



MESSAGE TO THE REGIMENT #68:

“The Engineer Blast”

30 July 2009

A. Overview: The Office of the Chief of Engineers is pleased to forward this 68th 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.

The following Army General Officer nominations were confirmed by the Senate on 31 July 2009

Major General John E. Sterling, Jr., United States Army, for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. He is currently serving as Assistant Chief of Staff, C-3/J-3, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea/Deputy Commanding General, Eighth United States Army, Korea



The Chief of Staff, Army announces the assignments of the following officers

Brigadier General Kendall P. Cox, Commanding General, United States Army Engineer Division, Southwestern, Dallas, Texas to Commanding General, Gulf Region Division, Multi-National Corps - Iraq, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq



Brigadier General John R. McMahon, Director, J-7, Engineering, United States Forces-Afghanistan, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan to Commanding General, United States Army Engineer Division, Southwestern, Dallas, Texas





From left to right: CPT Ben Washkowiak, Mrs. Kris Watson, Miss Rachel Watson, BG Watson and MG Hertling.

The following general officers are promoted to the ranks indicated below.

Brigadier General Bryan G. Watson is currently serving as the Commandant, United States Army Engineer School/Deputy Commanding General, Concepts, Doctrine and Organizations, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

On 10 July 2009, Mrs Kris Watson and Miss Rachel Watson carefully unfurl BG Watson's flag while he and MG Hertling watch. BG Watson served as Chief of Staff for MG Hertling when he commanded 1st AR DIV during an OIF rotation.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR MICHAEL M. BALCH
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND
HAS BEEN SELECTED AS

SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER/ADVISOR TO NATO ALLIED
COMMAND OPERATIONS SHAPE IN MONS, BELGIUM



Blog with the Regimental Command Sergeant Major, CSM Robert Wells. Let the Engineer community know what you think.

"Engineer force structure in the Army today." by CSM Robert Wells, Regimental Sergeants Major, US Army Engineer School ;

Engineer Proficiency: Technical vs Tactical (CSM Wells' Blog) #2

Individual Skills in a COIN Environment (CSM Wells Blog) #3

The Office of the Chief of Engineers needs high quality photographs of your Engineers in action (any era and any facet of Engineering). We intend to select from your submissions photos to frame and display in our offices in the Pentagon. We will put the remainder in a digital photo frame to display in the Chief of Engineers office. Please rename your photos using the following naming convention: UIC-approximate date-extremely brief description. (Example: W00AAA-mm/dd/yy-Convoy to Baghdad) Then load into AKO folder (permissions may be required) <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/folder/17911695> . In the description place your rank and name.

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

1. Teammates,

What a GREAT week we've had at the Summer Leaders Conference in Orlando.

This week we've made a lot of progress, brainstormed, shared ideas willingly and stole ideas shamelessly (you know how I love that).

We broke the week into three categories that will help us advance toward GREAT:

1. Assessing our Progress
2. Creating a Culture of Innovation
3. Synchronizing Corps Performance

We had many panel discussions, breakout groups and guest speakers - all designed to help us create an environment where we are all working toward the same goals, and using the same tools where we need to, but with the freedom to be innovative and creative in how we "get 'er done."

Being in Orlando this week, we talked a lot about the success of Disney, and even heard from one of their "Imagineers." And just that name alone made me think that our title should be "Solutioneers," because we engineer solutions!

One area where we are synchronizing is the USACE brand. This week, we unveiled the new look of the Corps - the Web site, Power Point templates, brochures, posters - the works. You can find the templates for these on the intranet at: <https://kme.usace.army.mil/CoPs/PublicAffairsOffice/Branding/default.aspx> (may only be available to USACE)

Here's the big point with this branding - I want us all to look the same. The purpose and true essence of our brand is when people see our castle, they think of an organization that consistently delivers superior performance. But even on the design, there is flexibility to put pictures of your people, your projects - and make it represent you.

We also made great progress in our efforts to standardizing a USACE Family Readiness Network - and I think you can expect to see both policy, and communication efforts established to make it so that everyone has access to the most basic information they need - deployees and their families - to make sure we don't leave anyone behind. The other thing we did this week, which we just can't do enough of, is we honored some of our stand-out teammates. There are so many to mention, but I'd like to highlight our Civilian of the Year, Dr. Kirankumar Topudurti. Dr. Topudurti is the Deputy Director of Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL). He is definitely in the right seat on this bus! His contributions to environmental engineering are recognized internationally and we are so lucky to have him on our team.

Dr. Topudurti and the other award winners this year are really staying true to our vision:

"A GREAT engineering force of highly disciplined people working with our partners through disciplined thought and action to deliver innovative and sustainable solutions to the Nation's challenges."

As you look at your role in the Corps, I want you to consider yourself a critical piece of the puzzle. Without you, we're like a puzzle that's missing pieces - it's incomplete, and far from GREAT.

And to explain what I mean, I'd like you to watch this video from the SLC.

Check out the story here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gY3Xisa8W3M>

(If you can't view the Web site, we'll post the video to the intranet when we get back next week).

Please know that this is a journey that we're all on together. We've got to define "great," chart the path ahead, measure our progress, embrace our failures (and learn from them), and we have to enjoy the journey!

Thank you for taking this journey with me! I look forward to getting to GREAT with you!

Best,
Van

BUILDING STRONG

2. **NCOs are few in USACE, but they have many vital roles.** Most people think of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a civilian agency with some Soldiers in it. But Command Sgt. Maj. Micheal Buxbaum has a different take.

“We’re really a green-suit Army organization, but we just happen to have a lot of civilian employees,” said Buxbaum, the USACE command sergeant major.

The command sergeant major has a point – USACE is an Army direct reporting unit, led by Army officers. Like any other Army command, USACE also has a sizeable group of noncommissioned officers, commonly called NCOs or sergeants. When asked to estimate of their number, Buxbaum thought for a few moments, and then said “Counting our NCOs in Afghanistan and Iraq, we have a couple hundred. That doesn’t count the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power). All of their Prime Power Soldiers come to them as either E-4 promotable or sergeants. So 90 percent of the 249th’s Soldiers are NCOs.” [Read more](#)

3. **[Defense of Freedom](#)** The Defense of Freedom Medal is the civilian equivalent to the Purple Heart. Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, honored the selfless sacrifice of James Lockard, a USACE employee. The strength of his legacy lives on in his family.

4. "On 1 March 2009, the Directorate of Contingency Operations (Provisional) (DCO) was established. The DCO combines and integrates Civil Emergency Management (CECW-HS) and the USACE G-3 (CEMP-O) into a single organization. Mr. Ed Hecker is the chief of the new directorate. The DCO will unify the resources and talent used to manage contingency operations both domestically and internationally, and will be better positioned to support the increasing workloads of Combatant Command Theater Engagement Strategies and Security Cooperation efforts while maintaining USACE efforts in other areas of responsibility. The DCO is also assuming responsibility for several other missions, to include Infrastructure Resilience, Protection / Security (G-2), Capacity Development, and Family Readiness Support."

5. 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.

7. **Engineer Publications:** [Planning: Base Camp Development In The Theater Of Operations](#)

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

[GRD Update: July 09](#)

Type	Release Date	Title	Photos	Region	Author
People	7/30/2009	GRD project manager to receive prestigious award	Hi-Res	GRS	Alicia Embrey
People	7/27/2009	Gulf Region Division employee is USACE Logistician of Year	Hi-Res	GRD	Mike Scheck
Release	7/23/2009	Gulf Region Division begins consolidation of engineer districts	Hi-Res	GRD	Mike Scheck

People	7/22/2009	GRD Soldier earns staff sergeant rank through battlefield promotion system	Hi-Res	GRS	Alicia Embrey
Project	7/17/2009	GRD water and sewage projects have measurable impact on Iraq's environment	Hi-Res	GRC	Ronald A. Reeves
Release	7/13/2009	First U.S. Air Force officer takes command of Gulf Region Division South district	Hi-Res	GRS	Alicia Embrey
Project	7/13/2009	Medical truck trains Iraqi healthcare staff in equipment operation, maintenance	Hi-Res	GRD	Rick Haverinen
Project	7/1/2009	New center brings easier healthcare access	Hi-Res	GRN	Mike Scheck

[The Gulf Region South Newsletter:](#)

9. [Afghanistan Engineer District \(AED\)](#)

Date	Title	Author
7/20/2009	Islam Qala Border Crossing Point Opens	Bruce J. Huffman
7/20/2009	A candid interview with the Chief of Engineers	Bruce J. Huffman
7/20/2009	Colonel Michael McCormick assumes command	Bruce J. Huffman
7/20/2009	Qalaa House welcomes new dining facility	Joe Marek

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

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

Operation Sand Castle:

Operation Sand Castle began 18 June 2009 at the National Training Center in Ft Irwin, California. Operation Sand Castle is an ARFORGEN Year 4 exercise targeting battalion level collective training. The operation included more than 2000 Soldiers from 58 units including one Engineer Brigade, four Engineer Battalions, an RSG headquarters and a Combat Support Hospital. The 411th EN BDE successfully managed the operational and tactical aspects of the operation. Soldiers completed construction missions to include a helipad and 6 concrete block buildings at the National Urban Warfare Complex. Interior electrical in 5 metal buildings, interior wall construction and finish work, and construction of 3 steel Quonset huts and improvement of more than 8 miles of roadway were projects completed during the exercise. To replicate operations in Afghanistan, Soldiers improved 3 wooden structures on a mountaintop to establish a combat outpost. By utilizing troop labor, NTC has realized a cost saving of more than one-half million dollars. All construction took place in the competitive tactical environment provided at the NTC. Route Clearance units received 40 hours of training in the Army's newest virtual simulator and were provided route clearance equipment to go out and conduct patrols in a realistic urban desert environment. The 399th CSH provided medical support and certified more than 300 Soldiers as Combat Life Savers. For some Soldiers this exercise was their first opportunity to experience life on the FOB. It was tough, realistic training for all. As successful as 2009 has been, we are seeking to improve the tactical integration with Brigade Combat Teams in future exercises. In 2010, the BCT's will provide C2 for our Year 4 Engineer Battalions. Construction missions will come down through the notional 52d ID to the BCT. This will provide a more realistic training opportunity for both the Engineer Battalions and the BCT. As Battalions establish a working relationship with the BCT, the Brigade engineers will have the opportunity to manage more construction assets and direct them toward the ever-increasing Civil Military Projects they will encounter in theater.

Overseas Contingency Operations: Currently, the 412th Theater Engineer Command (TEC) has numerous Soldiers mobilized in support of Overseas Contingency Operations, both in the CENTCOM and USEUCOM AORs. Additionally, the 412th TEC is now conducting staff planning in support of the pending mobilization of seven additional subordinate units.

The Soldiers comprising the 412th TEC, DCP-1 reported to Vicksburg, Mississippi on 22 July to initiate home station activities, and pre-mobilization training plan designed to enable them to form the core of a Joint Forces Engineer

Command (JFEC). The JFEC allows joint engineers to act with agility at all levels of command throughout the Afghan Theater of Operations.

COCOM Opportunities: Numerous Opportunities exist for Engineer Soldiers to participate in exciting and challenging training opportunities worldwide. The 412th TEC G3 attempts to fill these short notice requests from Army Service Component Commander's (ASCC) and Combatant Commands (COCOM) on a voluntary basis. These opportunities serve to round out a Soldier's skills and experiences, improving their effectiveness and contributions to their parent units. Commanders wishing to coordinate such an opportunity for a soldier can contact the 412th TEC G3 for further information.

11. **The following information is provided by the 416th Theatre Engineer Command:**

12. 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:

The Commandant Sends:

We just finished a series of three Warrior Forge events at Fort Lewis, introducing ROTC Cadets to the Engineers. We extend a big THANK YOU to the 4th Mobility Enhancement Brigade, the 94th EN BN, the 36th EN BDE, the 62th EN BN, the 8th EN BN, the 2nd EN BN, the Sapper Leader Course, the Divers' Course, and BG Rapp for your support. These officers provided one of the best Warrior Forge experiences for the Cadets in recent years and gave these future officers a clear view of the diverse opportunities in our Regiment. This is critical in continuing to build our Regiment and grow our leaders. Warrior Forge 09 served as an excellent opportunity to showcase the Engineer Branch to ROTC cadets, and engage cadets that are majoring in engineering. This event also provides vital information on the mission, focus, and opportunities within the Corps of Engineers to many serving Professors of Military Science and ROTC instructors. I want to thank you for allowing your Soldiers to participate in Warrior Forge 09, during this event our Soldiers interacted with over 2000 cadets. This interaction will have a major impact on the cadet's branch selection. Your Soldiers provide outstanding insight to the Corps of Engineers thereby increasing the cadet's awareness of the opportunities within our great organization. Thank you for all you do in support of this Nation and the Corps of Engineers.

Other exciting challenges ahead are the reorganization of 1st EN BDE to better train our Soldiers and better support units in the field. We are making progress with the BEB and will be updating the Warfighter Forum. We will conduct our USAES Offsite this month to focus our efforts on Building Great Engineers.

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From the Counter Explosive Hazard Center:

Engineer - Explosive Ordnance Clearance Agent (E-EOCA)

The E-EOCA course trains combat engineers to perform limited battlefield disposal of UXO (and designated single item, ordnance-based IEDs). E-EOCA is four weeks in length and is executed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. The target audience is Army Combat Engineers, but with close coordination, 18C Special Forces Engineers may attend as well. E-EOCA is an ATRRS-managed course and trains UXO/IED reconnaissance, marking, protective measures and works, identification, disposal in place, and basic robotics familiarization and use to combat engineers in order to assist them as they facilitate assured mobility and area clearance operations. Enlisted graduates of the E-EOCA course are awarded the E8 additional skill identifier (ASI). E-EOCA is an enduring requirement for all future operational environments, providing a training venue for route clearance Engineers and Sappers.

Soldiers should request school slots IAW normal school procedures for their unit/installation using

ATRRS. If slots are unavailable and Soldiers require E-EOCA immediately in support of operational deployments:

a. FORSCOM units can contact FORSCOM G3/5/7 to provide assistance in coordinating through respective installation MSE/G3. FORSCOM POCs are Mrs. Lula (Pat) Thompson at (404) 464-7035, lula.b.thompson@conus.army.mil or SGM Terry Sato at (404) 464-7371, terry.sato@conus.army.mil.

b. NGB units can contact Mr. Jim Morehouse at (703) 607-7330, jim.morehouse@us.army.mil. Requesting units will use the provided MOB request form for priority units.

c. USAR units can contact Ms. Sylvia Odutola at (404) 464-8293, bb.odutola@usar.army.mil or sylvia.odutola@us.army.mil.

d. Another option is for units to contact HQDA to begin the Training Requirement Arbitration Panel (TRAP) request. POC is Ms. Ann Lowe at (703) 695-5900, martha.lowe@conus.army.mil. NOTE: TRAP is the process to request unforecasted seats in ATRRS courses. Without requesting additional seats or classes using the established TRAP procedure, the course may not be adequately resourced to increase the projected student or course load. Ultimately, the request for seats or an entire class above current course levels must be submitted by the MACOM Quota Source Manager to TRADOC.

From DOTLD

Engineer Training Support Network (ETSN)

The ETSN is a component of a larger Engineer Synchronization System (ESS) that includes the Engineer Fusion Cell hosted by OCE. USAES operates the ETSN in an effort to bring together units scheduled for deployment with Engineer trainers world-wide. The objective is to coordinate efforts to ensure deploying units are completely trained and ready for their impending missions. Deployed Engineer forces also participate in the forum. They offer real time updates to current situations in theater, and guidance for pre-deployment training to meet current and changing mission requirements. The next ETSN Secure VTC will be conducted by the Engineer School on 15 SEP 2009 from 0800 to 1000 hours (CST). If you wish to participate, send your SVTC Site ID and contact information to leon.doimvtc@conus.army.mil. Non DISN stations, contact UROC-VTC ERDC-GSL-MS at UROC-VTC@usace.army.mil (601) 634-3485 DSN: 312-446-3485. POC: LTC Jay Gann, (573) 563-0013, DSN 676-0013, jay.gann@conus.army.mil, or Mike Boerner at (573) 563-6197, michael.boerner1@conus.army.mil.

Topics for Discussion:

-Any identified OIF Pre-MOB/Post-MOB Engineer training shortfalls due to Stability Operations and restoring essential services in Iraq?

-OEF-Afghanistan, Base Camp build-up?

-SWEAT-MSO, Infrastructure type technical skills? Do we need more training for Non degree Engineer Officers/NCO's?

-Construction Effects?

-Combat Effects, Route Clearance?

FY10 Urban Mobility Breacher Course (UMBC).

The UMBC FY10 classes are open for enrollment. The UMBC provides advanced information on urban breaching operations. The course consists of in-depth explosive theory; detailed planning that combines operational and training safety issues; urban reconnaissance; and employment of urban breaching assets, including explosive, manual, and ballistic breaching techniques for urban operations. The UMBC teaches the use of Current Force equipment that supports mobility operations in support of the maneuver force. FY10 course dates are as follows:

All classes are at CAMP LEJEUNE, NC 28542

View <<https://atrrs.army.mil/atrrscc/prerequisites.aspx?fy=2010&sch=052B&crs=4A-F11%2f030-F11&phase=&cls=010&clsflag=&startDate=2009-10-19&endDate=2009-11-03>>

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060 09 May 2010 – 25 May 2010 20 Resident
070 12 Sep 2010 – 28 Sep 2010 20 Resident

[UNITED STATES ARMY ENGINEER SCHOOL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SYSTEM](#)

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

FY09 CSM/SGM Training and Selection Board Results Congratulations to the following Non-Commissioned Officers.

NAME	PMOS	UIC	RMOS	SEQ#	NCOES	CSM
DAVIS CECIL VAN II	21Z5	4K7ZC	21Z5		RES	
EVANS RONNIE						
JEROM	21Z5	0MT72	21Z5		RES	
IRVIN JOE NATHAN J	21Y5	0MT79	21Y5	1		
ISAACS H GARY SR	21Z5	JLMAA	21Z5		RES	
JACKSON VICTOR EMA	21Y5	47Y01	21Y5	2		
KEOWN RONALD ALAN	21Z5	ATLAA	21Z5			ALT
KIDWELL CHARLES TH	21Z5	JN4AA	21Z5			ALT
MANN JEFFREY ALLAN	21Z5	E3KT0	21Z5			ALT
MCGILL RANDY	21Z5	AGEHD	21Z5		RES	
MEEKS LEONARD						
ANTH	21Z5	AZ3T0	21Z5	2		
MITCHELL WILLIE SA	21Z5	GENAA	21Z5		RES	
MOSES EUGENE JOEL	21Z5	A0MAA	21Z5		RES	
OLIPHANT DARREN JA	21Z5	JK7A0	21Z5		RES	
RAINES BRIAN TIMOT	21Z5	0VL08	21Z5		RES	
SMITH RICHARD TIMO	21Z5	1J006	21Z5			ALT
WILLIAMS GERALD LE	21Z5	AGEHD	21Z5	1		ALT
WITTE JAMES ALLEN	21Z5	AGNE0	21Z5		RES	

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

1. Engineer Blast Notes – OCE Director, August 2009

I recently joined the OCE team here in the Pentagon after a tour in Baghdad as the Chief of Staff, CJ3 (Combined-Joint Operations) Multi-National Force-Iraq and three years before that in Germany with 1st Armored Division and HQ USAREUR. I'm very honored to be part of this dedicated group of professionals serving the Engineer Regiment and Headquarters, Department of the Army. There are many familiar faces roaming the hallways of the Pentagon from my previous assignment here with the HQDA G-3/5/7 and from other duty stations. While I'm still a "new guy," the team's made me feel very much at home.

The OCE team is pleased to work closely with the Engineer School and others on initiatives like the Engineer Brigade C2 DOTMLPF Study and the Brigade Engineer Battalion. The hard work of those who've been working these areas for months seems to be paying off with notable progress in the past few weeks. We will continue to

support and press for a favorable outcome. Our Program Integration, Plans, Operations, Installation Integration, and Geospatial Branches are tackling a variety of other important issues with equal diligence and considerable success.

Our focus continues to be support to the warfighters and our sappers, bridgers, builders, and geospatial engineers in the field. We want to keep the lines of communication open and be responsive at all times. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to provide our Soldiers and Civilians with the best support possible.

Essays! COL Jim Shumway

2. Call Before You Dig...in a deployed location (for water that is) Go from less than 30% to over 90% success rate when drilling for water.

The Water Resources Data Base (WRDB) is produced and maintained at the US Army Geospatial Center (AGC). The WRDB provides information on quality, quantity, and availability of water resources in areas of the world of interest to the Department Of Defense (DoD). The AGC's water resource overlays are the primary data set populating the WRDB Geographic Information System (GIS); these are keyed to 1:250,000-scale Joint Operations Graphics maps and depict Existing Water Facilities, Surface Water supplies, and Ground Water resources. Coverage is global in extent but focused on arid and semi-arid regions of CENTCOM, EUCOM, and AFRICOM. For more information go to: http://www.agc.army.mil/fact_sheet/wrdb.pdf Call Thomas Spillman at (703) 428-7869 for more information.

3. Engineer Recon Technology Update: Laser Range Finders, Tough Book computers, and digital cameras will replace Survey Sketch Kit

The Engineering Field Planning, Reconnaissance, Surveying, and Sketching Set (ENFIRE) uses digital tools that are integrated into a common toolkit for collecting and disseminating minefield, reconnaissance and engineering data. ENFIRE enables engineers to rapidly perform reconnaissance, surveying, obstacle reporting, construction site planning, engineering project management, and inventory management. An engineer can record locations, conditions of roads and bridges, types of repairs, hazards, obstacles, and other important data discovered during the reconnaissance mission. The U.S. Army Geospatial Center is fielding 200 ENFIRE tool kits to deploying engineer units. Distribution of the kits will continue through summer 2010, and full rate production and fielding is being planned through 2015. For more information go to: <http://www.agc.army.mil/ctis/hardware/Enfire/index.html>

***** 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. (We are considering doing this event quarterly) 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 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: Combat-Related Special Compensation

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) was enacted by Congress on December 2, 2002. CRSC restores military retired pay that is offset when a military retiree accepts compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a combat-related disability or condition. This allows eligible retirees to concurrently receive an

amount equal to or less than their length of service retirement pay and their VA-disability compensation, if the injury is combat-related.

View the complete STAND-TO!

<http://www.army.mil/standto/archive/2009/08/10/?ref=email>

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 Casualties](#) ; [PASSAGES](#) ; [The Engineer Update](#) ; [Military OneSource](#)

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

[The West Point Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering](#) ; [Engineering Knowledge Online](#) ;

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

[United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center](#); [ADSO Incentives Program](#) ;

[The West Point Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering: Joint Task Force North](#) ;

[ENGINEER UNIT REGIMENTAL LINKS](#) ; [Maneuver Support Center of Excellence](#)

[Check your entire Official Military Personnel File \(OMPF\)](#) [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 \(IWRS\)](#) ,

I. Engineers Supporting Engineers—Professional Organizations Links:

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

NEWS - MEMBER PORTAL: Those major tech problems have finally been resolved, and we'll work through the bugs as we launch this new system. You can again access your membership info online. Enter the member portal by using your full email address and "Password1". You can then make changes to your email address or mailing address, renew membership, and even make a secure online donation to the Guardians of the Castle program. Check it now -- make sure we have your correct mailing address.

NEWS -- SCHOLARSHIPS: It's that time of year to promote scholarship opportunities – AEA provides scholarships for civil engineering students as well as continuing education for junior grade engineer soldiers, and DA civilians. AEA web site has all the details. If you know someone who may qualify, please tell them to apply now.

NEWS - GUARDIANS OF THE CASTLE: Please consider adding your name to our 2009 Guardians of the Castle. Your contribution enables us to continue our work to tell the stories of our proud Regiment, to honor the memory of our fallen comrades, and also provide awards and scholarships to deserving members.

At the end of June, we will close out the 2009 Guardians of the Castle fund drive, and we'll be publishing donor names in the September / October issue of Army Engineer. If you have not yet contributed, please go online now at: http://www.armyengineer.com/guardians_castle.html

Or send in this email card.

<<https://www.netforumondemand.com/temp/ClientImages/AEA/4910f952-c79e-40c0-b01c-f809a641e432.jpg>>

Thanks for all your support.

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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.

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

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)

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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](#)

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