACE as well as subordinate Divisions and Districts), as well as numerous tour opportunities (both CONUS and OCONUS) that support the operational needs of the Army. Should any of you have questions regarding affiliation

with the IMA program (a great opportunity to serve in a non-standard fashion (meaning you do not drill on a regular schedule, but rather a more flexible schedule based on unit needs and your availability (48 UTAs and 12 days of Annual Training))); please contact MSG Angela Reid at [angela.m.reid@usace.army.mil](mailto:angela.m.reid@usace.army.mil). If you desire more information on tour opportunities through this office (or be informed as they arise in the future through e-mail), SSG Mitchell serves as the main recruiting POC and can be reached at [shatekia.p.mitchell@usace.army.mil](mailto:shatekia.p.mitchell@usace.army.mil).

**Are you looking for a New Assignment, Deployment or Career Enhancement Opportunity?**  
**Where have you looked?**

If you're looking to broaden your opportunities, then you need to be familiar with each of these portals and how to navigate thru them in order to find what you need. You can't expect the good opportunities to simply fall into your lap. You need to actively manage your career, and these four portals are part of your gateway to career enhancement. Some, but not all, may be advertised in more than one portal.

HRC <http://www.hrc.army.mil/>  
Tour of Duty [https://mobcop.army.mil/tod/Default\\_new.aspx#](https://mobcop.army.mil/tod/Default_new.aspx#)  
PFI <http://pfi.dod.mil/>  
milSuite <https://login.milsuite.mil/>  
GKO <https://gko.ngb.army.mil/Login/welcome.aspx> for ARNG Soldiers only

**For any opportunity, you need to make sure to have at least the following docs available:**

**1-** ORB/ ERB/ 2-1 file (certified) and Civilian Resume (especially if applying for a position not associated to you MOS/Branch); **2-** OERs/NCOERs for the last 3-5 yrs; **3-** APFT (705) and 5500/5501 (if required) for at least the last Year; **4-** DA Photo (current within last 2-3 yrs); and **5-** IMR (your Individual Medical Record)

For many of the positions on the listed portals, these will get your packet past the 50-75% mark, but be aware that each job, even on the same portal, can have different application packet criteria, because the packet material requested is a combination of what the customer (those doing the hiring) and the Army require.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at many of our Regimental Governance fora, and as always, I can be reached at [adam.s.roth2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:adam.s.roth2.mil@mail.mil).

"Essayons!"

Adam S. Roth  
COL, EN  
Chief of Staff (Reserve Affairs)

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SUBJECT: Requested Response on Projected JCMS Desktop Software v1.0 Requirement for FY15

1. **Purpose:** The Army Facilities Components System (AFCS) Program Management Office (PMO) requests that all DOD Technical Engineer Units/Organizations provide the projected number of required DVD copies of the Joint Construction Management System (JCMS) Desktop Software v1.0 for FY 2015. The JCMS Desktop Software will replace the Theater Construction Management System (TCMS) Software v3.2 o/a FEB 2015 as the TCMS Certificates of Net-worthiness begin to expire.

2. **Background:** The TCMS v3.2 Software will no longer be supported on DOD computer systems after FEB 2015 due to its outdated and inefficient database programming structure. In response to this deadline, and an effort to standardize contingency basing designs, resources and tools across the Joint Engineer Community, the AFCS PMO will be releasing the JCMS Desktop Software o/a JAN 2015. The PMO will be executing a mass distribution to all DOD Technical Engineer Units/Organizations o/a JAN 2015 in order to replace all TCMS v3.2 Software and meet each unit/organization's software requirement for FY 2015. After the initial mass distribution, individual DVD copies of the JCMS Desktop Software can be requested at zero cost thru the US Army Corps of Engineers' Reachback Operations Center (UROC) by using the AFCS web portal link: <https://redi.usace.army.mil/sites/afcs/default.aspx>

3. **Request Criteria:** In order to receive copies of the JCMS Desktop Software please submit the following information to the AFCS PMO:

- a. Full Unit Designation: (from Command/COCOM to lowest requesting unit/organization level)
- b. Unit Identification Code (UIC):
- c. Point of Contact Name:
- d. Complete Shipping Address:

e. Positions of Personnel Requiring Software:

4. Request Submission: Please submit software requests by completing the JCMS Desktop Software Request Form on the AFCS Web portal: <https://redi.usace.army.mil/sites/afcs/default.aspx>. The user will need to register their CAC on the site upon their first visit before they can access the AFCS web portal. In the event of any technical issues please contact the UROC by calling toll free 1-877-ARMY-ENG (1-877-277-9364), commercial 601-634-2439, or DSN 312-446-2439, or emailing [uroc@usace.army.mil](mailto:uroc@usace.army.mil).

5. POC: The POC for this memorandum is MAJ Adam Aurelia at [adam.m.aurelia@usace.army.mil](mailto:adam.m.aurelia@usace.army.mil).

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AR 115-11, Geospatial Information and Services has been published..... [http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r115\\_11.pdf](http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r115_11.pdf)

## F: Engineer History: The 30th Chief of Engineers – Major General Harry Taylor



**Major General Harry Taylor**  
*Chief of Engineers*

*(June 19, 1924–June 26, 1926)*

Born June 26, 1862, in Tilton, New Hampshire, Harry Taylor graduated from the Military Academy in 1884 and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. After serving in engineer offices in Wilmington, North Carolina, and New York City, Taylor served from 1891 to 1900 on fortifications and river and harbor construction work in Oregon and Washington. Later he pursued similar work in New England and New York. Transferred to the Philippines, he supervised all fortification work there in 1904–1905. Taylor was District Engineer in New London, Connecticut, in 1906–1911. He then headed the River and Harbor Division in the Office of the Chief of Engineers for five years. During World War I, he served as Chief Engineer of the American Expeditionary Forces in France (mid-1917 to mid-1918) and received the Distinguished Service Medal. He then served for six years as Assistant Chief of Engineers before assuming the top office in the Corps for two years. Wilson Dam was completed while he was Chief. He was a member of the French Legion of Honor. Gen. Taylor retired June 26, 1926. He died January 27, 1930, in Washington, D.C.

## G. Special Interest:



**Col. Jayson C. Gilberti takes command of 20th Engineer Brigade at Fort Bragg**

One of the most complex and demanding brigades in the Army welcomed a new leader Friday.

The 20th Engineer Brigade, headquartered at Fort Bragg, changed command during a ceremony on 1st Sgt. Christopher C. Rafferty Memorial Field. Col. Jayson C. Gilberti took command of the unit from Col. James H. Raymer. Gilberti, who began his career in the brigade's 27th Engineer Battalion, also based at Fort Bragg, said he was humbled and honored to return to the brigade and Fort Bragg. Raymer, who had led the brigade since 2012, will become director of operations for the Corps of Engineers at the Pentagon.

The 20th Engineer Brigade, part of the 18th Airborne Corps, has more than 4,000 soldiers in five battalions spread across five Army installations. Some are deployed to Afghanistan or Kuwait. And a group of the brigade's firefighters serves in Romania. Other soldiers have served on the United State's southern border or work on dive teams that are regularly deployed along the nation's coasts.

Maj. Gen. Clarence K. K. Chinn, Task Force Bragg commander, said the brigade was the largest engineer brigade in the Army and the most demanding command in the 18th Airborne Corps. Soldiers from the brigade support a variety of missions, he said, including the nation's Global Response Force and its domestic equivalent. The "sappers, mappers, builders, divers and firefighters" also serve in the corps' oldest unit, Chinn said. The 20th Engineer Brigade's history dates to the Civil War, officials said. And it's been involved in every major war or conflict since that war. Chinn said Raymer had provided honorable leadership and mentorship over the past two years, and expressed confidence in Gilberti's ability to pick up where the former commander left off. "We've got a great Army," Chinn said. "As one phenomenal leader moves, another steps in to take the reigns."

Raymer said he would always remember his time as commander of the 20th Engineer Brigade and called it a privilege to serve with the soldiers of the unit.

Gilberti joined the brigade after an assignment as U.S. Army War College Fellow with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Security Studies Program.

He's no stranger to Fort Bragg, having also served with the 82nd Airborne Division from 2004 to 2007, deploying in support of Hurricane Katrina relief operations and Operation Iraqi Freedom. "If only one word could describe today, I guess it would be 'wow,'" Gilberti said in his first address to his soldiers. ".You look outstanding." The new commander said he would continue to focus on the "three B's" of engineers: building, bridging and breaching. He also said he looked forward to leading the soldiers. "It's more than just a team - it's a family," he said.

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From left: Brig. Gen. Bruce Oliveira, Col. Stephen F. Logan and Lt. Col. James D.S. Barros stand before the newly formed 227th Brigade Engineer Battalion during the battalion's activation ceremony in Kalaeloa, Hawaii, Sept. 28, 2014. The activation of the 227th Brigade Engineer Battalion has brought the battalion full circle from its time as the 227th Engineer Company. The 227th Engineer Company was reorganized as the 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion Sept. 1, 2007.



Lt. Col. James D.S. Barros and Command Sgt. Maj. Bret D. Moore uncase the colors for the newly formed 227th Brigade Engineer Battalion during the battalion's activation ceremony in Kalaeloa, Hawaii, Sept. 28, 2014. The activation of the 227th Brigade Engineer Battalion has brought the battalion full circle from its time as the 227th Engineer Company. The 227th Engineer Company was reorganized as the 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion Sept. 1, 2007.



Company commanders of the 227th Brigade Engineer Battalion stand with their unit guidons for the posting of the colors during the BEB activation ceremony in Kalaeloa, Hawaii, Sept. 28, 2014. The activation of the 227th Brigade Engineer Battalion has brought the battalion full circle from its time as the 227th Engineer Company. The 227th Engineer Company was reorganized as the 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion Sept. 1, 2007.



Col. Stephen F. Logan receives the colors of the 227th Brigade Engineer Battalion guidon from Command Sgt. Maj. Bret D. Moore during the battalion's activation ceremony in Kalaeloa, Hawaii, Sept. 28, 2014. The activation of the 227th Brigade Engineer Battalion has brought the battalion full circle from its time as the 227th Engineer Company. The 227th Engineer Company was reorganized as the 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion Sept. 1, 2007.



Paratroopers of the newly activated 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion (Airborne) represent their unit in formation during the unit's activation ceremony as it joins the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division Oct. 17, 2014 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. The 6th BEB (ABN) will assume the duties of the inactivated 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion (Airborne) for the Spartan Brigade. The unit brings increased engineer command structure and presence while maintaining the readiness provided by the outgoing 425th. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian K. Ragin Jr./Released) [More:](#) [More:](#)

## Army National Guard activates its first brigade engineer battalion

ARLINGTON, Va. - The California Army National Guard recently stood up the 578th Brigade Engineer Battalion, the first unit of its kind in the Army National Guard and part of a larger Army-wide change to provide greater engineer support to maneuver brigades.

"Through many assessments from the Army, they recognized engineer capability gaps within the (brigade combat teams)," said Army Maj. Darrell Green, with the Force Management office at the Army National Guard Readiness Center. "The BEBs address the concerns for command and control, route clearance, gap crossing, assault breach and construction efforts." [More](#)



Army Lt. Col. Zac Delwiche, commander of the California Army National Guard's 578th Brigade Engineer Battalion, receives the unit guidon during the activation ceremony for the unit at Camp Roberts, California, June 14, 2014. The 578th BEB is the first brigade engineer battalion to be activated in the Army National Guard and part of an Army-wide change to provide greater organic engineer support to brigade combat teams. (Photo by Spc. Matthew Dixon)

## “Semper Ultimo”



“Semper Ultimo”. This is the saying that every Catamount Soldier knows and recognizes. “Always to the top”. Catamount soldiers strive for excellence in everything they do under this saying. These are the words that the Catamount Battalion succeeds under with everything they strive to accomplish. The Engineer Regiment recently celebrated its 239<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. As part of the Regimental Birthday, the Catamount Battalion had a special birthday celebration where in, the battalion inducted SSG Porter, Frank G. in a special de Fleury ceremony and celebration. The 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion now currently holds 7 Bronze de Fleury Medal recipients.

One of the biggest accomplishments for the 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion was the battle at Mount Porchia, Italy. This site was a strategically and tactically valuable piece of land that forces could occupy in this location. A Co 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion “Castle”, attached to The 6<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Regiment, was set with the mission of seizing and holding Mount Porchia which was a key outlying stronghold before Cassino. Due to its location it made for a very long grueling battle. Starting at 2000 hours on 04 January 1944 the battle lasted until 0600 hours on 08 January 1944. The battle ended with the success of the mission on account of the sheer determination of the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment with A Co 16<sup>th</sup> Engineers attached. Both parties were cited for “Extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy at Mt. Porchia, Italy” and were awarded the Valorous Unit Citation. The 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion continued to conduct operations that would instill the heart of what the Catamounts represent, fighting in battles in World War II including Tunisia, Anzo and Po Valley and in Southwest Asia in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The Catamount Battalion was formally named in April of 1952 due to its cat-like reputation of stealth, night combat operations and ferocity in battle during World War II. And most recently the Catamount Battalion has received the Navy Unit Commendation for actions with I Marine Expeditionary Force on 28 February 2006 to 9 February 2007.

On 06 December 2013 the 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion was reactivated at Fort Bliss, TX attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armor Division under the command of LTC Mark D. Nadig and CSM Jerod Palmer. During the next few months the soldiers of 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion worked hard and long hours to make the transition as smooth and fast as possible. The Catamounts of today are no less deserving of the honors of their forbearers. They strive to make the best of every situation and strive to live up to the Catamount name. “We are, and will forever be, the builders of bridges, whether we are crossing the Sava River, or providing enabler support to our infantry brethren” states Battalion Command Sergeant Major, CSM Jerod Palmer. “We look forward to the challenge of living up to the ideals and reputation of our former Catamount Soldiers, we strive to be as tenacious, agile and disciplined as the sappers who fought at Mount Porchia”.



Paratroopers assigned to Company E, 307th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division conduct a Renegade Athlete Warrior (R.A.W) Challenge to enhance team cohesion and test both their mental and physical attributes at Fort Bragg on July 18, 2014. (Photo by U.S. Army)



Paratroopers assigned to Company E, 307th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division conduct a Renegade Athlete Warrior (R.A.W) Challenge to enhance team cohesion and test both their mental and physical attributes at Fort Bragg on July 18, 2014. (Photo by U.S. Army)



A Soldier with the 829th Engineer Company, 1st squad, fires off a magazine of blank rounds from his M249 Machine gun during their annual training at Fort McCoy, Wis., March 22. The company's annual training was conducted as preparation for their mobilization to Afghanistan this year. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Christopher Enderle) (Photo by U.S. Army)



## Army hero honored for saving man from oncoming BART train

After two tours of combat duty in Afghanistan and one in Iraq, the morning commute on BART from Orinda to San Francisco must have seemed pretty routine to Adam Czekanski, a career Army officer, one day last winter.

He got to the station just in time and could hear a train coming into the station. But then he saw something else. A man standing at the edge of the platform began slowly leaning forward and then toppled onto the tracks, directly in front of the oncoming train. [More:](#)

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## Mud Men of the 617th Engineers

By Melissa Renahan  
*The Ranger (Tacoma)*

JBLM, Wash — Although it is located 40 miles from where the 617th Engineer Company is based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord as part of the 555th Engineer Brigade, soldiers have been hard at work on the Mud Mountain Dam Road Improvement Project for the last month.

The work has involved improving a two-mile stretch of road adjacent to the Mud Mountain Dam near Enumclaw, from adding a ditch to aggregate distribution to road compaction.

That being said, while the 617th Engineer Company is equipped with the soldiers, capability and the time to handle the Mud Mountain project, it was only through a partnership with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) from the Seattle district that the resources and task became available.

The project, which was

planned primarily at the company level and executed at the platoon level, has been underway since July 21 with direct USACE coordination. Throughout the process, there have been approximately 10 to 15 soldiers remaining onsite at a time with organic assets, rotating in and out in weeklong increments.

"This is the first time that we've partnered with the USACE in the two years I've been here," said 1st Lt. Alexander Sackmann, who has been serving as the project manager to ensure that the soldiers have what they need to complete the mission.

"We are a horizontal construction company, so this is crucial to our training and in line with our skills, but we don't always get this sort of opportunity," Sackmann continued. "We cannot do many construction projects around JBLM due to how densely populated it is." "It was real-world training in open area so we're capable of



**Soldiers with the 617th Horizontal Construction Company assist Seattle USACE with the construction of a road for the Mud Mountain Dam complex.**

doing so much more," agreed Staff Sgt. John Thompson. Best of all, the improvements that have been made will allow for the safe transfer of salmon when they run upstream this season, according to Thompson.

"We want to continue the partnership in the future with

the USACE because they have been great to work with throughout the project," Sackmann explained, citing USACE team members Rick Emry, Dan Johnson, Sam Stables and Mike Bartholet, specifically.

Credit: Capt. Richard Packer | 2nd Engineer Brigade | Date Taken: 10/12/2014



[Capt. Brad Stubblefield, a 2D Engineer Brigade officer](#) assigned to work daily with the senior leadership of the Afghan National Army's National Engineer Brigade, listening as the NEB's commanding general, Brig. Gen. S. Khalil Sahebzada, delivers initial guidance as staff prepares to perform mission analysis on a new order. The staffs of both brigades worked together for two weeks as part of the NEB's culminating training event after the 2D Engineer Brigade spent five months training, advising and assisting the NEB with brigade engineer operations, methods and techniques.

Credit: Capt. Richard Packer | 2nd Engineer Brigade | Date Taken: 10/12/2014



[The 2D Engineer Brigade's Logistics Officer Capt. Grady Hutchins](#), and one of the brigade's technical engineers, Capt. Dan Frederick, eating a meal in the Afghan National Army's National Engineer Brigade's officer dining facility with their ANA counterparts at Camp Ghazi near Kabul, Afghanistan. The staffs of both brigades worked together for two weeks as part of the NEB's culminating training event after the 2D Engineer Brigade spent five months training, advising and assisting the NEB with brigade engineer operations, methods and techniques.

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[Capt. Dan Frederick, a technical engineer with 2D Engineer Brigade](#), working through an interpreter, Mission Essential's Mrs. Amy Adl, to train the Afghan National Army National Engineer Brigade's senior engineer, Lt. Col. M. Asif-Wardak, on Military Decision Making Process methods and techniques at the ANA's Camp Ghazi near Kabul, Afghanistan. The staffs of both brigades worked together for two weeks as part of the NEB's culminating training event after the 2D Engineer Brigade spent five months training, advising and assisting the NEB with brigade engineer operations, methods and techniques.

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Credit: Capt. Richard Packer | 2nd Engineer Brigade | Date Taken: 10/11/2014



[The 2D Engineer Brigade's Human Resources Officer Capt. Steve Mallory](#) working through an interpreter to train his Afghan National Army National Engineer Brigade counterpart on Military Decision Making Process methods and techniques at the ANA's Camp Ghazi near Kabul, Afghanistan. The staffs of both brigades worked together for two weeks as part of the NEB's culminating training event after the 2D Engineer Brigade spent five months training, advising and assisting the NEB with brigade engineer operations, methods and techniques.

Credit: Capt. Richard Packer | 2nd Engineer Brigade | Date Taken: 10/11/2014



[The 2D Engineer Brigade's Plans Officer Maj. Dana Riegel](#) and Medical Services Officer Capt. Britney Sevy on the Afghan National Army's Camp Ghazi near Kabul, Afghanistan, while training the ANA's National Engineer Brigade on Military Decision Making Process methods and techniques. The staffs of both brigades worked together for two weeks as part of the NEB's culminating training event after the 2D EN Engineer Brigade spent five months training, advising and assisting the NEB with brigade engineer operations, methods and techniques.



Credit: Staff Sgt. Whitney Houston | U.S. Forces Afghanistan | Date Taken: 10/27/2014

[Army Capt. Uriah Watkins, native of Rexburg, Idaho](#), serves as an engineer officer with the 2nd Engineer Brigade. Watkins and his unit are responsible for the construction and deconstruction of bases as the U.S. reduces their footprint across Afghanistan.

Credit: Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret | 416th Theater Engineer Command | Date Taken: 10/29/2014



[Soldiers from the 364th Engineer Platoon \(Area Clearance\)](#), headquartered in Pine Bluff, Ark., train on the newly-fielded M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle, also known as the Medium Flail, Oct. 29, during a weeklong course designed as a team-oriented training event at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The 364th En. Plt., with the Army Reserve, is the first unit across the entire Army to receive and train on this vehicle. The rotating arm has approximately 70 "hammers" at the end of heavy-duty chains, spinning at a rate of 3,500 revolutions per minute. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)



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[Approximately 70 chains and hammers are attached to the rotating arm](#) of the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle, also known as the Medium Flail, a new explosive defensive vehicle being fielded to the 364th Engineer Platoon (Area Clearance) during a weeklong training event at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in October. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)



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[When operating, the window view of the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle](#) is filled with rocks and dust kicking up from the ground due to the rapidly-rotating arm with chains and hammers designed to strike and disable mines. For this reason, an area clearance platoon uses "spotters" stationed in other vehicles to tell the clearing vehicle driver which direction to go across a mine field. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)



Credit: Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret | 416th Theater Engineer Command | Date Taken: 10/30/2014

[Army Reserve Soldiers with the 364th Engineer Platoon \(Area Clearance\)](#), headquartered in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, train on the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle during a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Oct. 30. The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)



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[Staff Sgt. Terry Walker, platoon sergeant for the 364th Engineer Platoon \(Area Clearance\)](#), headquartered in Pine Bluff, Ark., gives instruction to his Soldiers before heading into a training exercise with the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle during a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Oct. 30. The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)



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[A pathway cleared by the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle](#) during a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Oct. 30. The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)

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[Sgt. Maurice Dildy, of Sherwood, Ark., with the 364th Engineer Platoon](#) (Area Clearance), headquartered in Pine Bluff, Ark., operates the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle during a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Oct. 30. The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)

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Army Reserve Soldiers with the 364th Engineer Platoon (Area Clearance), headquartered in Pine Bluff, Ark., train on the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle during a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Oct. 30. The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)

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Spc. Fred Pennington, of Chicago, with the 364th Engineer Platoon (Area Clearance), headquartered in Pine Bluff, Ark., operates the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle during a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Oct. 30. The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)

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[Pvt. Ronnie Gallegos \(right\), of Warren, Ark., and Pfc. Judge Parker](#), of Pine Bluff, Ark., with the 364th Engineer Platoon (Area Clearance), use hand-held mine detectors to sweep a path up to the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle during the extraction and recovery portion of a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Oct. 30. The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)

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[An Army bulldozer tows the M1271 Mine Clearing Vehicle](#) during the extraction and recovery portion of a weeklong team-oriented course held at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Oct. 30, put together for the 364th Engineer Platoon (Area Clearance). The M1271, also known as the Medium Flail, is designed to clear through a minefield using a rotating arm with chains and hammers that strike into the ground to destroy or detonate mines. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michel Sauret)

Credit: Capt. Richard Packer | 2nd Engineer Brigade | Date Taken: 09/27/2014



[Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, the 53rd Chief of Engineers and commanding general](#) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, being briefed by JTF Trailblazer's Maj. Brendan McEvoy on the status of deconstruction efforts on Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. The 2nd Engineer Brigade leads the effort to rightsize the installation for Resolute Support, the next phase of ISAF's commitment to the region.

Credit: Capt. Richard Packer | 2nd Engineer Brigade | Date Taken: 09/27/2014



[Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, the 53rd Chief of Engineers and commanding general](#) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, being briefed by Col. Pete Andrysiak, commander of 2nd Engineer Brigade and Joint Task Force Trailblazer, on the status of deconstruction efforts on Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. The 2nd Engineer Brigade leads the effort to rightsize the installation for Resolute Support, the next phase of ISAF's commitment to the region.

Credit: Capt. Richard Packer | 2nd Engineer Brigade | Date Taken: 09/27/2014



[Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, the 53rd Chief of Engineers and commanding general](#) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, taking cover with Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of 2nd Engineer Brigade's Joint Task Force Trailblazer after his tour of Trailblazer Headquarters was interrupted by an indirect fire attack on Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.



[Sgt. David Neal of 304th Engineer Company, 528th Engineer Battalion](#), Joint Task Force Trailblazer, and 10 of his fellow Trailblazer Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen received a regimental coin from Command Sgt. Maj. Karl Groninger, the senior enlisted Soldier in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Groninger and Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick received tours of 2nd Engineer Brigade Headquarters and briefs covering the unit's diverse missions.

**H. Recurring Links:** [Engineer Casualties](#) ; [PASSAGES](#) ; [Military OneSource](#) ; [ENGINEER UNIT REGIMENTAL LINKS](#)



Soldiers attending Engineer training at Camp Grafton from November to March know, or soon discover, the North Dakota winters can be harsh and brutally cold. However, if it were possible to aggregate all the cold from the last winter into one night, it would not compare to the frozen evening of December 3, 2012. It was then, three miles north and west of Devils Lake, a Casualty Notification Officer and Chaplain visited the family of Sergeant First Class Darren Linde and shattered their lives. The unsuspecting family was informed two North Dakotan Soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice 7,500 miles away in Laskar Gha, Afghanistan earlier that day. One was SPC Tyler Orgaard of Bismarck and the other was Darren, husband, father, friend, and instructor. More in [Passages](#)

**I. Engineers Supporting Engineers—Professional Organizations Links:**

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**Army Engineer Association:** [AEA News](#); [Membership](#).

1. Army Engineer Magazine
2. AEA has an online Career Center linked on our home page at [http://www.armyengineer.com/AEA\\_career\\_center\\_v1.htm](http://www.armyengineer.com/AEA_career_center_v1.htm). It is a capability dedicated to linking our Individual Members seeking job info with our Supporting Firm Members looking for quality employees.

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3. Our Engineer community has a sizable number of combat wounded. AEA Supporting Firm Members want to help them, but we need everyone working to ID and link those wounded soldiers with our Industry partners. Help us get the word out.
4. For AEA Member information -- please share with anyone you know who may have an interest in this program. Members may validate member status at the member portal - at [www.armyengineer.com](http://www.armyengineer.com).

Every Engineer MOS soldier is eligible for membership in the Engineer Regiment's fraternal organization, the Army Engineer Association.

AEA is the nucleus of the Regimental network, providing information and services to Engineer **Soldiers** now serving and **Veterans** through:

- Bi-monthly magazine, Army Engineer
- Discount insurance and banking services through AFBA
- Career and Job Services
- Memorials to Units and Individuals
- Support to Engineer Fallen and Wounded
- Performance Excellence Awards for Junior and Senior Personnel
- Academic Scholarships for Individuals and Family Members
- Support to the Army Engineer Museum

## 5. **Popular Downloads**

- **The Evolution of Fort Leonard Wood from 1941 to 2010.** Photographic essay that shows how much the "home" for Army Engineers has changed over the years.
- **The Inseparable Bonds of Engineer Service:** Click [here](#), for a 12-page PDF file to learn more about why being an Army Engineer veteran is so special.
- **Engineer OCS Graduates:** Click [here](#) for an 8-page PDF file about Engineer OCS, Fort Belvoir, VA 1966-1967.
- **Engineer Equipment Development over the Years:** Click [here](#) for a first hand report written by a retired Army Combat Engineer, who went on to a very successful career with Caterpillar, Inc.
- **Women in Engineering:** Click [here](#) to read about women who once served in the military as engineers, and who later went on to successful careers with industry...pathways opening for them by their excellence.

\* AEA is now on Facebook -- <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Army-Engineer-Association/154530869611>

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1. **SAME membership** offers industry professionals and service members in the A/E/C, facility management and environmental fields the opportunity to connect through national and regional events, build those relationships through our [worldwide network of Posts](#), and engage in training and development to improve their skill set and that of the nation's military engineering workforce.

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2. **Education & Training:** Continue your professional education at SAME [local and national events](#), including regional training symposiums and the annual [Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo](#) (JETC).

SAME offers numerous [continuing education opportunities](#) that meet the learning and professional needs of architects and engineers, construction and project managers, designers, contractors and contracting professionals working in the federal marketplace with a special focus on the Department of Defense (DOD). Through onsite, online and on-demand versions of workshops, seminars and courses individuals can earn Professional Development Hours (PDH) to support ongoing professional certification requirements.

SAME also offers courses through its Strategic Partners including the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA), the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) and the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS). All courses provide PDHs and many offer additional continuing education or learning units that have been approved by other organizations and certification programs.

For detailed information on continuing education courses and webinars, visit [www.same.org/continuinged](http://www.same.org/continuinged).

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4. **Career Opportunities:** Transitioning from military service? Retiring from federal government? Looking for a new and exciting position in the A/E/C industry? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, place your resume on the [SAME Job Center](#)! The site is utilized by hundreds of companies that gain access to your resume through their placement of job announcements—and best of all it's free for SAME Members!

Also check out the annual SAME Transition Workshop & Job Fair—a great way to connect with SAME Sustaining Member firms and public agencies as you leave the service or are just looking for new career opportunities!

5. **Information Services—In Print and Online:** Stay on top of developments in the A/E/C field through our industry-leading publication, [TME—The Military Engineer](#) magazine and the new [TME Online](#), where you'll discover in-depth features on contracting and design, environmental engineering, civil works and infrastructure resilience, emerging technology, energy and sustainability, engineering lessons learned from the battlefield, and much more. The editorial staff is always accepting article submissions on a variety of topics, so check out the [Editorial Calendar](#) today or contact the [TME editor](#) for more.



Also, SAME's [Directory of Member Companies and Organizations](#) can point you in the right direction when starting a new project, while [Bricks & Clicks](#) and [SAME's Flickr page](#) bring you news, notes and photos from events year-round!

6. **Future Engineers:** SAME continues to reach out to aspiring engineers through its Student Chapter program—now at more than 50 colleges and universities across the country! SAME membership is FREE for students and provides them with opportunities for leadership and mentorship, plus potential internships or first jobs. There also are ample opportunities for today's leaders to mentor tomorrow's professionals. To learn more about the SAME College Outreach program, please visit [www.same.org/college](http://www.same.org/college).

## SAME Hail and Farewell



At times each poignant, inspiring and humorous, many reaches of the SAME family gathered October 30 to hail Brig. Gen. Joe Schroedel, F.SAME, USA (Ret.), the Society's new Executive Director, and bid a fond and gracious farewell to Dr. Bob Wolff, F.SAME, who served 12 years as "SAME XD," taking the organization to new heights in terms of professional development, national relevance and financial stability.

Distinguished guests, including the engineering service chiefs of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Public Health Service, the former Secretary of Veterans Affairs and other members of the West Point Class of '65, a number of past national presidents of the Society, many SAME Fellows, national and Post officers, family and friends and SAME HQ

staff, joined together to recognize Joe and Bob, and the contributions SAME as an organization and its membership make to national security, and to the professional and personal development of its members.

Jennifer Fogg, F.SAME, served as emcee, shepherding the program through introductory toasts including one from a classmate in Dr. Wolff's West Point Class of '65, presentations and speeches, including from Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, F.SAME, USA (Ret.), and of course, from the evening's two honorees.

Gen. Schroedel, who took the reins as executive director in August, emphasized the role SAME and its members can play in the broader context of national security, not just the national defense, and why selflessness for America should be something we all aspire to.

Gen. Schroedel's experience makes him well suited for his role as SAME XD, with 34 years in the U.S. Army, several years working for



SAME Sustaining Member firm Parsons Brinckerhoff as well as service as a adjunct professor at George Mason University, mentoring the next generation of A/E/C professionals. Joe galvanized the attendees to bring SAME to new heights and be “the society of choice for public sector engineers.” Joe joined SAME in 1990. He has been an RVP, was Founder and inaugural President of the Baghdad Post, and was invested into the Academy of Fellows in 2013.

The evening included presentations that brought great memories of the last 12 years and also some good-natured levity. SAME National President John Mogge, F.SAME, presented Dr. Wolff with the “Book of Bob,” a yearbook of sorts cataloging through photographs and quotes from SAME members Dr. Wolff’s impact on the Society through his years of leadership. South Atlantic Regional Vice President Bill Beresson, F.SAME, presented Bob with a gift from all 18 regions of SAME—a framed collection of all the regional coins, including the newest region, California. Lt. Gen. Tom Bostick, USA, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers, presented to Bob the Commander’s Award for Public Service and to Bob and his wife Phyllis, a crystal engineer castle from the Corps of Engineers in recognition of Bob and Phyllis’ support of STEM and mentoring future engineers.

The evening’s pièce de résistance, however, may just have been the travels of Flat Bob! The SAME HQ staff, in conjunction with the RVPs, sent “Flat Bob” around the globe to visit with SAME Posts, attend conferences, meetings, golf tournaments and volunteer events. Tracing along a map of the world, the Flat Bob photo slideshow exemplified the tremendous reach SAME has worldwide and throughout the United States in supporting military engineering through its 105 Posts and more than 50 Student Chapters.

Dr. Wolff has been an SAME member for 31 years. Before becoming Executive Director, his volunteer positions included Washington DC Post President and two times a member of the SAME National Board of Direction. He was invested into the Academy of Fellows in 1995. Dr. Wolff, in his farewell speech, thanked the countless people, at the Post, regional and national level who have helped over the last dozen years shape SAME into the 29,000-plus member organization it is today, ready to ascend to new heights. Dr. Wolff also alluded to the many who have come before in leading SAME in its first 94 years.

With the Hail & Farewell complete, SAME can now look ahead to another major celebration just a few years away—the Society’s Centennial in 2020. To view more photos from the event, visit SAME’s Flickr page.

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## [Army Engineer Spouses' Club:](#)

1. The Army Engineer Spouses’ Club (AESC) would like to personally invite you to become a member. Membership is open to spouses of all Active, National Guard, Reserve, Retired US Army Engineers and all USACE Civilian employees worldwide. AESC offers a monthly Castle Gram newsletter and activities in the greater Washington DC area as well as scholarship opportunities. For more information, please visit our website, <http://armyengineerspouses.com/> When at our website, don’t forget to visit our Castle Boutique – you don’t have to be a member to order, just click the shopping cart!

2.. Membership Benefits: Becoming a member of the only worldwide Engineer network for those other than Active Duty Military, you will receive a 10% discount at the Castle Boutique -our online Engineer boutique- receive the monthly newsletter- the Castle Gram- be able to join others for monthly outings in the DC area & receive the yearly Red Book - Castle Directory.



*“Keeping our worldwide Engineer family connected through the years and across the miles.”*

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## Welcome

**The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomes membership from spouses of all U.S. Army Engineers, civilian employees of USACE and, with approval of the Executive Board, other persons who are associated with the Corps of Engineers.**

## Announcements

The Army Engineer Spouses Club is proud to announce two ways to join the club!! New and returning members can use our [online form](#) and pay via PayPal or credit card. **Or** Download and print out the membership form (.pdf), fill it out and send it in with a check

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