



# 416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION



***"past and present serving together for the future"***

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## ***A Note from Your Association President***

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Ok, this is my final article for the newsletter as the Association's President. It's been a quick couple years and I'm ready to hand off the leadership position to Scott Shrader on 1 November along with his new Board of Directors members. With the handoff, I'll slide over to the Past-President position and assist Scotty in his pursuit of the Association to its next level of accomplishment.

With all that said, there will be a number of existing Board of Directors members who will be leaving their positions to make way for many new members. Departures include: Larry Slavicek (Past President), Leroy Haugland (At Large), Bruce Townsend (At Large), Bill Lake (At Large) but has served as the Association's Historian and Gatekeeper, John Erickson (Treasurer) and only God and John know how long he has held that position, and finally Victor Imhoff who served as the Secretary as a last second fill-in a few years ago and "reluctantly" has stayed in position far longer than he ever expected. TO ALL six, THANKS for all you have done to help the Association and ME personally during this process.

Next, let me take a few steps back and talk about some history, the Association and its meager beginnings. For this article, I'm required to present a recent photo of myself. But for this specific article, I decided to use the Polaroid photo taken of me when I enlisted at Mandan, North Dakota in Feb, 1975 as a raw recruit. This photo is 44 years old shows where I came from (note the long hair and slim figure.) So I thought it very appropriate for this article given my discussion on Association changes and its history.

From a historical prospective, and the details are sketchy, but it appears the roots of the 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM Association date back to September, 1980 at a 416<sup>th</sup> Engineer Command Management Conference at Oak Brook, IL. The sixteen charter members were formally recognized by the 416<sup>th</sup> Engineer Command and were: MG Cyrille P LaPorte, MG William P Levine, BG Martin G Drinka, BG James K Durham, COL James Anderson, COL Roger Fast, COL Leroy Hild, COL Donald Kahn, COL Roger Kesselring, COL Eugene Lewandoski, COL Peter Nordigian, COL Charles Seltzer, COL Thomas Tokuhisa, LTC Raymond Kreft, LTC Ted Johnson and CSM John L Johnson.

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The actual goals and initial focus for the association in the beginning are unknown as little is available on past meetings, goals and accomplishments. Below is the WELCOME Statement on our web page for the association.

The purpose of the 416th ENCOM Association is to promote, foster and improve the well being of Army Reservists. This is accomplished by engaging in such activities beneficial to the Army Reserve or National Defense and to engage in social, patriotic, charitable, educational, benevolent, and civic activities promoting such purposes.

We are an organization with more than 150 members ranging from WWII veterans, active and retired reservists and recently separated Army soldiers. Membership is open to past or present members to the 416th Theater Engineer Command (TEC) or former members of the 416th Engineer Command (ENCOM) .

#### **ESSAYONS!**

There was no date on when this Welcome Statement was first published by the Association. Given that, it was agreed upon by the board of directors that the statement needed to be expanded and refocused to help give future Board of Directors more directional guidance.

We, as an association, want to continue be a social organization with our annual dinners and other activities like the East Coast Chapter reunions. To accomplish this, we need to expand our membership beyond strictly 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM or TEC unit membership. We agreed to slowly and under control, develop membership enrollment to expand to include all 416<sup>th</sup> TEC down trace units or personnel (civilian or other military services or components) outside the TEC. Hopefully this expansion includes sub-chapters at the brigades or other units. With this increase membership, again under monitored controls, increase the out-reach and engagement of the association within financial and personal resources available.

This brings us to the first recommended change, which involves a more clarified and focused MISSION and VISION Statements for the Association. These updated Mission and Vision statements (if approved) will help to provide more direction for the future board of directors on development of membership and engagement of existing membership. If approved, this will help Scott Shrader and his new Board of Directors set better goals and objectives for the whole organization. This relates back to the history I noted in some of the first paragraphs of this article.

The second change is focused on changing our Status as an Organization. Presently, we are NOT an organization where members or businesses can donate to our Association and it be considered a charitable donation. To make those donations considered charitable, we need to change our status to something along the lines of a 501c19 organization. We had a sub-committee working this and it appears that we will be formally requesting to be a 501c19, but we need another vote by the full association membership.

So later in this newsletter, you will be seeing information about two formal changes to the constitution for the Association. You will be asked to vote either by email, postal mail or in person (at the Annual Dinner meeting). The Board of Directors recommends and encourages these two constitution changes.

Thanks for Everything. Hope to see you at the Annual Dinner/Meeting.

Respectfully  
Bob Stanek

<u>416th ENCOM Association Treasurer's Report</u> Submitted by COL (R) John Erickson		
<b>Activities:</b> January 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019		
<b>Opening Balance:</b> January 1, 2019	\$	5,823.94
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Warrior Awards 2019	\$	400.00
TEC Family Day (Bounce House)	\$	224.78
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$	624.78
<b>Income/Deposits:</b>		
Membership (3 Lifetime & 2 Biennial)	\$	316.90
<b>Total Income/Deposits:</b>	\$	316.90
<b>Closing Balance:</b> August 31 2019	\$	5,516.06

<u>416th BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>		
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President	CSM(R)	ROBERT STANEK
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<a href="http://Website: 416thencomassn.wildapricot.org/chapter-officers">Website: 416thencomassn.wildapricot.org/chapter-officers</a>		

**Special Thanks to COL (Ret) Neil Gafney for hosting;  
The Last & Best Reunion for members and friends of Engineer Support Group - West**

The Engineer Support Group (ESG) West (formerly of the ENCOM's FETDA) has had many ESG members as part of the unit through the '80's and '90's, evolving into the Facility Engineer Brigade, and then eventually casing the colors associated with reorganizational changes that occurred in the early 2000's.

While many were together until their retirements, the northern and southern California ESG members got together periodically to catch up on military activities, life events and swap ENCOM "war" stories on roles and missions, and various deployments.

Over a period of the last 20 years there have been occasional reunions, hosted by former ESG-West Director and FE Brigade Chief of Staff, Neil Gafney, and in April, he hosted the "last and best" reunion of ESG friends and western area comrades. It was a wonderful social get together as they exchanged stories of family events, accomplishments and in most cases, civilian retirements. They will continue to stay connected, and remember how the 416th ENCOM touched each of their lives.

L-R, top row: BG(R) Alex Kozlov; COL(R) Ken Morris; COL(R) Rick Garza; COL(R) Bill Black; COL(R) Dick Goodwin

L-R, middle row: COL(R) Jim Anderson; CSM (R) Paul Salinas; MSG(R) Dave Cooper; BG (R) Mike Silva, CSM(R) Paul Shaw; COL(R) Ben Colcol

L-R, Seated: Tiza Morris; Mary Lou Shaw; Cindy Myers; COL(R) Neil Gafney; Susan Goodwin; Sandra Gafney







# Resolute Castle 2019

**Mission:** Participate in Resolute Castle 2019 at DPTA ([Drawsko Pomorskie](#) Training Area), Poland.

**Narrative:** Conduct exercise IOT improve unit readiness, range capability capacity in DPTA, interoperability across the alliance, enhance the confidence and security assurance between participating nations and deter aggression. Develops leaders and Soldiers, increases readiness by validating unit's ability to deploy to a theater of operations to execute assigned engineer missions and evaluate mission essential tasks.

**Key Tasks:** Deploy personnel and equipment; provide and maintain construction equipment; strengthen partnerships with engineers from NATO Allied nations; U.S. guard and active component engineers; improve relationships with host nation (Poland) government, Polish armed forces and the civilian population.



Closing formation and awards presentations including Polish military



Digging Trenches for Concrete Forms



Compaction Operations



Footer Concrete Placement

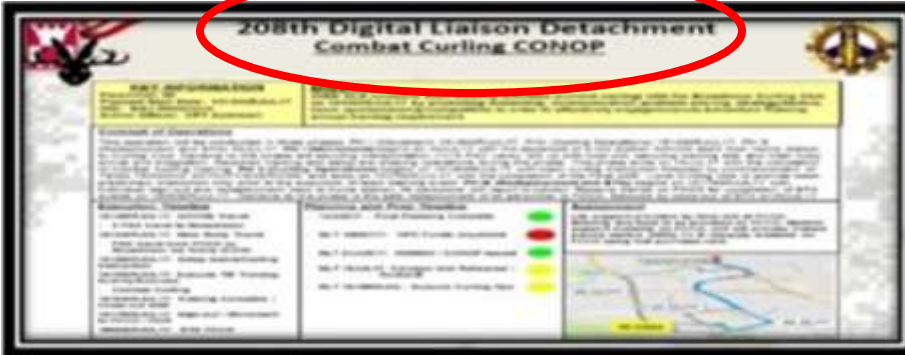
On the [416th TEC Facebook page](#) has a link to a video of the **304th Engineer Vertical Company** from Lima, OH and their contributions to the exercise.



# 208th Digital Liaison Detachment

Yes, that says Combat Curling CONOP!

## PLAN



TROOP LEADING PROCEDURES		
STEP	ACTION	✓
1	Receive mission	
2	Issue warning order	
3	Make tentative plan	
4	Initiate necessary movement	
5	Conduct Reconnaissance	
6	Complete plan	
7	Issue orders	
8	Supervise and refine	

## PREPARE



## EXECUTE



## ADVENTURE TRAINING ENDSTATE:

23 DLD Soldiers executed TLPs in conducting Combat Curling at the U.S. Olympic Training Center supported by the Broadmoor Curling Club to build team work and esprit de corps.

Soldiers honed their skills on sportsmanship, tactics/strategy, troop leading, planning, and physical conditioning.



208th Soldiers achieve the end state of training





# Campbell Strike 2019

FORT CAMPBELL, KY - Soldiers with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), along with the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, the 502nd Multi-Role Bridge Company, and the 739th Multi-Role Bridge Company participated in a brigade-level field training exercise culminating with the emplacement of a floating bridge across Lake Kyle at Fort Campbell, Kentucky May 6, 2019.







## River Assault 2019

### Army Reserve Soldiers and Marine Corps Reserve participate in River Assault 19

On July 20th, 2019 US Army Reserve soldiers from the 361st and 341st Multi-Role Bridge Company, 420th Engineer Brigade, and USMC Reserve Marines from with Alpha Company and Bravo Company, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Battle Creek, Michigan, constructed a fully enclosed improved ribbon bridge on Belton Lake on Ft. Hood Texas. Active Duty Soldiers, Reserve Soldiers and Reserve Marines worked for more than four hours to complete and attach the 72-bay floating bridge.

Article by 210th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment | July 30, 2019

Photos by (U.S. Army Reserve photo by Sgt. Juan F. Jimenez, 210th MPAD) (Photo by Sgt. Juan F. Jimenez)



# 416th TEC Best Warriors



# 412th TEC Best Warriors







# USAR Best Warrior Comp. 2019

## June 2019 Fort Benning, GA

The USAR Best Warrior Competition (BWC) is the selection event to determine the USAR NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year. The winners are determined by their performance in over 25 scored events over a 5 day period. Events include PT, marksmanship, medical, land navigation, boards and 10 level Soldiering skills. They will represent the USAR in the Department of Army Best Warrior Competition.



### Mission Objective:

Use the knowledge and experience gained at national and international level military competitions to assist the BWC cadre in developing relevant and executable events. Maintain the sanctity of the marksmanship events. Conduct a pistol EIC for cadre and competitors. Validate scoring procedures and score cards for accuracy and fairness.

### Significance/Impact:

USARCOMP assigned the role of Marksmanship/Live Fire NCOIC and Scoring NCOIC for the BWC. Program personnel provided input on the conduct and scoring of national level competitive military events as well as current and upcoming marksmanship doctrine.



### Event Outputs:

Introduced drills and language supported by the new Army small arms TCs. Educated cadre and competitors on the new Rifle Zero Target, Duel Beam Aiming Laser, PVS-14 NVD monocular and the EIC program. Designed and conducted a: modified M4 zero, 3 Gun, M4/M9 Stress Shoot, modified rifle ALT-C Zero validation, CCMCK Shoot House, night M4 stress shoot with NVDs and lasers, GAFB pistol and Law Enforcement (LEWTAQ) course of fire. Employed a proprietary scoring procedure the more accurately assess the competitors actual placing within the group.

### Significant Facts

- Executed a Pistol EIC match for 104 Soldiers
- Designed, validated and officiated 10 live fire events
- Introduced 3 new events for the USARC BWC
- Conducted a Train the Trainer event for 95<sup>th</sup> DIV Drill Instructors
- Trained and officiated ranges for 62 competitors and 100 Cadre
- Developed a proprietary scoring program for the USAR BWC



This story board info provided by Mr. Soto, G-4, 416th TEC, responsible for the oversight and execution of the 416th TEC Marksmanship Team as well as the USAR wide USARCOMP open to a very limited number of highly qualified shooters USAR wide.

Photos by MSG Russel Moore, 416th TEC

# 416<sup>TH</sup> ENCOM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

Cocktails : 5:30 pm

Program: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm

Conclusion 9:00 pm

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE RSVP no later than October 29, 2019\*\*\*\***

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

Program: Engineers on D-Day Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day

Dinner:

Sirloin Beef Medallions

Boneless Chicken Breast

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable

Mixed Greens Salad

Dessert

Coffee and Tea

(Please Advise if Special Diet is Required)

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

Mail checks to COL (R) John Erickson, 860 N. Franklin Ave. Palatine, IL 60067

PayPal payment option will be available on the [ENCOM Association Website](#)

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

Questions or additional information: John Gessner, 815-713-7229, [jagessner@charter.net](mailto:jagessner@charter.net)

**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.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 416<sup>th</sup> members to attend together.

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## Save Some Time

### 416<sup>TH</sup> ENCOM Association / TEC Reunion - Summer/Fall 2020

**Proposed 2020 416th ENCOM Association Reunion:** The Army Historical Foundation and the National Museum of the US Army have just announced that the new museum will open on 4 June 2020. This means that it is feasible, if there is enough interest among our members, to plan a reunion at Fort Belvoir in the late summer or early Fall of 2020.

COL (R) Lee Pryor will be at the museum on 4 October 2019 for a preview tour. During his visit Lee will gather more information regarding group tours and other details. So far SGM (R) Michele Marsden, and COL (R) Fran Strouse have offered to assist with the proposed reunion. We are still in need of a few more volunteers. Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

## Where Are They Now?

### MG (Ret) Max Baratz

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

**A:** *I am now fully retired. For a period of time I worked for L-3 Corp running an office in Atlanta.*

**Q:** Summarize your career (both civilian and military separately) and any key points you would like to expound upon. Include what ties, if any, you have maintained with any Army Organizations or institute?

**A:** *Commanded 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM, DCG IMA FORSCOM, GSM mobilization for Desert Storm for both USAR & ARNG, Assist OSAR, DCG Army Reserve Command, Chief Army Reserve. Total of 42 years of service.*

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

**A:** *Retired and traveling frequently overseas.*

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

**A:** *Three children spread across the country. My wife passed in 2003, I remarried. My current wife Sharon and I have five grandchildren.*

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

**A:** *I have collected stamps all my life and still do.*

**Q:** What was your favorite military job & why?

**A:** *I have enjoyed all my jobs but those where I have been in command were the best. The friends I have made in the Army have remained with me and they mean so much to me.*

**Q:** Your favorite assignment & why?

**A:** *416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM Commander and Chief of the Army Reserve.*

**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:** *I would bring back the pension program and benefits changed in 2018. The military having a big problem maintaining strength.*

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

**A:** *The major threat today is cyber. The ability to interdict all functions of the military and civilian world is growing exponentially and is by far the most dangerous.*



July 1995, US Army Photo



MG (Ret) Baratz and his son Arnold (then an ROTC cadet), Circa 1980-1984

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**Q:** The new USARC Leadership team <http://www.usar.army.mil/Leadership/> 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 in their roles?

**A:** *No, I have not met them.*

**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:** *Darien is the right place.*

**Q:** Who would you recognize as a past or current most engaged leader of the Association?

**A:** *I will always remember Ted Winters and all he did for the association.*

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

**A:** *DSM w 1 oakleaf cluster, Legion of Merit for Desert Storm and many others but my Reserve Ribbon with three 10-year devices and "M" always reminds me of who I am.*

**Q:** After all of these questions, what did we miss?

**A:** *The 416<sup>th</sup> and 863<sup>rd</sup> will always be my home and led to me being Chief of the Army Reserve.*



MG (Ret) Baratz in Egypt as commanding general, 416th Engineer Command, Exercise Bright Star, Circa 1980s



MG (Ret) Baratz center, with members of the 416th Engineer Command, Circa 1980s

Interested in being interviewed? Email: [416thENCOM@gmail.com](mailto:416thENCOM@gmail.com)



# 416th ENCOM Association

"past and present, working together for the future"



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION October 2019 – September 2021

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-Year Membership (\$10.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Membership (\$100.00 One Time fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (\$5.00) (Active Component, Reserve Component, Civilian)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made by check, PayPal on the Association website: <https://416thencomassn.wildapricot.org/join-us>, or through [Zelle](#) using your bank's app or the trusted [Zelle](#) app if your bank doesn't currently offer [Zelle](#).

Please make check payable to the 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM Association and mail completed form to:

COL (R) John Erickson  
860 N. Franklin Ave.  
Palatine, IL 60067

### Current Member Change / Update Records Request:

Name: Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: First: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Army Info, Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Status" (circle one): Active Reserve Civilian Retired

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

416th TEC/ENCOM Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** All Information provided to the 416th ENCOM Association is for Association use only and will be handled confidentially.



Checkout this new [USAR website](#).  
 Easy to navigate and lots to look at and catch up on. Enjoy!

## *Always Remembered*

COL (Ret) Ronald A. Ragland



Ronald Arthur Ragland nee Retired Colonel of the United States Army passed away Monday, September 18, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. Beloved Husband of Edwina nee Benton. Devoted Father of Terri (Charles Sr.) Jones, Derrick Walker Sr. and Tracey (Derek) Marshall. Loving Son of Late Dayton and Late Ethel nee Weir. Fond Grandfather of Keshana McFadden, Derrick Walker Jr., Jori Thorns, Charles Jones Jr., Taylor Jones, Justin William and Kia Williams. Fond Great Grandfather of 10. Dear Brother of Ethel Barnett. Family and Friends are to gather for the Visitation Friday, September 22, 2017 9:00 a.m. until time of Service 11:00 a.m. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162 (Located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. Donations to the American Heart Association and Alzheimer's Association are appreciated.

Death notice edited from [Tributes.com](#).

# *Always Remembered*

## **1SG (Ret) Vernon L. Hegler**

Vernon Lee Hegler, age 54, of Plainfield, IL and formerly of El Paso, TX, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at his home in Plainfield, surrounded by his loving family. He was born February 25, 1965 in Anchorage, AK. A U.S. Army Veteran, he proudly served in and under the 416th TEC as an AGR Soldier. He received numerous medals and decorations throughout his career, ultimately retiring in 2010 as 1SG. Following his military career, he worked as a project manager for Bank of America.

Vernon is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Sandra (nee Monteros) Hegler; his father, Gary Hegler of Houston, TX; daughters, Jennifer (Chris) Coyle, Victoria (fiancé Danny Sheldon) and Meagan (Steve) Nelson all of Spokane, WA; sons, Ryan (Jessica) Hegler of Colorado Springs, CO and Austin Hegler of Plainfield; grandchildren, Kaylene, Gianna, Elizabeth, Jude and Jonah, Justin, Kiera, Brandon, Norah and Corbin; two sisters, Cassandra (John) Qualls of New Market, TN and Katrina (David) Krone of Houston, TX; and brother, Dale (Melissa) Hegler of Schertz, TX. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Ann Hegler. Vernon was an avid fan of the Chicago Blackhawks and all Texas sports teams, especially the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers. He loved fly fishing and was a true craftsman who enjoyed creating custom furniture for family and friends. Vernon was passionate about his garden; he took great pride in his yard. Although he cherished his hobbies, nothing made him happier than spending time with his grandchildren.

Death notice edited from [The Patch](#).



## **BG (R) James K. Durham**



Brigadier General James K. Durham, U.S. Army (Ret) died May 27, 2008.

His 38 years of service to his country has taken him from basic private in the Army on July 11, 1941, to commissioned officer on October 28, 1942, and was appointed by the President of the United States to General Officer and approved by Congress on February 28, 1973. BG (Ret) Durham retired from the Army in February 1979.

BG (Ret) Durham was on duty at an Army airfield near Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attack came. His medals and awards for his leadership and devotion to duty are numerous—from the Army Commendation Medal to Theater Ribbons spanning two oceans with six major campaign battle stars. He participated in two major battle campaigns in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and four major battle campaigns in the European Theater—from the invasion of the Normandy Beach Head in France to the end of World War II.

BG (Ret) Durham's education includes many technical schools in refrigeration and internal combustion engines prior to his entry into the service. He is a graduate of the Engineer Officers School, Fort Belvoir, VA, the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, and the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

He and Doris King Durham were married for 54 years and resided in Smithfield from 1975 until her death in November 2000. Both were active in many civic, church and several veterans' organizations, including the Pearl Harbor Survivors of North Carolina. A loving family of many nieces and nephews survives BG (Ret) Durham.

We realize this is a very late announcement of his passing. As a newer member (2016), I (Victor Imhoff) had just recently discovered this and updated our membership files (we had no address or email on file). BG (Ret) Durham was a charter member and a director on the original association board.

Death notice edited from [Legacy.com](#).

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

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