



416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION



“past and present serving together for the future”

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A Note from Your Association President

TITLE: Two Reunions and Technology Today

When you spend forty-two of your sixty years of life being a part of the military machine (like most of us), you tend to enjoy all things military history focused. With that in mind, this past June, I drove to Virginia to attend the East Coast chapter reunion. The reunion was held in Petersburg and the Fort Lee area and paid attention to the events that occurred during the final year of the Civil War that ended in April, 1865.



Significant effort was put forth by Lee Pryor (board member) and Fran Strouse (former board member) to bring around the activities for the weekend. Included were the following events:

Friday night informal get together

Saturday staff ride with the following Civil War area visits:

Petersburg’s siege lines and battlefields

Union Army’s logistical center at City Point

General Grant’s log cabin command center at City Point

“The Crater” where Union Soldiers tried to penetrate Confederate lines

Visit the “refurbished” Poplar Grove National Cemetery for Union and Confederate Soldiers

Saturday evening dinner with guest speaker former United States Army Corps of Engineers commanding officer LTG Robert Flowers

Sunday informal breakfast

The whole event was well planned as it displayed some of the critical items that affected the history of our nation. A “Well Done” to Lee and Fran for putting on an exceptional event. Pictures are available online at the Association’s website.

The Chapter is also working on their next reunion scheduled for sometime in 2020. Word has it they might plan the reunion around the US Army Museum scheduled to open in early 2020 near Alexandria, Virginia. If so, it would be a great opportunity to see how the museum has filled the void that represents the Army’s 240+ years of history.

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A Note from Your Association President continued

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The second reunion worth noting comes this November when the Association conducts its annual dinner in the Chicago area. 2018 marks the 15th anniversary of the 416th ENCOM's deployment as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This dinner is an "unofficial" reunion for all of those who can attend.

The date is Saturday, November 3rd at the Argonne Research facility located in Darien, IL, just south of the 416th headquarters. The speaker will be Air Force LtCol Vince Catich, who was a U2 pilot during OIF and brings a "high-level" prospective during the early stages of the war. MG (R) Robert Heine, the former commander of the ENCOM when it was deployed to Iraq will provide comments as well.

More details on the dinner are noted later in this newsletter. Hope you decide to attend.

Finally, I'd like to offer a few words on the topic of technology and where I'm headed. I've always been a leading participant in getting involved with digital technology over the past 40+ years. I remember in high school back in the early seventies that simple calculators were a major topic of discussion. Slide rulers were the "technological" tool of choice and simple calculators gave an unfair advantage to students who could afford them. I could not afford them, but agreed that students should be allowed to use them if they had the means to buy them.

From there, while working at 3M in Minnesota, I was selected to be one of the engineers to work with the new IBM and Apple computers. This led me to stay close with the frequent changes in the computer and internet industry. I remember using protocols to access "internet databases" of engineer data located in universities across the country.

Since then, but at a slower pace, I still remain engaged with this ever-changing digital world.

Recently, for reasons I can't simply explain, I've decided to pull back and re-evaluate my engagement with the digital world. As a simple example, in my heyday, I was using three cell phones (3M, Army and personal) and carried them everywhere I went. In short, I was over-connected, and ultimately left me being burned out with the digital world.

These days, I purposely leave my cell phone home and go out for some "unconnected" fun as time is becoming more and more irrelevant for me these days. I still check emails and read news sources off the internet, but not at the rate I use to. So if you email or call me and I don't response immediately, know that it is not personal, that it is me testing out my new "boundaries". Hopefully, it won't cost me too much as I try to find a nice groove to retire into.

Respectfully

Bob Stanek

Board President



416th ENCOM Association Treasurer's Report

Submitted by COL (R) John Erickson

Activities: January 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018

Opening Balance: January 1, 2018 \$ 7,777.74

Expenses:

Northeast Reunion	\$ 1,455.17
Warrior Awards 2018	\$ 500.00
TEC Family Day (Bounce House)	\$ 224.78
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,179.95

Income/Deposits:

Annual Dinner/Meeting	\$ 100.00
NE Reunion 2018	\$ 1,320.47
Total Income/Deposits:	\$ 1,420.47

Closing Balance: August 31, 2018 \$ 7,018.26

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CARA & 416th TEC Group Run

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/416thengineers/sets/72157898232908571/with/43927828581/>



416th Theater Engineer Command Soldiers and [Chicago Area Runners Association \(CARA\)](#) members from the "[Yankee Runners Group](#)" teamed up for a run through Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in the early morning hours of the Sunday battle assembly (5, August 2018) in Darien, Illinois.

1SG Jason Fiedler hopes it will become a reoccurring event.



416th TEC CURRENT OPERATIONS



RIVER ASSULT

FORT CHAFFEE, AR - River Assault is an exercise that brought bridging units to the 300-meter gap that is the Arkansas River, with the participants building a bridge across it in 4 hours. Each of four different bridge units, commanded by the 489th Engineer Battalion, Little Rock, Ark built a quarter of the bridge.

The multi-component force consisted of two U.S. Army Reserve units, a Marine unit and a unit from the Kentucky National Guard: the 739th Multi-Role Bridge Company (MRBC), Granite City, Ill.; the 361st MRBC, Spartanburg, S.C.; C Company 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Millington, Tenn.; and the 2061st MRBC, Burlington, Ky.



"We don't really get the opportunity to build full enclosures. We don't have the manpower or the assets, so to bring this many bays together is real-world." Said Staff Sgt. Ross Tennant, bridge commander from the 739th MRBC.

40 bridge pieces or "bays" were needed to complete the crossing. The bays are sections of the bridge that are transported to the slip or splash point and dropped in the water by a common bridge transporter (CBT). The bays are then locked open, and connected together.

The activity is a choreographed movement of many 12 Charlies, or bridge crewman, working in concert with each other. Some run around on the bays locking the "dog bones" in place, while others tie mooring lines to the different bays to pull them together. Still others spin the locks with t-handles to lock the bays in place.



All units taking part in the exercise never stopped moving. Each day's training started at 2:00 in the morning, going until 8:00 P.M., with Opposing Force (OPFOR) interrupting their sleep with attacks throughout the night.

"Out here for [annual training], we've been building five bay floats, and we'll build them up, break them down, and build them again. Which made us more proficient." Said Tennant.

The repetition created opportunities for team-building between the units. "We had a couple rough spots in the beginning, but we worked it out. We all started working cohesively, and got it together." Said Spc. Christopher Luckey, assistant bridge commander, 739th MRBC.

The culminating event started at 3:00 in the morning with the 469th Mobile Augmentation Company (MAC), Dodgeville, Wis., and the 194th Military Police Company, Ft. Knox, Ky., moving up to the splash points to secure the near shore, and the route to get there.

OPFOR began their assault with harassing fire, artillery barrages and gas attacks. At this point training really turned up a notch. The teams found themselves constantly returning fire, and donning their gas masks just to take them off after leadership yelled, "All Clear."

Then the 739th's CBTs brought in the Bridge Erecting Boats (BEB) to drop them in the water. This usually takes less than five minutes, but under the cover of darkness and the constant attacks by OPFOR, the ground guides and operators took extra care using chem-lights to guide the massive trucks with their cargo to the shore. Once the turbo-charged twin diesel engine powered boats were in the water, they sped off to cover the far shore and allow the security team to cross and take up fighting positions.

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RIVER ASSULT

Just before 6:00, as the first rays of morning shown through to the East, the first bays were dropped in the water. The massive hollow aluminum bays slid right off the back of the CBTs, hit the water, unfolded like a massive "W", and with a splash, and upward spray of water, laid flat bobbing in the water. Then the single piece of floating roadway waited for a team of bridge crewmen to lock it in place and lead it to connect to another bay.

10 to 15 minutes later, a barge of five bays appeared out of the cacophony of smoke, flares, and gunfire to pick up the track vehicles and Humvees carrying Soldiers of the 469th, and MPs from the 194th, ferrying them to assault the objective lurking in the woods on the other side.



U.S. Marines from the 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Millington Tenn., and U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 739th Multi-Role Bridge Company, Granite City, Ill., and the 652nd Engineer Detachment, Hammond, Wisc., teamed up for sling load operations.

At the same time, CH47 Chinook helicopters from B Company 7/158 aviation, New Century, Kan., swooped down, bays dangling below, to follow the river to where the Marines of C 6ESB waited to build their portion of the bridge that would span the Arkansas. The 2061st and the 361st were building their bridge sections as well. And once the 739th ferried the security teams across, they got to work completing their portion of the bridge.

Once done with their bridges, all four units came together. The Marines and the 361st connected and shoved their half snugly up on the far shore, while the 739th and the National Guardsmen from the 2061st brought theirs to the near shore. Then began a tug of war between the current, the shoreline and the two sets of bridges destined

to span the cavernous gap.

The two halves of the bridge lined up, and the race was on to lock them in place. Teams on the left and right side of the bridge tugged at ropes to keep the bridge aligned, as teams of two spun the t-handles to lock the bridge together. Then, spinning the t-handles tight, and with a quarter turn back, the bridge was complete. Shortly before 10:00, the bridge commanders inspected the bridge.

As the BEBs hummed along anchoring the Improved Ribbon Bridge in place, LTG Charles Luckey, Chief of the Army Reserve and commanding general United States Army Reserve Command; 416th Theater Engineer Command Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Miyako Schanely; 412th Theater Engineer Command commanding General, Maj. Gen. Daniel Christian walked the bridge, and congratulated all of the Soldiers and Marines involved.



Left, 412th TEC CDR, MG Daniel Christian follows behind USAR Chief of the Army Reserve and CDR USARC, LTG Charles Luckey, with 416th TEC CDR MG Miyako Schanely, right

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RIVER ASSULT

Afterward, LTG Luckey spoke to the crowd of Soldiers, and reminded them of the importance of the mission and being part of a team. A team that is more than just one Soldier.



U.S. Army Reserve Lt. Gen. Charles Luckey, Chief of the U.S. Army Reserve and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Reserve Command, gives a motivational speech.

1,500 Soldiers and Marines participated in River Assault. The exercise was facilitated by the 416th Theater Engineer Command, with mission command provided by the 420th Engineer Brigade from Bryant, Texas. The 391st Engineer Battalion, Greenville, S.C., provided engineer support, quartermaster support, and communications support to the whole exercise. Without this teamwork, training at River Assault would not be possible.

All the while during River Assault, the engineer motto was at the front of these engineer's minds evident in the words of Spc. Luckey, "Let's just get it done. Let us try." Essayons!

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Jason Proseus

AKO Link: <https://www.army.mil/article/209279/>



Assaulting the far shore objective during River Assault.



U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 489th Engineer Battalion, Little Rock, Arkansas, conduct mission command over the culminating event wet gap crossing during River Assault, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, July 25, 2018. River Assault is a key U.S. Army Reserve training event, ran by the 420th Engineer Brigade, that the 416th TEC employs to prepare trained and ready engineer units and Soldiers (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jason Proseus/416th TEC).

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Operation Lewis Strike 18

23rd BEB & 321st EN BN, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

Mission:

The 23rd BEB and the 321st EN BN conducted a Wet Gap Crossing exercise "Operation Lewis Strike" at JBLM, WA from 20-22 July 2018. B Co, 23rd BEB participated as the assault force seizing the far side of the wet gap and the 671st Multi-Role Bridge Company established the Improved Ribbon Bridge across Lake Sequelitchew.



23rd BEB TAC joins Badger Co across the wet gap as they seize OBJ Chrome to establish far side security.



Elements of 23rd BEB cross the Improved Ribbon Bridge.

Results Achieved:

The 321st EN BN and the 23rd BEB combined their training objectives to achieve a higher level of training proficiency for Wet Gap Crossing operations that neither unit could achieve without the other. The multi-component exercise trained the BN staffs in working with external units and coordinating multiple company elements for a complex operation. Company and platoon leadership learned effective risk mitigation for water operations, and how to conduct WGC as part of a larger Brigade task force. The 23rd BEB and 321st EN BN look forward to training together in the future as part of their shared partnership.



Key leaders conducted a Combined Arms Rehearsal.



LTC Melin (23rd BEB CDR) presents LTC Smith (321st EN BN CDR) with a BN COA to commemorate the successful training event and partnership.

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907th Engineer Detachment (Firefighters)

Conducts training at the North Bend Fire Training Academy North Bend, WA

The 907th Engineer Detachment (Firefighters), 321st Engineer Battalion, provides oversight of six subordinate Fire-fighting teams, three located in Yakima, WA and three in Tustin, CA. For the units' two week annual training, they conducted a week of training at Yakima Training Center (YTC) then culminated with EXEVAL Washington State Fire Training Academy in North Bend, WA. This was the first time in 5 years the units all trained together since the units were organized into their current structure. The 907th & Six subordinate DETs trained the majority of their firefighter specific tasks at the Fire Training Academy, located in the Cascade Mountains of Washington. Owned by the Washington State Patrol, the Fire Training Academy is used to train and certify state and local firefighters in various firefighting tasks. The facility is designed to simulate real life fires and common situations. Some of these situational training sites include structural, vehicle, aircraft, and various other types of fires - fueled by diesel, propane, wood, and other flammable gasses. The combination of various situations and fuel types test the firefighters skills & techniques to analyze and react, as not all situations are approached the same.

The 907th & DETs spent their first week at YTC conducting Individual Weapons Qualification (IWQ), rehearsing drills, and conducting safety checks / serviceability of their equipment before convoying their firefighter trucks and equipment on the 100 mile trek from YTC through the Cascade Mountains to North Bend. In North Bend, they spent five days on live fire training using the situation training aids listed above. The DETs culminating event was evaluated by a 12M OC/T from 189th CATB (JBLM) on their ability to react to and extinguish a structural fire & Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) fire.

Fire Academy

Day One- Soldiers trained on extinguishing vehicle fires in a simulated car crash and a gasoline fire from an overturned fuel tanker.

Day Two - Training required the firefighters to extinguish a propelled fuel fire from a leaking pipe using similar techniques as those used for the overturned tanker and also extinguishing a dumpster fire.

Day Three – The training set required the firefighters to address a burning helicopter crash, a key Mission Essential Task (MET) for firefighter detachments.

Day Four & Five - The last two days of training saw the 907th and DETs in the academy's burn building – a six story concrete structure with areas for live fires, stairways, a search and rescue area, and various other hazards associated with common buildings.

The 907th, 306th, and 614th Engineer Detachments (READY FORCE) received EXEVALs during their training responses by an external 12M OC/T from 189 CATB. All units increased their proficiency in the following METs: Perform Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) 05-DET-5401; Conduct Multinational Operations With Other Firefighting Agencies (05-DET-5402); Perform Structural Firefighting Operations (05-DET-5406); and Conduct Troop Leading Procedures for Company (71-CO-5100).

By CPT Bryant Watrous, CDR 907th EN DET & 6 subordinate DETS



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348th Clearance Company

Route Clearance Enabler Training, Fort Riley, Kansas

The Fort Riley Home Station Training Team (HSTT) worked closely with the 348th Clearance Company to develop a training plan to support their Annual Training at Fort Riley, Kansas as they prepare for a CENT-COM deployment. The training for this week focused on Communications - Electronics Implementation Directive (CIED) enablers such as the Talon Robot, Basic Hand Held Detectors, Battlefield Awareness & Targeting (BAT) Hand Held, as well as a CREW Specialist and a COIST Course. Soldiers were also trained on mounted and dismounted route clearance operations.



Engineers from 348th Clearance Company prepare Talon IV for operations



Soldiers using IPADS during COIST Course

The Fort Riley HSTT developed a comprehensive training plan to support the training of three route clearance platoons on route clearance operations, basic hand held detection, talon robot operation, and biometrics. The Operations Sergeant, Executive Officer, and acting Company Commander were trained on COIST operations and select maintenance personnel were trained as CREW Specialists.



Buffalo Operator using compressed air to clear debris from Home Made Explosive Jug.

The 4 day FTX was the culminating training event of a 15 day training engagement. 348th conducted multiple mounted route clearance patrols with additional training value added by integrating Fort Riley units such as the 774th EOD Company and Raven/Puma pilots from the 1st ABCT, 1st ID.



416th TEC DCG, BG Matt Baker addressed the 348th.



RAVEN Launch

*The current operations update was provided by the 416th TEC G-3

416TH ENCOM Association Northeast Chapter Reunion 2018

Fort Lee, VA

The bi-annual reunion of the NE contingent of the 416th ENCOM Association took place this past summer during the weekend of 22-25 June. The location was historic Fort Lee, VA, which is home to the US Army Combined Arms Support Center (CASCOM) as well as the Army Logistics University. Members of the Association along with their family and friends enjoyed seeing old friends as well as making new ones.

The headquarters for the reunion was the IHG Hotel on Fort Lee, the largest lodging facility within the US Army with 1100 guest rooms. The weekend began with a Friday evening informal reception at the Sustainer's Pub located in the hotel. Several members of the Association were delayed in arriving due to unusually heavy traffic between Washington, D. C. and Richmond, VA. What is normally a two-hour drive turned into five hours of stop and go. They were very happy to join the reception and relax.

The main highlight of the reunion was Saturday's staff ride of the Petersburg Civil War siege lines, battlefields and General Grant's logistic center at City Point. We were fortunate in having as our guide LTC (R) Dr. Ken Finlayson, CASCOM Historian. Dr. Finlayson and his staff regularly conduct staff rides for students at the logistics school and we could not have found a better leader for our staff ride.

By lucky coincidence several US Army Reserve History Detachments were at Fort Lee performing their Annual Training at the same time. Ten members of the detachments joined our staff ride. Several of these soldiers were employees of the National Park Service or their home state park service, and they also contributed their historical knowledge to the staff ride.

The staff ride began with a visit to City Point, a short distance to the Northeast of Fort Lee. City Point is located at the confluence of the Appomattox and James Rivers and on a peninsula that juts out into the rivers. It was a natural place to locate Grant's headquarters and the logistics base. The size of the logistics operations, as described by Dr. Finlayson, was impressive. At City Point, it was literally possible to walk in the footsteps of President Lincoln and General Grant.

Our next stop was at the Visitors Center for the Petersburg National Battlefield, which is administered by the National Park Service. Here Dr. Finlayson gave us an overview of the siege lines and battlefields. Several Union gun batteries were emplaced nearby.

The staff ride continued with a tour along the siege lines, and a stop at the battle site known as the Crater. At this spot on the siege lines the Union Army attempted to breach the Confederate line by digging a tunnel into a hillside which terminated under the Confederates. Mostly Pennsylvania coal miners constructed this tunnel. When completed, 8000 lbs. of gunpowder was placed under the Confederate lines. The explosives were detonated on 30 July 1864. Unfortunately, due to poor leadership the Union Army failed to take advantage of opening created and the Union Soldiers were repulsed without breaching the line. The hillside tunnel entrance has been preserved which greatly helped in understanding how the Union soldiers could dig without being seen by the Confederates as they worked. Stopping at the Crater site also helped to bring home just how close to each other were the Union and Confederate picket lines.

The staff ride concluded with a sobering visit to the Poplar Grove National Cemetery in the peaceful countryside near Petersburg. This Civil War cemetery, the final resting place of 6,100 Union soldiers, was rehabilitated between 2015 and 2017. It was rededicated in April 2017.

The final event of our reunion was a Saturday evening dinner at a near by restaurant. We were fortunate to have retired LTG Robert Flowers, former Chief of Engineers, as our guest speaker. An old friend of the 416th ENCOM Association, LTG Flowers did not even have to be asked to be our speaker. When he learned about the reunion he volunteered to join us. It was a great honor to have him with us.

After breakfast at the hotel on Sunday morning, we said our final good byes. During our final moments together we began discussing where to hold the next reunion in 2020. Your ideas for the next reunion are always welcome as are volunteers to help stage the event.

Respectfully submitted,

COL (R) Lee J. Pryor

Member of the 416th ENCOM Association, Director At Large (Eastern Chapter)

416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Cocktails : 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:30 pm

*****PLEASE RSVP no later than October 26, 2018*****

ARGONNE GUEST HOUSE

9700 South Cass Ave., Bldg. #460

Argonne, Illinois 60439; phone # 630-739-6000

Please contact the [Argonne Guest House](#) directly for overnight accommodations

Invited Speaker: LtCol Vince Catich, U-2 Pilot Operation Iraqi Freedom
(Pending his schedule)



Special Remarks by MG(Ret) Robert Heine, Commanding General, 416th ENCOM, to celebrate the 15th year anniversary of the 416th's deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom

Meal will be a buffet similar to past years

\$50 per person/guest (checks should be payable to 416th ENCOM Association)

Mail checks to COL (R) John Erickson, 108 Olive Ave, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-1553

PayPal payment option will be available online using the ENCOM Association Website

Attire is Business Casual (ties optional) with de Fleury Medals

Questions or additional information: John Gessner, 815-713-7229, jaggessner@charter.net

*****PLEASE advise if special diet required*****

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE provide names of all guests as a name listing must be provided to the Argonne Facility. If you or they are not on the list, you may be unable to gain access for the dinner.

416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING



Proposed Guest Speaker Bio

Invited Speaker: LtCol Vince Catich, U-2 Pilot Operation Iraqi Freedom (Pending his schedule)

Lieutenant Colonel Vincent K. Catich, USAF(Ret.) will speak on **"My 15 Years Flying the U-2 Spy Plane"**.

He will discuss his early naval flying career, his transfer to the Air Force flying the U-2 spy plane, and discuss the plane and its missions which contributed so significantly to intelligence gathering in support of our nation's security.

Right from college Colonel Catich worked as an electrical engineer for McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, assigned to the AV-8B Harrier project, a vertical landing & short takeoff aircraft. He then flew in the Navy for 9-1/2 years and subsequently in the Air Force for 13 years. For the past five years he has flown for United Airlines as a first officer (co-pilot) on the B787 Dreamliner based out of San Francisco.

As mentioned, Colonel Catich is a former Navy flight officer. He was commissioned in 1989 through Aviation Officer Candidate School (AOCS) in Pensacola, FL and completed flying training at NAS Whiting Field, FL. He was an antisubmarine warfare and combat search and rescue helicopter pilot deployed from Naval frigates and destroyers flying the SH-60B Seahawk. He taught fixed-wing T-34C flight training to Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, Air Force and international flight students. He was the first Naval Aviator to interview for and be accepted into the U-2 program. In 1999, he transferred to the Air Force to become a high-altitude U-2 reconnaissance pilot.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force as the Director of Staff, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, California, a Wing with 5,000 personnel. Prior to that he was Commander of the 99th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, USAFCENT. The 99 ERS is composed of over 100 personnel flying U-2 and RQ-4 high altitude intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions directed by CENTCOM Air Tasking Orders in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and HORN OF AFRICA. He was also the Director of Operations, 9th Operations Support Squadron, Beale AFB, CA. At Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, he was the Program Manager for the bed down of the first F-22 Raptor squadrons and the Chief of the AETC Force Structure Branch. Colonel Catich is a command pilot with over 7,000 hours of flight time, having flown the: U-2S, T-38A, T-34C, F-15B/D, F-16D, F-18D, SH-60B, TH-57B/C, OH-58A, B737, & B787.

He holds a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Illinois University and a MS degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency. His decorations & awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal. He is married, has two daughters and one son.

[The U-2 Spy Plane Is Still Flying Combat Missions 60 Years After Its Debut](#)

** Click on story title above for link*

A story from the Wall Street Journal print edition as 'Old Spy Plane Tries to Learn New Tricks.' published 8 June, 2018.

U-2 spy plane

LOCKHEED MARTIN U-2
The manned aircraft provides high-resolution imagery and electronic intelligence at high altitudes.

LENGTH:	63 feet
WINGSPAN:	103 feet
HEIGHT:	16 feet
CEILING:	90,000 feet
RANGE:	3,000 miles
MAX ENDURANCE:	12 hours
MAX. CRUISING SPEED:	430 mph

SOURCE: Jane's Information Group AP / MSNBC

416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Add-on Event

FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION MUSEUM AT CANTIGNY

While you are in the area, please consider joining the Association members in visiting the [Cantigny Museum](#), 1s 151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189. Located on the Robert McCormick grounds, the museum highlights the history of the 1st Infantry Division's history from WW1 until present day.

The museum opens at 10:00am which will give you ample time before dinner to tour the grounds, the outdoor vehicle and equipment displays, and the self guided tour of the 1st Division Museum. The museum takes you through realistic WW1 bunkers into a replica town of Cantigny, the first town in France captured by the division. Then, transition to WW2 where you will ride in a simulated landing craft and emerge on to Omaha Beach. Further displays include the 1st Division's service in Vietnam to present day operations.



Admission to the museum is free but there is a \$5.00 vehicle parking fee, waived for those with valid active or retired military ID's.

There is no requirement for advanced reservations, simply show up at the museum and connect with us there...or plan to make arrangements with some of your fellow 416th members to attend together.

416TH TEC Family Day

The 416th HQs held their Family Day event on 8 July 2018. This year it was held at the Parkhurst Army Reserve Center. The turnout of family members was great. Set up in the Drill Hall were many booths providing information on our ever-evolving military benefits and services, for both currently serving soldiers as well as Veterans/Retirees. After a short greeting with TEC Commanding General MG Miyako Schanely, I took the opportunity to stroll around and meet with many of the Soldiers. I also spoke with CXO Jim Murphy and DCG BG Matt Baker about TEC operations, which continue to move at a rapid pace. Our Assn support to this event was managed by Victor Imhoff, our Assn Secretary. Once again he set up a "bouncy house" with an attached water slide and mini-pool. Given the day was very warm, it was an immediate attraction for all youngsters. Outside the Center were various activities for family members to enjoy. Our bouncy house was set up near the SW corner of the Center. Based on what I saw during my visit, the Family Day activities and our support was extremely well-received and successful.

COL (R) Larry Slavicek





416th ENCOM Association

"past and present, working together for the future"



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION October 2017 – September 2019

I hereby apply for initial/renewal membership in the 416th ENCOM Association:

_____ Two Year Membership (\$10.00)

_____ Lifetime Membership (\$100.00 One Time Fee)

_____ Associate Member (\$5.00) (Active Component, Reserve Component, Civilian)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ :

Payment can be made by Check or Credit Card/PayPal on the Association website:

<http://www.416thencomassn.wildapricot.org/join-us>

Please make check payable to the 416th ENCOM Association and mail completed form to:
COL (R) John Erickson
108 E. Olive Ave.
Prospect Heights, IL 60070-1553

Please provide the following information:

Name: Last _____ First _____ M. _____

Spouse _____

Mailing: Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Contact Info: Home Phone _____

Work _____ Cell _____

Army Info: Rank _____

Last Unit Served: _____ Retirement Date: _____ (If not retired please state active).

416th TEC/ENCOM Assignment: _____

Remarks: _____

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Where Are They Now?

COL (Ret) Richard C. Goodwin

Q. What have you been doing since you retired from the Army?

A. I became a U.S. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on September 16, 1996 while still in the reserves. I left private practice in Maryland and moved to Fresno, CA while continuing to drill at the 416th ENCOM in Chicago.

Since 1996 I have continued to be an ALJ with the Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Food and Drug Administration and currently the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. From April 2004 until January 2017, my wife and I maintained a cottage in McLean, VA while I worked from Washington, D.C., but continued to own our home in Fresno.

Since retiring in 2002 I have continued to work as an ALJ while traveling to see our grandchildren in Portland, OR, Wilmington, NC and Santa Clara, CA. One of our daughters-in-law is from Tokyo so we have traveled to Japan on average once a year, and recently started flying "Space-A" from Travis AFB. We have also vacationed along the Amalfi Coast, Italy, visited Southern France and Paris, and continued to be active.

Q. Summarize your career (both civilian and military separately).

A. Military:

I graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1964 and received a commission as an Infantry Officer the day prior to my graduation. I attended Infantry Officer Basic at Ft. Benning, GA prior to spending 13 months in Korea from 1965 to 1966. My first unit in Korea was the 1st Cavalry Division. We changed units in July 1965 when the Army sent us the 2nd Infantry Division colors from Ft. Benning and returned the 1st Cav colors to Benning to create the 1st Air Cav.

After Korea, I spent 8 months in Ft. Riley, KS training the 9th Infantry Division. In January 1967 I left active duty and the 9th ID went to Viet Nam. I missed Viet Nam by one infantry officer basic class.

I left the reserves in 1970 having finished my 6 year commitment. I moved to Cincinnati, OH in 1967, got married, had two children, picked up an M.B.A. and a law degree. One of my law school professors [John Gaynor] was a retired career Army Judge Advocate. He convinced me to return to Active Duty, so in 1976 I was commissioned a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

I was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground from 1976 to 1979 and performed duties as the Labor Lawyer, Chief of Administrative Law, some criminal law and 'other duties as assigned'. I left active duty in 1979.

Between 1979 and 1990 I was a Judge Advocate for several JAG units in and around Ft. Meade, MD before joining the 416th FETDA, which was then located at Ft. Meade. When Desert Shield arose I volunteered to deploy with the 416th and did so, doing just short of six months at a base near Riyadh.

After Desert Shield/Desert Storm I returned to the Ft. Meade contingent of the of the 416th FETDA, then became the SJA for the 416th in Chicago prior to my retirement in 2002.

My military highlights include being an Infantry Officer in Korea, a Judge Advocate in Saudi Arabia with the 416th, and serving over 20 years with a wide range of military veterans at all levels – I would not trade any of the experiences for anything.



Commissioned 6 June 1964,
Pinned by my mother and sister

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A. continued:

Civilian

I worked for the Bureau of Labor Statistics from 1967 to 1976 as a "Field Economist". I was in the private practice of law in and around Annapolis, MD from 1979 until 1996. I became a U.S. Administrative Law Judge in 1996 and have continued in that position with four separate government agencies to the present time.

Q. What is your civilian employment (or most recent)?

A. I have been a U.S. Administrative Law Judge since 1996. This year, 2017, I will have been admitted to the bar for 42 years and on the 'bench' for over 21 years. I have been with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services since November 2017.

Q. What are some details you would like to share about your family (spouse, kids, grandkids...etc.)?

A. My first marriage of 19 years ended in 1989, but gave me two wonderful sons. I met my current wife in 1989, we married in 1997, bringing our family to four sons. All four sons have advanced degrees, have been gainfully employed since college and each has a significant other which has brought us seven grandchildren [two boys, 7 girls], and two 'adopted granddaughters'.

Q. What have been a few of your favorite hobbies and why?

A. Travel is our major past-time. One of our daughters-in-law is from Tokyo, so we visit annually. We love to travel and have seen parts of Europe, Japan and many states. We have hiked the Grand Canyon and spent Christmas at Phantom Ranch twice with our family. Mostly we enjoy traveling. We travel to Napa often to experience wine country, and visit our grandchildren who live in Portland, OR, Wilmington, NC and San Jose/Tokyo.

Q. What was your favorite military job & why?

A. I enjoyed them all, but have fondest memories of being the Labor and Administrative Lawyer at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, which had 10,000 civilian employees, the Ballistic Research Lab and the Chemical Research Lab. I also enjoyed being the SJA of the 416th FETDA. I found working with engineers and other professionals doing important work challenging and rewarding.

Q. Your favorite assignment & why?

A. Being SJA of the 416th FETDA and a senior member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Q. If you were given the chance to be Commander in Chief for one day, what would you implement or remove from the existing military program that you think would benefit the military?

A. Make sure ALL veterans have access to VA care and Tricare benefits they earned!

Q. What world-wide threat, if any, that exists today would be your primary focus to eliminate or resolve?



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A. continued:

I find it ironic that as a 2nd Lt. in 1965/66 I was stationed right on the DMZ and ran combat patrols in and around the DMZ in Korea. We had no trenches at the Security and Operation Posts located on prominent terrain features, nor was there anything but two strands of barbed wired at the 'south tape' of the DMZ. Now we are confronted by the same threat I saw in 1965/66 – North Korea.

I also believe worldwide terrorism will reshape how we address our need to defend ourselves and that it is a matter of time before we seen that cancer invade our own country.

Q. The new USARC Leadership team is LTG Charles D. Luckey and CSM Ted L. Copeland. Have you had a chance to work with either gentlemen, and what, if any, changes do you feel they have they brought to the Army Reserve team?

A. I have been retired since 2002 and know very few people still active in the reserves or active duty.

Q. The 416th ENCOM Association has an annual meeting usually in the Darien, IL area. If you could influence the Board of Directors, where would you like to see our next annual dinner?

A. I have no problem with where the dinner is, except that I live on the west coast.

Q. What awards/qualification badges did you attain? You can list your highest achieved award or all. Absolutely your preference.

A. I was awarded the Legion of Merit upon retirement, Awarded Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf), received early promotions to Major and Lieutenant Colonel and was awarded, Army Commendation Medals (1st and 2nd Oak Leaves) and Army Achievement Medals (1st award and 1st Oak Leaf)

Q. After all of these questions, what do you miss?

A. The camaraderie, dedication, friendships, and professionalism of all those I served with.

Interested in being interviewed? Email (Victor Imhoff) at: 416thENCOM@gmail.com.



Desert Shield/Desert Storm
on a balcony at El Eskan Village, Riyadh

If you use or plan to use TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP), go to [BENEFEDS website](#) to learn more.

BENEFEDS

Eligibility TRDP Transition Plan Comparison FAQs Sign Up for Updates

Retired Uniformed Service Members

TRDP is ending

As you've probably already heard, on December 31, 2018 the Defense Health Agency's TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end. You can enroll in dental coverage for next year under the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).

members and their families who were eligible for TRDP will be eligible for FEDVIP dental coverage, effective January 1, 2019.

You will not be automatically enrolled in a FEDVIP plan for 2019. You must enroll during the Federal Benefits Open Season.

Vision coverage is available!

For the first time ever, vision coverage is available to you and your family if you are a retired service member and their families who were eligible for TRDP, and who are enrolled in a TRICARE health plan. You must enroll in vision coverage. Coverage is effective January 1, 2019, if you enroll during the Federal Benefits Open Season.

How to prepare

<https://tricare.benefeds.com>

The program is changing and you need to get educated on the changes.

You can go to the website for details. They also have a listings of webinar dates and Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) events to talk in person with someone. The RADs are a regular thing and my require some traveling to attend.

Don't delay getting informed.

FEDVIP is Coming: Get to Know Dental and Vision Plans Today

The [TRICARE Retiree Dental Program](#) (TRDP) ends on Dec. 31, 2018. Beginning in 2019, dental and vision plans will be available through the [Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program](#) (FEDVIP).

Now is a good time to become familiar with FEDVIP options. FEDVIP 2019 plans and rates will be online in the fall. But you can look at [2018 plans and rates](#) now.

- * FEDVIP offers a choice between 10 dental and 4 vision options. This fall will be your first chance to enroll in a FEDVIP dental or vision plan for 2019 coverage. If you're eligible, you can enroll in FEDVIP during the 2018 Federal Benefits Open Season. This runs from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10.

Who is eligible?

- * Retired service members and their families who were eligible for TRDP are eligible for FEDVIP dental coverage. Also, they're eligible for FEDVIP vision coverage if enrolled in a [TRICARE health plan](#).
- * Family members of active duty service members who are enrolled in a [TRICARE health plan](#) are eligible for FEDVIP vision coverage.
- * Children enrolled in or eligible for TRICARE Young Adult aren't eligible to enroll in FEDVIP.

When do you enroll?

- * You can enroll in FEDVIP during the Federal Benefits Open Season. This year's open season runs from Nov. 12 through Dec. 10, 2018. Your coverage will begin on Jan. 1, 2019.
- * If you currently have TRDP, you must enroll in a FEDVIP plan during the Federal Benefits Open Season to continue dental coverage for 2019.
- * The Federal Benefits Open Season is your annual opportunity to enroll in, change, or cancel a FEDVIP dental or vision plan.

For more information, visit the [FEDVIP website](#). You can see if you're [eligible for FEDVIP in 2019](#). You can also [compare FEDVIP plans](#), [look up frequently asked questions](#), and [sign up for updates](#).

We know it's listed twice. It's that important that your informed about the changes.

www.LockportWWII.com

Please see the attached [link](#) and [video](#) for more details.

Who: For everyone!

What: Authentic 2 day World War II Re-enactment

Where: Dellwood Park, Rte 171 & Woods Drive, Lockport, IL.

When: September 8 – 9, 2018 Park opens at 9:00am & closes at 10:30pm

Why: To commemorate our Heroes of WWII

Special attraction: September 8 Vietnam bridge skirmish at 6:30pm



USAR Competitive Marksmanship Program (USARCMP)

Mission Objective:

High level USARCMP shooters form a Team to compete against the best of the best of all branches of the DOD throughout a 5 day competition consisting of Precision Pistol (NRA and CMP) using accurized .22, CenterFire, .45, and Service Pistols.

The overall Team consisted 13 USARCMP members. USAR Black was the primary six-person element for Team matches.

LTC Patrick Sleem (Service Pistol Team OIC)

SGM George Greene (Service Pistol Team NCOIC)

LTC Mitchell Rosnick

MSG Christopher Taylor

SSG Jonathan Rosene

SGT Nickolaus Mowrer

(all are pictured to the right)



June 2018 Interservice Pistol Championship, Fort Benning, GA

Significance/Impact:

- USAR Black was High Reserve and 2nd Overall
- USAR Black finished in the top three of all Team matches, including, .22, CenterFire, .45, Service Pistol, 2700 Team Agg, and Overall Team Agg
- SSG Rosene was 1st Place Reservist, 2nd overall .22, and 2nd Director's Match
- LTC Sleem, LTC Rosnick, SSG Rosene, SGT Mowrer had multiple top ten overall finishes
- A USARCMP Team shooter made the top ten of all individual matches fired.



In 1904 President [Theodore Roosevelt](#), at the conclusion of the President's Match, personally wrote a letter of congratulations to the winner, Private Howard Gensch of the 1st Regiment of Infantry of the New Jersey National Guard.

Since those early days the competition stopped during WWI and WWII as well as during the Great Depression. The President's Match was reinstated permanently in 1957 at the

National Matches as "The President's Hundred." The 100 top-scoring competitors in the President's Match were singled out for special recognition in a retreat ceremony in which they passed in review before the winner and former winners of this historic match.

The President's Hundred Tab is one of four permanent individual skill/marksmanship tabs (as compared to a [badge](#)) authorized for wear by the U.S. Army. In order of precedence on the uniform, they are the President's Hundred Tab, the [Special Forces Tab](#), the [Ranger Tab](#), and the [Sapper Tab](#). Only three may be worn at one time.

The following USARCMP members made the list this year:

SSG Rosene, J. 373
LTC Sleem 366
MAJ Bourne 357
LTC Rosnick 357
SGM Greene 353
SSG Uptagrafft 346

416th TEC, G-4, Mr. Victor Soto is responsible for the oversight and execution of the 416th TEC Marksmanship Team as well as the USAR wide USARCMP open to a very limited number of highly qualified shooters USAR wide.

[Presidents 100 History from Wikipedia](#)



Members of the 416th TEC Marksmanship Team achieved highest overall score at the Army Reserve Small Arms Competition at Ft. McCoy, WI, AUG 2017.

Always Remembered

SSG (Ret.) David J. Pawlus 1937 - 2016

SSG (R) David J. Pawlus, former 416th ENCOM Association Life member has passed away.



David J. Pawlus, 79, of Winnebago Illinois, passed away November 10, 2016. He was born May 27, 1937, in Rockford, the son of Emil J. and Ruby A. (Kindstrom) Pawlus. David graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1955, and worked for the Rockford School District for 37 years. He served in the United States Army during the [Korean War](#) and served in the Reserves for a total of 36 years of service. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pecatonica and member of the [VFW](#) and American Legion. Survived by his daughter, Cathleen Akerman; sons, Daniel (Leanna) and John Pawlus; grandchildren, Radison Akerman and Luke, Alayna, and Sofia Pawlus; sisters, Janice (Chuck) Thomas, and Mary (Greg) Walter; and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents, and sister, Nancy Brandt.

To share a memory or send an online condolence, visit olsonfh.com

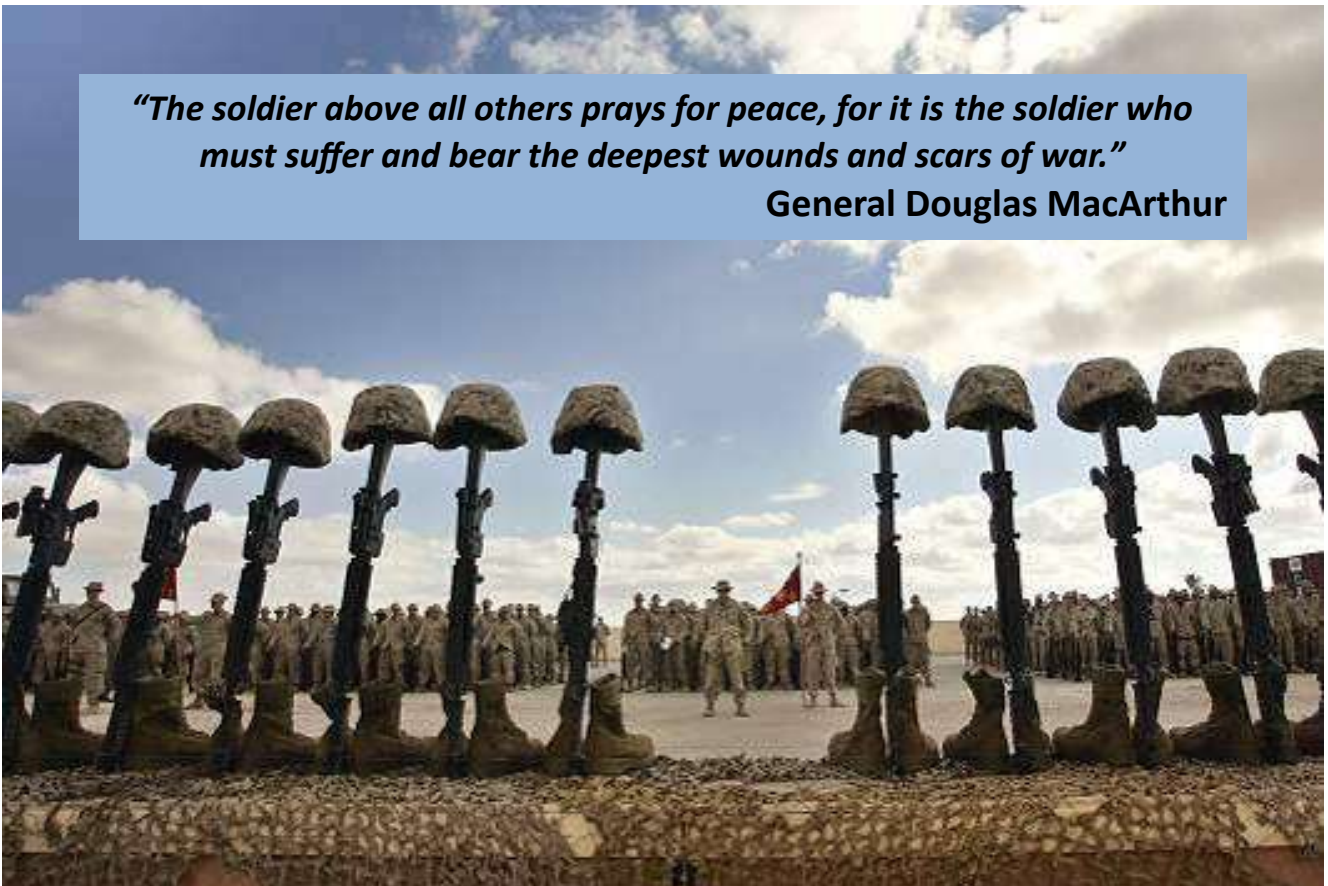
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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/David-Pawlus-obituary?pid=1000000182470155&view=guestbook>

We apologize if any member was not recognized. Please send all member death notices to the Association Secretary via email to: 416thENCOM@gmail.com.

"The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

General Douglas MacArthur



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