



MESSAGE TO THE REGIMENT #66:

“The Engineer Blast”

29 May 2009

A. Overview: The Office of the Chief of Engineers is pleased to forward this 66th version of **“The Engineer Blast”**.

Thanks for all you do and stay safe – enjoy the **“BLAST!!”**

Year of the NCO

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. All links should work for .mil computers.

SPECIALIST DAVID R. HUTCHINSON – Silver Star Recipient

Sen Hutchinson Honors USAR Silver Star Recipient



On June 6, 2009, the 65th anniversary of D-Day, SPC David Hutchinson became the fifth Army Reserve Soldier to receive the Silver Star. While deployed in Afghanistan, he was instrumental in saving the lives of 16 fellow Soldiers. It was the morning of May 21, 2008; the weather was eighty-nine degrees with unlimited visibility. The 420th Engineer Brigade Personal Security Detail unit consisted of 17 Army Reservists traveling in a four-vehicle convoy southeast on an ASR jeep headed towards Forward Operating Base Orgun-E. Then-Private First Class David Hutchinson was serving as a MK19 gunner in the third gun truck when suddenly they were ambushed by determined Anti-Afghan Forces (AAF). Approximately 15-20 AAF opened fire with an arsenal of rocket propelled grenades, PKM machine guns, and AK-47s. Hutchinson's unit was also being attacked by sniper rifles hidden in the surrounding Afghanistan mountains approximately 50 to 70 meters away. The AAF fighters were bold in their efforts to destroy the convoy by attempting to disable the lead and trail gun trucks with RPGs. Three of the four trucks immediately engaged in combat returning suppressive fire. Being the aggressors, the AAF moved from cover into the open to engage the gun trucks under devastating fire provided by Hutchinson and his fellow soldiers.

The AAF had fire superiority until Hutchinson quickly assessed the PKM machine gun nest on top of a hill. This position was most lethal to Hutchinson and his fellow soldiers in the convoy. His fire was so effective in disrupting the AAF's efforts to destroy the convoy that they began focusing their wrath specifically on him and his MK19. Hutchinson stayed in his position under intense fire, placing accurate effective fire on the remaining enemies with total disregard for his own life. [More](#)

Office of the Chief of Staff, Army General Officer Announcement May 14, 2009

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced that the President has nominated:

Brigadier General Jeffrey W. Talley for appointment to the grade of major general and assignment to Commander (Troop Program Unit), 84th Training Command (Leader Training), Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. He is currently serving as Commander (Troop Program Unit), 926th Engineer Brigade, Montgomery, Alabama.

Colonel Bud R. Jameson, Jr., for appointment to the grade of brigadier general and assignment to Commander (Troop Program Unit), 926th Engineer Brigade, Montgomery, Alabama. He is currently serving as Chief of Staff (Troop Program Unit), 90th Regional Readiness Command, North Little Rock, Arkansas.



4th Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major, [Engineer CSM, John Gioia](#) set to retire.

Retirement and Change of Responsibility Ceremony is scheduled for 15 Jun 09 at Cameron Field, Fort Hood, Texas. Throughout his 28-year career, he has served in every enlisted leadership position from Demolitions SGT to his current position as the 17th Command Sergeant Major of the 4th Infantry Division. Other assignments he held as CSM include the 82nd En Bn, 1st Inf Div, Bamberg, Germany; Task Force 82 Baqubah, Iraq; 3rd BCT 1st Inf Div and Multi-National Brigade East, Task Force Falcon, Kosovo; En Bri, 1st Inf Div in Bamberg, Germany and the Joint Multi-National Training Command, USAREUR Grafenwoehr, Ger.

Command Sgt. Maj. Corbly Elsbury takes over as the Maneuver Support Center Command Sergeant Major during May 1 ceremony.



“I would like to thank the thousands of Soldiers I have worked with and the NCOs that I have worked with

everyday,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Corbly Elsbury “They are a big priority, and I am standing here today because of them. Everything I do is for them.” **Story and photo by Allison Gipson** GUIDON staff. [Read the whole story at myGuidon.com](#)

[B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \(USACE\) provides the following information: "Corps e-spondence" – Chief’s Blog](#)

1. Contingency Engineer Management Course (CEMC): USACE and USARCENT jointly developed and initiated a 30 hour in-residence course to better prepare military and civilian engineers deploying to the USCENTCOM AOR in support of ongoing Operations OIF/OEF/GWOT. The course is tailored towards personnel who will be serving in a USACE Project, Resident, Area and District Office whose responsibilities include the planning, execution, and turnover of contingency construction projects in support of DoD operations; as well as military personnel on theater level engineer staffs, installation planners and DPW-like personnel. The course focuses on the life-cycle of contingency construction and contingency contracts; DoD, USCENTCOM, DA, USARCENT and theater policy; master planning efforts ongoing in theater; contingency and master plan construction list development. Wickered into the training are modules on the totality of engineer capability in theater, its command and control and a responsibility matrix; engineer tools and reachback capability available to assist forward deployed engineers; environmental considerations and challenges; and discussions with senior engineer leaders currently or recently serving in leadership positions across the USCENTCOM AOR. This is an excellent training forum and provides opportunity to bring together members of the engineer regiment in a consolidated setting. Well over 100 personnel have been trained thus far. The next class is scheduled for 27-30 Jul 09 in Vicksburg, MS. Subsequent classes are scheduled for 7-10 Dec 09; 8-11 Mar 10; 12-15 Jul 10, and 13-16 Sep 10. Interested personnel should contact any of the personnel below for further course information, scheduling, registration, etc.

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2. Did you know: In the winter of 1778-1779, General von Steuben went to Philadelphia to write his book of regulations. **Lieutenant Colonel Francois de Fleury**, a French volunteer serving in the Continental Army, assisted in writing the original French text. Duponceau and Captain Benjamin Walker translated it into English. It was illustrated by Captain Pierre Charles L’Enfant (the same man who drew the plans for Washington D.C.). The “Regulation for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States” was approved by Congress in March, 1779. It became known as the “Blue Book,” and it was used by the United States Army until 1814. [More](#)

3. If you are a looking for an [Engineer position opportunity, check this link for availabilities](#). Some postings may not be with USACE. Listed positions are still valid requirements.

4. **Engineer Publications:** [From the Atlantic to the Great Lakes: A History of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the St. Lawrence Seaway](#)

5. **[The Gulf Region Division \(GRD\)](#)** GRD provides the following information:

Type	Release Date	Title	Photos	Region	Author
People	5/28/2009	Memorial honoring the life of U.S. Navy Cmdr. Duane G. Wolfe held in Baghdad Thursday	Hi-Res	GRD	Public Affairs Office
People	5/27/2009	U.S. Navy commander serving in Iraq with Gulf Region Division killed by IED	Hi-Res	GRD	Public Affairs Office
Project	5/20/2009	USACE completes three new schools in northern Iraq...	Hi-Res	GRN	Mike Scheck
Project	5/18/2009	Officials break ground on national training academy for corrections personnel	Hi-Res	GRC	Kendal Smith
Project	5/13/2009	Baghdad maternity hospital's \$2.4 million renovation restores full capacity	Hi-Res	GRC	Kendal Smith
Project	5/11/2009	Courthouse renovation helps return rule of law to Mosul, Iraq	Hi-Res	GRN	Mike Scheck
People	5/11/2009	Gulf Region North engineer awarded Bronze de Fleury Medal	Hi-Res	GRN	Mike Scheck
Project	5/8/2009	Ceremony marks Qudas Power Plant Expansion milestone, ...	Hi-Res	GRD	Nicole Dalrymple
Project	5/7/2009	Substation upgrade improves reliability of Dhi Qar electrical distribution system	Hi-Res	GRS	Norris Jones
Project	5/7/2009	ER doctors help design USACE's first hospital construction project in Irbil	Hi-Res	GRN	Mike Scheck
People	5/7/2009	Basra orphans welcome Army Engineers	Hi-Res	GRS	A. Al Bahrani
Project	5/1/2009	Iraqi border town to get new trauma center	Hi-Res	GRN	Mike Scheck
Project	4/30/2009	USACE project provides unique solutions to water shortage in Kurdish village	Hi-Res	GRN	Mike Scheck

[Monthly GRD Update:](#) (unclassified)

[The Gulf Region South Newsletter:](#)

6. **[Afghanistan Engineer District \(AED\)](#)**

The Freedom Builder: The on-line Field Magazine of the Afghanistan Engineer District: [May 09](#)

7. **The following information is provided by the 412th Theatre Engineer Command—LTC Forte**

30th Joint Warfighter Seminar & Joint Force Engineer Academics:

From 11 to 14 June 2009 the 412th Theater Engineer Command hosts its 30th Annual Joint Warfighter Seminar. This year's event includes our first offering of the Joint Force Engineer Academics, Theater Engineer Operations Course. The target audience is engineers and non-engineers in the grades of E-6 and above. The seminar focuses on how engineers from all branches of service contribute to success on the battle fields all over the world. This years Warfighter Seminar theme is "Full Spectrum Maneuver Support". The seminar includes an Icebreaker Cruise event aboard the United States Army Corps of Engineers Inspection Barge as it tours the majestic Mississippi River. For those family members and attendees not taking part in the Joint Academics or Saturday's Seminar a "Terrain Walk" Golf Tournament and a Spouse's Luncheon at the historic Baer House Inn, which includes historic tour opportunities, are available. Our annual Castle Ball, Dinner Dance is Saturday evening the 13 of June 2009. Registration for all of the events is available online at <http://www.412thengineers.com/Warfighter.htm>.

Operations and Engagements: The 412th TEC continues shaping operations, developing combat power and

setting conditions for systems linkage enabling 12,000 Soldiers and 3 Brigades connectivity in all applicable personnel, logistic and operational systems. The 412th TEC continues joint efforts with the 416th TEC to develop strategies that support Army Service Component Commanders (ASCC) and Combatant Commanders (COCOM) needs to integrate the Theater Engineer Commands in training and operations that support the United States Army Reserve Command (USARC) mission of maintaining an operational reserve force.

Operation Sand Castle 2009 begins 18 June 2009 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California. Operation Sand Castle is an ARFORGEN Year 4 exercise targeting battalion level collective training. The operation includes 3100 Soldiers from 58 units including 1 Engineer Brigade, 4 Engineer Battalions an RSG Headquarters and a Combat Support Hospital. These Soldiers will execute more than thirty vertical, horizontal and design engineer missions while performing realistic collective training in the tactical environment provided by the NTC.

Operation River Assault 2009 begins 28 June 2009 at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. Operation River Assault is an ARFORGEN Train/Ready 2 functional training exercise culminating in a tactical river assault utilizing the Improved Ribbon Bridge. This exercise will fill the functional training gap for Multi-Role Bridge Companies (MRBC) and Mobility Augmentation Companies (MAC). This year's participation include that of (1) BN HQ, (2) MRBC, (4) MAC, (1) CLR companies comprised of more the 600 soldiers.

8. The following information is provided by the 416th Theatre Engineer Command



Darien Il. – Retired soldier and current businessman Jack Roeser receives the coveted Bronze deFleury medal in appreciation for his accomplishments. The 416th Theater Engineer Command's Commander, Major General Paul E. Crandall presented the award at a ceremony on May 13th, 2008 in Darien Illinois. [More](#)

9. To view "[The Corps Environment](#)", a quarterly newsletter, you are invited to click on the hyperlink:

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

From the Commandant:

We are continuing to develop the Brigade Engineer Battalion proposal that I discussed at ENFORCE. This proposal recommends replacing the BSTB in the H and I BCTs with an Engineer Battalion and establishing an Engineer Battalion in the SBCTs. The battalion would have two companies - a combat engineer company and a construction company. If implemented, this organization will provide the BCTs with an organic baseline capability to conduct combat engineering, horizontal and vertical construction, assault bridging, and route clearance. This proposal has not been approved by TRADOC or the Army yet, but it will be briefed at the HBCT Warfighter Forum and we expect to have it briefed at a General Officer Review Board in June. It is important to note that we are working closely with the Maneuver Center of Excellence and the maneuver community to ensure that this has their full support before we go forward. I will continue to use the blast and other forums to keep the field informed as to the status of this important initiative.

We need to continue our focus on the lessons from ENFORCE ranging from Building Great Engineers to our Engineer Career Coach and Advisor (ECCA) program across the Regiment for Engineers assigned to units without an LTC/COL Commander to provide that. It is imperative that we develop our leaders and Soldiers to be able to meet all our missions. As we focus on the Lines of Support – Assuring Mobility, Enhancing Protection, and Enabling Expeditionary Logistics – we must grow ourselves and subordinates to be able to execute missions on these Lines of Support regardless of their current job or experience. Sappers must be able to meet all

challenges we face and our leaders must show the way.

1. From the Chief of Staff:

We continue to seek your best to serve as instructors within USAES. Brigade and Battalion Commander recommendations and referrals in this process are key to getting the right people here to train our future leaders. We are looking for you best and brightest Senior Captains, NCOs and Warrant Officers.

2. DOTLD Sends:

The 2009 ENFORCE Building Great Engineers Working Groups purpose was to further refine the issues and solutions that the BGE working groups had been working on since ENFORCE 2008.

Five Working Groups Were Conducted.

1. Generalization or Specialization. Mission: develop an executable Course of Action (COA) for officer management in support of current and future operations.
2. Functional Area Coaching & Mentoring. Mission: recommend a practical, workable solution to ensure that all junior engineer officers, regardless of their employment, receive engineer coaching and career advice, in order to improve the professional development and retention of engineer leaders.
3. Self-Development. Mission: review self-development in light of a “gap” in the Training & Education portion of BGE Campaign Plan. The self-development working group reviewed self-development in light of a “gap” in the Training & Education portion of BGE Campaign Plan. The Self Development Group used discussion and survey to develop insights and recommendations that fell into four divisions of specialization; clarity of the task, personnel load, motivation and technology. Self-development is an evolving Army practice and some USAES flexibility will be required to sustain any programs organized or supported. Aspects of the self-development way forward are in the BGE work groups of employment, retention and strategic communications. Specific recommendations of the working group were:
 - (1) Overcome some of the issues in clarity of the task by defining what is wanted.
 - (2) Help manage the personnel load by integrating career management (assignments, promotions, evaluations, etc.) and that the adoption of Green Pages will incentivize recognition.
 - (3) Survey Engineer officers and the field to better refine what is “expected” & what is “reasonable” under persistent conflict.
 - (4) Leverage the technology advantage (podcasting, online videos, etc); to push programs like a VOTEC, provide opportunities, incentives, mentoring, and stratcomms.
4. Retaining Our Engineers - Using Your Degree. Mission: identify creative opportunities for degreed engineers to go to a “broadening assignment” or developmental training.
5. Training New Engineer Technical Units. Mission: discuss the individual and collective training requirements for FEST-A, FEST-M, Contingency Response Units (CRU), Deployable Command Posts (DCP), and Engineer Facility Detachments (EFD) units. What critical skills and professional certifications are required for technical engineers? Who will resource and fund this training? The ultimate goal is to develop a comprehensive training strategy for these new units.

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

1. Upcoming Boards: Here are the critical board dates through 2nd Qtr, FY10:

FY09 MAJ Board results released	9 JUN 09
FY09 LTC Board projected release	~ JUL 09
FY09 COL ARMY / LTC SELCON Board	7 – 24 JUL 09
FY09 ROTC PMS Board	24 – 25 AUG 09
FY09 LTC MFE CMD Board	22 SEP – 9 OCT 09
FY10 MAJ ARMY / CPT SELCON Board	14 OCT – 6 NOV 09
FY 10 CPT ARMY Board	3 – 16 DEC 09
FY 10 LTC ARMY / MAJ SELCON Board	17 FEB – 12 MAR 10

2. CSA Sends: In the event you did not receive the CSA's message on Transition Team Commander's, I've included it below for your SA. Although there were not any EN officers selected for LTC TT Command, I believe it is important for our engineer senior leaders to have SA. These officers will be part of the BCT-As. As you know from my previous updates, we will have several EN field grade officers as part of the BCT-A construct (though not in a TT command capacity).

CSA 09-07

Subject: Transition Team Commanders (06 MAY 2009)

CSA SENDS

Soldiers serving on our Transition Teams are vital to our Army's Full Spectrum effectiveness in an era of Persistent Conflict. The tough, demanding nature of these positions require leaders who can influence indigenous or surrogate forces under combat and stability conditions.

Acknowledging the importance of the officers who lead these teams, my intent in June 2008 was to ensure they were recognized and given the credit they deserve. I directed that the Major's positions on these teams be immediately designated and codified in DA PAM 600-3, for all branches, as Key and Developmental (KD). I additionally directed HRC to award Centralized Selection List Credit for Lieutenant Colonels serving specifically in the Transition Team Commander positions that have direct leadership responsibility for a training/transition team.

As we shift to Modular BCTs missioned to advise and assist in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Transition Teams will be sourced from these inherently flexible formations. This decision, driven by a shift in strategy, demanded a detailed review of the way we man the Transition Team mission. I continue to believe the Transition Team Leaders selected by the Centralized Selection List board have a critical place on the battlefield.

Therefore, Officers selected as Transition Team Leaders under the FY10 Centralized Selection List board will be assigned to BCTs with the mission of advising and assisting indigenous forces to serve as Transition Team Leaders at host nation brigade/division/provincial level. Those officers selected under the FY09 Centralized Selection List for Transition Team Leader positions will receive full credit in accordance with the previous guidance.

This year there will also be two changes to the procedures in place for the FY10 Army Competitive Category Centralized Selection Lists. First, officers who accept command in the Combat Arms Operations command subcategory (A02P / CSL Transition Team) will have the option to re compete on the LTC CSL board the following year. Second, ACC officers selected as principals, or activated, in an operations command category will be afforded the opportunity to decline without prejudice within 14 calendar days of the list release date, or notification of activation.

Our ability to train and operate effectively with indigenous or surrogate forces is critical to 21st century landpower. I am confident the deployment of Modular BCTs augmented to accomplish the mission of advising

and assisting indigenous forces will leverage the experience and lessons from countless Transition Team members as we adapt to an era of Persistent Conflict.

Army Strong
GEN Casey

3. Fellowship Reminder:

Below is a reminder of the program suspense dates for nominations. Please pass to your subordinates for their SA. Information on all these fellowships can be found through links on the HRC website.

- (1) General Wayne A. Downing Scholarship – 10 July 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-100)
- (2) Harvard Strategist Scholarship – 10 July 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-044)
- (3) DoS Strategist Policy Planning Fellowship – 15 July 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-047)
- (4) George C. Marshall European Center Fellowship – 15 July 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-047)
- (5) Asia-Pacific Center Fellowship – 15 July 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-047)
- (6) Olmsted Scholarship – 17 July 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-048)
- (7) Congressional Fellowship – 31 July 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-065)
- (8) Arroyo Center Fellowship – 31 July 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-066)
- (9) JCS/OSD/ARSTAF Scholarship – 4 September 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-099)
- (10) Information Assurance Scholarship – 30 October 2009 (MILPER MESSAGE 09-098 (AFIT); 09-101 (NPS); 09-102 (IRMC & PARTNER UNIV))

4. Cycle 10-01. HRC is finalizing the assignments that will be available to our officers for the next cycle (1 NOV 09-28 FEB 10). If your officers are projected to depart your units during this time frame, please ensure that they have contacted their assignment officers to submit their preferences. Same assignment rules apply. If the officer has not deployed for at least one year (cumulative) post 9-11 to OIF or OEF, he/she should plan on going down range. Additionally, if an officer has not deployed in 4 or 5 years, regardless of deployed time, he/she should plan on deploying again. Assignment officers DO NOT have the assignments available for the next cycle. Please advise them not to call their AO and ask “what’s available?” AO’s will provide the information to them as soon as possible.

5. Fort Hood. The Engineer Branch Team (Toy, Gordon and Burris) had an incredible visit to Fort Hood 12-13 May 09. My thanks to COL Kent Savre for sponsoring our trip. As usual, the one on one sessions with our engineer officers were the highlight of our visit...of course, after the wonderful home cooked meal by Mary Beth Savre! The next EN Branch visit is scheduled for Alaska in August 09. Our EN MAJs AO will be headed to Leavenworth in the first week of AUG to do our initial visit with the new ILE Class. Please let us know if you would like Engineer Branch to visit your officers soon! We can help them with their career timeline and provide them the opportunity to directly update their ORB with our branch technicians!

6. USACE Aide-de-Camp Opportunities. Engineer Branch projects three upcoming opportunities for senior EN LTs/junior EN CPTs to serve as aides to our engineer general officers. If you have an interested officer, please have him/her contact me as soon as possible. Locations are: South Atlantic Division (Atlanta, GA), North Atlantic Division (Brooklyn, NY) and Northwestern Division (Portland, OR). Time frame for assignment is SEP 09 – FEB 10. If selected, the officer may or may not attend ECCC before reporting for duty. The specific timeline will be worked out once an officer is selected for assignment.

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V/R Mark

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Congratulations to the selectees.

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LTC(P)	FLEMING, ED	NEW ORLEANS
LTC(P)	GRAHAM, BUTCH	PITTSBURGH
COL	HALL, JEFF	SAVANNAH
LTC(P)	HOFMANN, TONY	KANSAS CITY
COL	LEADY, BILL	SACRAMENTO
LTC(P)	MASSET, GLEN	LITTLE ROCK
LTC(P)	PRICE, MIKE	ST. PAUL
LTC(P)	REICHLING, VERNIE	MEMPHIS
COL	ROEMHILDT, STEVE	MOBILE
COL	SALLESE, CHRIS	GALVESTON
COL	TEAGUE, MIKE	TULSA
COL	TOY, MARK	LOS ANGELES
COL	TRUESDELL, BRYAN	JAPAN

EN BDEs

LTC(P)	MILHORN, JEFF	130TH EN BDE (HAWAII)
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MEBS

LTC(P)	ANDERSON, CAROL	1ST MEB (POLK)
LTC(P)	WILLIAMS, BARRY	3RD MEB (ALASKA)

EN TRAINING BDE

COL	CRAWFORD, KENNY	1ST EN BDE (LEONARD WOOD)
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LTC MFE COMMAND

DISTRICTS

LTC	BALES, STEVE	BUFFALO
LTC	CALDWELL, DAVE	WALLA WALLA
LTC	DEROSIER, MIKE	DETROIT
MAJ(P)	DICIRO, TORREY	SAN FRANCISCO
LTC	GUTTORMSEN, DOUG	HONOLULU
LTC	SECRIST, PHIL	PHILADELPHIA
LTC	WILLIAMS, JASON	ALBUQUERQUE

EN BNs

MAJ(P)	BAUMGARTNER, CRAIG	15TH EN BN (SCHWEINFURT)
MAJ(P)	BOGGS, KEN	92ND EN BN (STEWART)
MAJ(P)	BROOKS, MIKE	52ND EN BN (CARSON)
MAJ(P)	GIBBS, KIRK	1ST EN BN (RILEY)
MAJ(P)	GILBERTI, JAYSON	9TH EN BN (SCHWEINFURT)
LTC	HOFFMEISTER, MARC	6TH EN BN (RICHARDSON)
MAJ(P)	KELLY, JASON	20TH EN BN (HOOD)
MAJ(P)	PEARSON, NATALIE	46TH EN BN (POLK)
LTC	RAY, DAVID	19TH EN BN (KNOX)

EN TRAINING BN

LTC	HOWELL, PATRICK	169TH EN BN (LEONARD WOOD)
LTC	QUINN, JOEL	35TH EN BN (LEONARD WOOD)

BSTBs		
MAJ(P)	WAMBEKE, BRAD	2 BCT, 82ND ABN (BRAGG)

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

1. Please join OCE in welcoming LTC John Eisenhower, the newest member of the Engineer and Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) Organizational Integrator Team. LTC Eisenhower just completed command of the 37th Engineer Battalion at Ft Bragg, NC. He is currently transitioning with COL Courtney Paul, who will be departing in July for Senior Service College. COL Paul will remain in the G-3 Force Management shop, but is currently the lead for HQDA on the TRADOC Force Design Assessment
2. Click this link to see the [U.S. Army's June 1st "Faces from the Front" Soldier - SGT Ryan Kindhart](#) from Alpha Company, 46th ECB (H). He was nominated by the BN and then selected by the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.
3. **[ALARACT 163/2009](#) - ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH (1-30 SEPTEMBER 2009):** THE ARMY WILL OBSERVE SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. THIS YEARS THEME IS IMPROVING OUR SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES HEALTH: A HEALTHY FORCE COMBATTING HIGH RISK BEHAVIORS. THIS THEME CONVEYS THE MESSAGE THAT THE ARMY IS COMMITTED TO A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF OUR SOLDIERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND DEPARTMENT OF ARMY CIVILIANS (DACs). AS PART OF THE ARMY'S COMMITMENT TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL BEING OF ITS SOLDIERS, FAMILIES, AND DACs, THE ARMY IS JOINING THE NATION AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN OBSERVING NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK, 6 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2009. BY PROMOTING HEALTH AND RISK REDUCTION, WE ARE CONVINCED THERE WILL BE A DROP IN THE SUICIDE RATE. THE THEME ALSO REMINDS US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FOCUSING ON ALL ASPECTS OF HEALTH NECESSARY FOR OVERALL FITNESS. WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO HELP A FELLOW SOLDIER, FAMILY MEMBER, OR DAC WHO NEEDS THE STRENGTH OF OUR TEAM.
4. **[ALARACT 162/2009](#) Diploma Mills:** THIS MESSAGE IS TO INFORM SOLDIERS OF THE PITFALLS AND CONSEQUENCES SURROUNDING THE ACQUISITION OF FALSE EDUCATION CREDENTIALS FROM UNACCREDITED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. THE ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND IS INITIATING AN ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN TO WARN SOLDIERS ABOUT THESE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO WORK WITH ARMY EDUCATORS AND PERSONNELISTS TO INSURE SOLDIERS ARE NOT ENTICED BY UNSCRUPULOUS VENDORS TO PURCHASE THESE FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS. SOLDIERS WHO KNOWINGLY PURCHASE ONE OF THESE DOCUMENTS FROM A "DIPLOMA MILL" AND ATTEMPT TO HAVE IT PLACED IN THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PERSONNEL FILE (OMPF) FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTION/ASSIGNMENT CONSIDERATION OR OTHER MILITARY REASONS ARE PERPETRATING A CRIME, WHICH MAY BE PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UCMJ.
5. **[ALARACT 160/2009](#) - DEPLOYMENT EXTENSION INCENTIVE PAY (DEIP):** THE DEPLOYMENT EXTENSION INCENTIVE PAY (DEIP) PROGRAM IS AN ACTIVE ARMY, NOT TO INCLUDE RESERVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS ON ACTIVE DUTY, INCENTIVE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE ENLISTED SOLDIERS WHO DO NOT INTEND TO REENLIST TO EXTEND THEIR SERVICE VOLUNTARILY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A DEPLOYMENT WITH THE UNIT TO WHICH THEY ARE

CURRENTLY ASSIGNED.

6. [ALARACT 132/2009](#) - ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011 ARMY REGIONAL FELLOWSHIPS - LTC LEVEL
7. [ALARACT 134/2009](#) - FY2010 GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
8. [ALARACT 135/2009](#) - AY 2010/2011 DCS, G-3/5/7, HARVARD STRATEGIST PROGRAM
9. [ALARACT 136/2009](#) - FISCAL YEAR 2010 JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY STAFF INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
10. [ALARACT 137/2009](#) - FISCAL YEAR 2010 OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
11. [ALARACT 144/2009](#) - FISCAL YEAR 2011 ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
12. Leaders, each year the USO honors one of our heroes at their annual gala event held here in Washington D.C. This year's event will be on October the 7th. They are once again asking us to select an outstanding junior enlisted Soldier. They define junior enlisted as Sergeant and below. This is an event past years selectees have enjoyed as the USO provides them and one guest with transportation two and from Washington, hotel accommodations, meals and ground transport. The USO goes out of their way to treat them special giving them the opportunity to participate in special tours of the White House and U.S. Capitol Building and attending meetings with members of Congress and Army Leadership. The USO cannot, however, transport Soldiers from OCONUS. I am looking for nominations from you for the 2009 USO Soldier of the Year. The requirement is a Soldier who represents the Army's heroic service, demonstrated through a specific act of heroism within the last 12 months. I am attaching the USOs summary information form and the basic format for your nominees write up. The attached memo speaks to a 1 May suspense date but we did not receive the request until yesterday. Given that, I'd like to have your nominees by the 22d or earlier if possible. The SMA will review each nominee and select the awardee. This is one of only a few great opportunities we get each year to recognize the outstanding service of our younger Soldiers. As always, thanks for your support. [Nomination information](#)
13. [ALARACT 153/2009](#) - MILITARY ONESOURCE CRISIS LINE / THE DEFENSE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (DCOE) OUTREACH CENTER

***** Engineers in the National Capitol Region:** Each month the Office of the Chief of Engineers hosts an Engineer Round-up at the Crystal City Gateway Marriot Bin 1700 Lounge commencing at 1700 on the last Thursday of the month, excluding November and December. Engineers and those who support Engineers are more than welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to catch up on what's going on in the Engineer Community from a broad spectrum of perspectives. If you do not get an invitation now, please notify me to so that I can add you to the specific distribution list. Click here to be added to the email list [DAEN-ZC](#) .

You can always find all the Messages to the Regiment at our AKO site are linked at the bottom of this document —AKO Login is required. For those having a hard time getting to the files that require an AKO logon, here is a [screenshot](#) to show where the files are physically located.

F: Topics of Interest: SWORDS UP!



The 18th Engineer Brigade closes in on its thirteenth month in Iraq. As the Iraq political situation shifts closer to Coalition Forces departing major cities, the Brigade has increasingly focus on putting Iraqis in the lead for

Reconstruction and Engineer Operations. One of three highlights this month is the Mosul Rubble removal and Trash cleanup project. [More](#)

G. Engineer Unit Highlight: [35th Engineer Battalion](#)

Need some units to step up and provide their unit info to update this section.

This feature provides a venue for Engineer Units/Activities to post unit information. If you are an OIC/NCOIC of an Engineer Unit/Activity and would like your organization mentioned here, download the template and email back to me. All entries will be consolidated on a master page as they come in.

Engineer Unit Highlight: [Former Submissions](#)

H. Recurring Links: [Engineer School News](#); [Engineer Casualties](#) ; [PASSAGES](#)

[The Engineer Lifelong Learning Portal](#) [USACE Organizations](#) ; [The Engineer Update](#) ; [Military OneSource](#)

[Essayons Forward](#) ; [The Engineer Magazine](#); [Current PERSCOM Messages](#). ; [412th ENCOM](#) ;

[The West Point Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering](#) ; [USMA Basecamp](#) ; .

[The USACE Installation Support Community of Practice Portal](#), [Engineering Knowledge Online](#) ;

[Topographic Engineering Center](#) ; [United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center](#);

[The West Point Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering: ADSO Incentives Program](#)

[ENGINEER UNIT REGIMENTAL LINKS](#) [Joint Task Force North](#) ; [Engineer Museum Reference Library](#).

[Maneuver Support Center of Excellence](#) [Check your entire Official Military Personnel File \(OMPF\)](#)

[Check and certify the file that the board will use \(My Board\)](#), [Check your current ORB \(My ORB\)](#)

[Submit your online Assignment Preference \(AIM\)](#) , [Certify your new official photo \(DAPMIS\)](#)

[Submit your Command / CFD / SSC Preference Online](#) , [Check your Senior Rater Profile \(Dash 2\)](#)

[Check to see if HRC has received your OER \(IWRS\)](#) , [USACE Historical Vignettes](#) , [Video Engineer Update](#)

I. Engineers Supporting Engineers—Professional Organizations Links:

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

a. AEA has new member benefits –including random awards each year –top random awards are round-trip air

fares for 2 , and 48 other prizes. Every engineer soldier and USACE civilian can benefit from AEA membership –Join AEA.

b. AEA has a web page dedicated to Industry support to the Warfighter

c. JOBS...after the Army: AEA has a complete online Career Center. You can learn about civilian opportunities autonomously. Research or survey the commercial job market with FREE (ANONYMOUS) resume post at the AEA CareerCenter online.

d. Hot JOBS! A well known International company is looking for a Senior Director of Construction Management in DC area. Email Jack O'Neill at jd@armyengineer.com for details.

2. [Society of American Military Engineers](#) : [The Military Engineer Online](#) : [Membership](#) [SAME Current eNEWS](#)

5th Annual Joint Engineer Senior NCO Symposium June 23-24, 2009, Atlantic Beach and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 5th Annual Joint Engineer Senior NCO Symposium, June 23-24, 2009, in Atlantic Beach and Camp Lejeune, N.C. will feature lively discussions about NCO-contractor partnerships, best practices from all branches of the military, and open dialogue about NCO issues and concerns. This two-day forum, hosted by the SAME NCO Council, will feature several keynote speakers, including Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, P.E., Chief of Engineers and Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers; RADM Richard Cellon, P.E., Commander, 1st Naval Construction Division; and Col. Steve Heesacker, Commandant, Marine Corps Engineer School. The symposium includes discussions with a Joint Senior Enlisted Engineer Panel and a Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC) Panel, a tour of Camp Lejeune, and a presentation from the University of North Dakota on how to receive an ABET accredited engineering degree on line. This event is open exclusively to Sponsors, NCOs and invited guests.

For more information and updates, go to www.same.org/NCOsymposium.

a. "The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is currently undertaking a grass roots effort to reach out to aspiring engineering and architects at local universities. SAME membership is FREE for students and also provides them opportunities for leadership, mentorship and potential internships or first jobs. To learn more about the SAME college outreach program and how to help set up a chapter at your university or a university near you, please visit www.same.org/college or send the Ben Matthews an email at samecollegeoutreach@gmail.com.

b. The Society of American Military Engineers, SAME offers **free memberships to students of the [Engineer Career Captains Course](#) and the [Engineer Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course](#)**. (Active, Reserve, National Guard – any phase)

c. **Deployed Engineering Team:** Get *The Military Engineer and SAME News* delivered directly to you! Complete our [temporary deployment form](#) and we will send your SAME materials to you onsite while serving in your area of operational responsibility (AOR). This free service is just one of the many ways SAME salutes our members. [Click here to provide your temporary AOR contact information](#).

d. **Transitioning from military service?** Retiring from the 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](#) web site. *The service is free for SAME members.* The site has been or is being utilized by over 300 companies that through their placement of job announcements have access to your resume

3. **TEOCSA (The Engineer OCS Association)** [Website coming soon](#)

4. **[Army Engineer Officer Wives' Club](#)**: AEOWC is a worldwide organization with members located wherever Army Engineers are stationed, or have retired. [Become a member](#)

Visit our website at <http://www.AEOWC.com>.

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