



416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION



"past and present serving together for the future"

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Another Reunion and Phishing opportunities

Well it is spring again and with it we welcome the new road construction and yearly river flooding season. If you interested in both, feel free to make a trip thru western portions of Iowa and the eastern Nebraska area. Both sides of the Missouri River are loaded with plenty of opportunities to see flooding and road construction in action on a single site. I had the delightful opportunity this past week as I drove to attend a funeral in western Colorado. Interstate 80 west bound was full of detours for the existing reconstruction of the I80-I29 intersection that blend on the eastern edge of Omaha. At 11 o'clock at night it still took over an hour to get through the three mile detour. Oh what fun it was.

That said, here is a quick update on a few of the most recent activities for the Association...

On April 12-13, Neil Gafney will be hosting a get together for any Association members that live in the west coast area. Neil lives in central Los Angeles and is welcoming anybody who lives in the region (Arizona, Nevada and southern California) who has some free time. There is a separate article in the newsletter that provides more details on the informal reunion. Feel free to call Neil and connect with your fellow Association members if you're free.

Next, the Association has been the recipient of numerous phishing attempts to draw money from any of the board members. Some of these attempts look as simple as emails from what looks like (in this case) my personal email account and asking board members to send "gift cards" to a given email address. If you look at the email address, it often times is an email from a foreign country and does not specifically state my email name (although it looks like it is from my Comcast email account). This has been a standard phishing attempt that has been around for numerous years. Success can only come if people actually send the email address the gift card numbers. So as serious as some of these emails may look, please verify with the actual sender to confirm that it really is a phishing attempt.

The second and more "serious" looking phishing attempt comes from a company based in Canada with ties to a French company that supposedly has a copyright to various photos. In our case, we published an article by one of our annual banquet visitors a few years ago. In the article, numerous photos were used that this Canadian company said they "own" the copyrights to and we infringed on their property. Needless to say, it was all "BS". Through some diligent checking by a number of the board members, we discovered that this was a fake claim that was being pushed by these Canadian and French companies to "extort" monies from gullible groups and individuals. If you see phishing attempts like this in the future, you're best to just avoid them completely by not replying to the email no matter how official it may look. If you want to check it out in more detail, contact your local internet provider.

Also, we're still moving forward with our annual dinner on the first weekend in November and it appears that it will again be at the Argonne National Laboratory located just south of the Darien US Army Reserve Center. More details are noted in the newsletter as well.

One other note worth mentioning concerns the next East Coast Reunion. Next year, sometime in the June-July timeframe, the US Army Museum will be officially opening. The exact date has not been posted as of yet, but it is believed to be around the 14 June date which would be the 245th anniversary of the Army. Once we get more specifics on those details, the East Coast Chapter will look to try and schedule a reunion after the opening and around in Arlington, Virginia area to allow Association members to coordinate a visit to the museum. So look forward to more details in this newsletter and in the coming months. Just as an FYI, the Association has purchased a brick for showcase at the museum.

Enough for now. Have a great Summer.

Respectfully,

CSM (Ret.) Bob Stanek, Board President



416th ENCOM Association Treasurer's Report

Submitted by COL (R) John Erickson

Activities: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018		
Opening Balance: January 1, 2018	\$	7,777.74
Expenses:		
NE Reunion 2018	\$	1,455.17
Warrior Awards 2018	\$	500.00
TEC Family Day (Bounce House)	\$	224.78
Association Web Site Annual Fee	\$	556.20
Illinois NPO Annual Fee	\$	10.00
Annual Dinner/Meeting/Wine Glasses (Nov.)	\$	2,620.32
Total Expenses:	\$	5,366.47
Income/Deposits:		
NE Reunion 2018	\$	1,320.47
Annual Dinner/Meeting (Nov 2018)	\$	2,002.20
Membership	\$	90.00
Total Income/Deposits:	\$	3,412.67
Closing Balance: December 31, 2018	\$	5,823.94

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Attention West Coast Engineers:

The Last & Best Reunion for members and friends of Engineer Support Group - West

Members and friends of Engineer Support Group - West, headquartered in the Presidio of San Francisco and Moffett Field, Mountainview, CA, are invited to a reunion on Saturday, April 27 from 1-5pm, at the home of COL(R) Neil Gafney.

Neil is located in Hawthorne, CA, adjacent to LAX and the South Bay, and was a member of the ENCOM, FE-TDA, FEG Brigade, and ESG-West for 26 years, extends the invitation to other ENCOM friends who may be interested.

It will be a simple gathering with comrades for food, beer, and reliving old times from the FE-TDA, FEG Brigade, ESG, 63rd ARCOM and other units we have all belonged to.



If you have an interest in attending, please RSVP to Neil at neil@gafney.net and he can provide particulars on location, hotels, or call at: (310) 245-8134.

You can also register using the Register feature on the Association Website: <https://416thencomassn.wildapricot.org/event->

416th TEC Change of Responsibility

The 416th TEC will conduct a CSM Change of Responsibility on 7 April, 2019 at the Parkhurst Army Reserve Center in Darien, IL. CSM Ty V. Emmans will be passing the 416th TEC Colors to CSM Michael T. Boyd. Below is CSM Boyd's most recent bio.

Command Sergeant Major 364th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

Command Sergeant Major Michael T. Boyd was born in Villa Rica, Georgia. He graduated from Villa Rica High School in 1983. He entered the United States Army in November 1986 and graduated from Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Bliss, TX. CSM Boyd graduated from the 31C (Communications Specialist) Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Gordon, GA, in January 1987.

CSM Boyd's first active duty assignment was with the 334th Ordnance Company, in Wildflecken, Germany, from March 1987 to October 1989. Command Sergeant Major Boyd left the Regular Army and joined the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program, in November 1989. His first AGR assignment was at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he served as a 42A (Human Resources Specialist), with the 377th Chemical Company, from November 1989 to September 1992. From September 1992 to October 1995, CSM Boyd continued serving as a 42A, but this time, it was with the 288th Quartermaster Company, Victoria, Texas. From October 1995 to December 1995, CSM Boyd attended the 62B (Construction Equipment Repairer) Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) AIT, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. From December 1995 to August 2000, CSM Boyd served as the 244th Engineer Battalion Motor Sergeant (MOS 91L), Fort Collins, Colorado.

CSM Boyd served in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) from August 2000 to September 2001, before continuing to serve in the United States Army Reserve. From September 2001 to January 2003, CSM Boyd served as a Platoon Sergeant (MOS 88M, Transportation Specialist)/Detachment Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC), for the 1st Detachment, 352nd Engineer Support Company, Bryan/College Station, Texas. He also served as the Motor Sergeant (MOS 91L), for the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 244th Engineer Battalion, Tikrit, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, from February 2003 to April 2004. CSM Boyd then served as a First Sergeant (MOS 88Z), for the 352nd Engineer Support Company, Yoakum, Texas, from April 2004 to May 2008. From June to September 2008, CSM Boyd served as the 420th Engineer Brigade Operations NCOIC, in Bryan, Texas. CSM Boyd once again served as a First Sergeant (MOS 91L), for the 391st Engineer Battalion's Forward Support Company, in Greenville, South Carolina, from September 2008 to April 2011. CSM Boyd served as the 391st Engineer Battalion's acting Command Sergeant Major (MOS 12Z) from April to November 2011. From November 2011 to May 2012, CSM Boyd once again served as the 391st Engineer Battalion's Forward Support Company First Sergeant, in Greenville, SC. CSM Boyd was selected as the 2nd/349th Logistical Support Battalion Command Sergeant Major on 1 May 2012. 4 February 2013, CSM Boyd was selected and served as the Command Sergeant Major for the 391st Engineer Battalion. On 1 January 2015 CSM Boyd assumed the position of the 411th Command Sergeant Major to present. CSM Boyd has been selected to serve as the 364 Expeditionary Support Command, Command Sergeant Major.

Command Sergeant Major Boyd's military (USAR) and civilian education includes the Radio Teletype Operator Course, German Head Start, USAR Orientation Course, USAR Records and SIDPERS Course, Personnel Administration Course, Warrior Leader Course, Logistics Management Development Course, Basic Skills and Preparatory Command Course, Introduction to Defense Financial Management, Introduction to Management in Logistics, Center Level Application System Training, Construction Equipment Repairer, Environmental Compliance Training, Personnel Admin Course, ULLS-G Supervisor Training, Advanced Leader Course, Combat Engineer Training, Army Reserve Technician Training, Unit Administration Basic Course, Senior Leader Course, Facility Manager Course, First Sergeant Course, Army Training Requirements and Resource Systems, Unit Status Reporting Training Course, Security Manager Course, 12B Combat Engineer Course. CSM Boyd is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class #39 (Non-Resident). CSM Boyd attended Central Texas College.

Command Sergeant Major Boyd's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/Silver Oak Leaf, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal (4th Award), Iraqi Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon w/number 3, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/"M" device, Global War and Terrorism Medal, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Marksman Qualification Badge M-16 (SS)/9-MM (MM), Mechanics Badge, Drivers Badge, and the Army Physical Fitness Badge.

CSM Boyd is a military technician with the 420th Engineer Brigade, Bryan, TX. CSM Boyd and his wife, Wanda, have one son, Trey.



416th TEC at Austere Challenge 19

The 416th TEC and subordinate units participated in Exercise Austere Challenge 19 (AC19). What follows is an edited copy of the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR), Deputy Chief of Staff Engineering (ODCSENG) Executive Summary after the execution of AC19.

ODCSENG highlights include: Integration of the 416th TEC staff into the USAREUR JFLCC J7 staff during AC19; the arrival of the 372nd EN BDE TAC, to support Exercise Resolute Castle 19; Sabre Guardian LOG ROC Drill; Defender 20 Initial Planning Conference, the establishment of a Polish Job Order Contract to maintain/repair facilities occupied by over 5000 Soldiers participating in rotational assignments to Europe and continued preparation for the upcoming All Things Europe (ATE).

Austere Challenge 19. ODCSENG participated in the Joint Chief of Staff- directed, EUCOM led exercise AC19 from 13-26 MAR 2019. AC19 was a Joint Force Headquarters Command Post Exercise (CPX) and has become a Globally Integrated Event (GIE), incorporating multiple Component Commands and the Joint Staff into the training audience. The 416 TEC integrated key members of their staff, led by BG Baker, into the ODCSENG Staff to stand up the JFLCC J7 during the exercise. Simultaneously, the 416th TEC main participated from their HQ in Darien, IL. Numerous lessons learned from this exercise will tie directly into our planning for other future Engineer TTXs.

Exercise Resolute Castle (RC19). Command and Control elements from the 372nd EN BDE TAC, with staff personnel in Poland as well as personnel assigned to TF-North (389th EN BN at DPTA). The exercise should continue to evolve and build readiness of engineer Soldiers across the Regiment, Services, and NATO.

Resolute Castle 20 (RC20). ODCSENG began planning RC20 with programmed Joint Exercise Life Cycle events. Pre-deployment Site Survey for RC20 will be conducted and the Initial Planning Conference is scheduled.

Saber Guardian Logistical Rehearsal of Concept. We participated in 21 TSC's Sabre Guardian Log ROC Drill. Discussions about intra and inter-theater movement requirements, including several MRBC's movements in support of Exercise Saber Guardian. Several MRBC's will draw the MRBC equipment from the Enduring Exercise Equipment Set (E3S) and deploy forward in Romania, to participate in a Division-led, multinational, opposed WGC over the Danube River.

Future Operations Update. ODCSENG participated in the exercise Defender 20's (DEF20) Initial Planning Conference. FORSCOM has approved and sourced Engineer units to support a Division level opposed Wet Gap Crossing (WGC) in Poland.

Plans Update. In coordination with Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE) in HQDA, ODCSENG is planning the All Things Europe (ATE) Engineer Table Top Exercise (TTX), focused on reviewing engineer requirements. The USAREUR staff and subordinate units and coordinating efforts for support and logistics is on track. The Engineer Support Plan and Environmental Annex's are complete. Operational Planning Teams continue to focus on creating detailed plans, as well as better defining the proposed locations geometry to determine contingency construction requirements.

Construction Update. ODCSENG's construction program includes 206 projects in varying stages of completion, executed in 8 countries. Infrastructure investments that enhance mission readiness continues to be the top priority. The team is finalizing scoping efforts for FY19 EDI (O&M) construction priorities in preparation for an early spring turnover to USACE.



AC19 Story Board

(U) Event: Austere Challenge 19.2
Where: Clay Kaserne, Germany
When: 09-27 MAR 2019

(U) Event Objective:

(U) Over the course of two weeks, the TEC DCP integrated into the USAREUR staff, serving as the J7, in a EUCOM-wide exercise focusing on a coalition intervention in the Balkan states. The TEC oversaw engineer operations in the entire theater, focusing on engineer planning, sustainment and force flow.

(U) Significance/Impact:

The DCP greatly improved its readiness with regard to its METL tasks, conducting mission command, and setting the theater for handoff to the TEC Main.

(U) Event Outputs:

- Improved understanding of theater-wide operations
- Increased capacity to integrate with an Army Service Component Command (ASCC)
- Synchronized staff efforts to develop future engineer operations through the exercise of war-fighting functions





Save Some Time (help us plan)



416TH ENCOM Association Northeast Reunion Summer 2020

At the close of the East Coast Chapter reunion at Petersburg, VA last June the members present indicated their desire to continue the reunions. We also discussed possible locations for a 2020 reunion. A popular choice with everyone was to hold the 2020 reunion in the Washington, D. C. area. The main attraction for this reunion would be a visit and tour of the new Museum of the US Army being build on Fort Belvoir.

As many of you may know the new museum was originally scheduled to open in 2019. The scheduled opening has been pushed out to sometime in 2020. At this time there is no published date as to when the museum will officially open. The speculation is that an effort will be made to have it open on or before June 14, 2020 which will be the 245th birthday of the US Army.

Our East Coast reunions have typically taken place in June of alternating years. However, if the museum opens in June of 2020 it is expected that interest in the museum will be high and thus very crowded initially. Therefore it might be better to consider a reunion in July, August, September or October of 2020.



If you are interested in attending the proposed 2020 reunion please respond by email to leejpryor@gmail.com and indicate if you agree with holding the reunion in Washington, and touring the Museum of the US Army. Please also indicate which month you would prefer; June, July, August, September, or October.

To conduct the 2020 reunion we will also need a few volunteers in the Washington area who are willing to help with arrangements. These arrangements include lodging and restaurant reservations. Having planned several reunions both military and civilian, I am willing to act as facilitator and provide advice and assistance as needed. I will also take responsibility for arranging the tour of the museum. If you are willing to assist with the other necessary arrangements please contact me by email.

Because of the expected popularity of the new museum this reunion will be open to all members of the 416th ENCOM Association, and current serving members of the 416th TEC.

Respectfully submitted, Lee J. Pryor COL (USA) Retired



<https://thenmusa.org/#video>

The newest additions to the Assoc. Board

We would like to introduce our newest board members: Gerald (Gerry) W. Meyer, COL (Ret.) and Michele Masden SGM (Ret.).



First, Gerry was both a Battalion and Brigade Commander and deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom I in January 2003, with the 416th Engineer Command. He retired from the US Army in June 2015 after 43 years of federal service. Gerry holds a B.S. Degree in Education Arts from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and a Masters Degree in Military Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He served as a Department of the Army Civilian for 24 years at Fort McCoy, WI.

Gerry also participates in various organizations and clubs. He is on the boards of: Wisconsin State Council of the Military Officers Association (MOAA) (President), The United States Army Advisory Board (ACAB) (Vice Chairman), Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) for 12 years and the Chairman for Area 4 including Ft. McCoy and Camp Williams/Volk Field, WI, and Board Council member of 3rd District for Congressman Ron Kind's Military and Veterans Advisory Committee.

Gerry was recognized as Wisconsin Volunteer of Year 2016 for the ESGR and inducted into the Army ROTC Hall of Fame in 2016 at UW-La Crosse, the first ever induction at UW-La Crosse. Lastly, Gerry has been happily married to Janet for 30 years and has a wonderful daughter Marissa.



Michele Marsden, SGM (Ret.) joined the Army as a finance clerk in 1975, and transitioned to the USAR in 1981 with the 416th ENCOM. During her time with the ENCOM she performed in several position within the Controller's office. When the Engineer Regiment opened their doors to women, Michele transferred to the 863rd Engineer Battalion where she served in numerous positions during a career of over 10 years (with the 863rd EN BN).

In 1996 she left the 863rd EN BN and in 1997 retired from the USAR. Michele has been a professional trainer, specializing in soft skills.

Michele resides in Maryland and has two grandchildren.

Welcome to the Board Gerry and Michele!

416th ENCOM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Held Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Argonne Guest House, Argonne, Illinois



MG Miyoko Schanely, 416th TEC Commanding General provided us with a commander's update. We also enjoyed her husband Steve (to her left).



Lt. Col (Ret.) Vince Catich, a U-2 Pilot during OIF was our Guest Speaker as well as MG (Ret.) Robert L. Heine who provided a brief overview of the Hqs, 416th ENCOM deployment in OEF/OIF (15 Year anniversary).



From left to right:
COL (R) John Gessner
COL (R) Lee Pryor
COL (R) Scotty Shrader
MG (R) Robert Heine
COL (R) Larry Slavicek
CSM (R) Bill Lake
COL (R) John Erickson
LTC (R) Larry Czepiel
CSM (R) Robert Stanek
SGM (R) Victor Imhoff



416th ENCOM Association

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2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

_____ Two Year Membership (\$10.00) (Valid through 30 September 2021)

_____ 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 _____ Mobile _____

Army Info: Rank _____

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

416th TEC/ENCOM Assignment: _____

Remarks: _____

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

Where Are They Now?

LTC (Ret) Robert Mittelstaedt

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

A: Since retiring from the Army on 30 Sep 94, life has taken many new directions. Occupations included eldercare, archaeological work in Jordan and Egypt, legal assistant and NW Ohio Region, Area Chair of the Ohio Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and Assistant Director of the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan. The voluntary early retirement in 1994 forced life changes but it opened many unexpected new doors in life.

Eldercare of my mother forced many decisions for eleven years, but still allowed time to work on an archaeological excavation for 2-3 months in Jordan, near Amman, each year (Wadi Thamad, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada). It also allowed a few years to work in Amman as the Assistant Director of the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) providing leadership and guidance to the staff and ensuring continuous operation of its housing, library, research lab and related programs. Upon returning to Toledo, I worked for my brother in his legal practice supporting his work with disabled veterans and others. Work with current reserve and guard also included many hours of volunteer work with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve in Ohio, becoming the Chair of the NW Ohio region for a few years. For the last several years, I have been working with archaeological photography and as volunteer staff on Gebel Silsila Excavation in Egypt, for 5 to 6 months of the year and exploring the Eastern Desert in Egypt with a geologist working on his book. Life has not been normal or routine since retirement.

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 Organization(s) or institute(s)?

A: Military career covered a span of 24.5 years. Positions held were: Platoon Leader (1 yr.); Detachment Commander (5 yrs.), Company Commander (1 yr.), S4 Logistics Officer (<1 year), Battalion Staff Supervisory Administrative Assistant/ Executive Officer (4 yrs.), Staff Construction Real Estate Officer (<1 yr.), Logistics Services Staff Officer (3.5 yrs.), Engineer Staff Officer (4 yrs.) and Operations officer (3 yrs.). Assigned duties were at the 983d Engineer Battalion, 377th Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM), Forces Command (FORSCOM) and the 416th Engineer Command (416th ENCOM).

Military Organizations: The Engineer Regiment, Life Member; Reserve Officer Association (ROA) Life Member; Association of the US Army (AUSA), Life Member; Air Force Association (AFA), Life Member; Navy League (NLUS), Life Member; The Naval Institute, (NI), Annual Member; Military Officer Association of America (MOAA), Life Member; National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), Life Member, The American Legion (Annual member 25 + yrs.): Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve of Ohio (ESGR), Currently inactive as much time is spent overseas. I am a member, Knight of SMOTJ (Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem), aka The Knights Templar.

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

A: Just after retirement I sought work with an archaeological excavation and ended up on the volunteer staff of Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, working near Amman, Jordan. Positions as an Excavator, Staff Photographer, Staff Photographic Instructor, Camp Engineer and Camp Manager. Worked as the Assistant Director of the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR), in Amman, for almost 3 years. After retirement of the Canadian professors working the site in Jordan I sought archaeological work in Egypt and began doing surveys of the Eastern Desert with a retired geologist and later joined the staff of Gabel Silsila Excavation in Egypt. It is a Swedish excavation (Lund University, Sweden) of a large stone quarry complex on the Nile near Aswan, Egypt. I perform as a volunteer staff photographer, excavator and whatever is needed. I currently work with Ohio ESGR when I am in the US and have time to get involved again. Since retirement in 1994, I also work in a legal office preparing VA forms and probate court documents for veterans and other disabled individuals.



Entering the shaft tomb at Gabel Silsila. One of the many projects worked during 2018. Pumps were required as ground water filled the tomb, cut into the sandstone, 5 meters down the shaft.

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Always Remembered

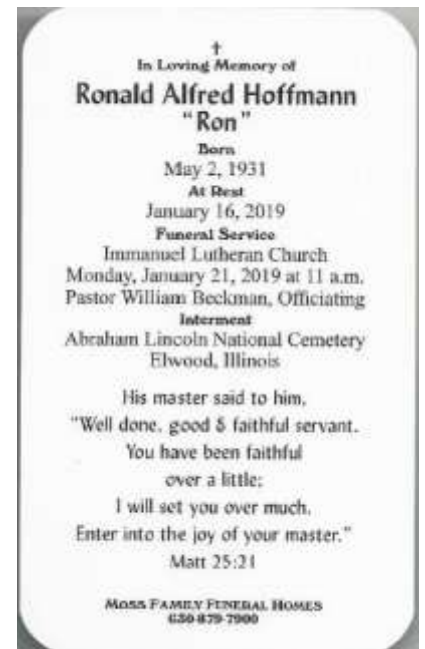
1SG (Ret.) Ronald A. Huffmann

Obituary

ST. CHARLES - Ronald "Ron" Alfred Hoffmann, 87, passed away on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, surrounded by his family at home in St. Charles, IL. He was born May 2, 1931 in Minneapolis, MN. The son of the late, Alfred and Adele (nee. Am End) Hoffmann. He was united in marriage to Ruth Marie Ostermann on September 2, 1955 in Minneapolis, MN. He was a Lutheran school educator for thirty-years and ended his career at Valley Lutheran High School in St. Charles.

He was US Army, Retired from the 863rd Engineer Battalion under 416th Engineer Command. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth M. Hoffmann; his three sons, Mark (Karen) Hoffmann, Robert (Jo Ellen) Hoffmann and Thomas (Dianne) Hoffmann; his eight grandchildren, Jonathan (Kathleen) Hoffmann, Dr. Jennifer Hoffmann, KellyAnn (Craig) Reese, Joshua Hoffmann, Haley Hoffmann, Leah Hoffmann, Kathryn Hoffmann and Joseph Hoffmann; four great grandchildren, Jennifer, James, Andrew and Timothy Reese, one brother, Richard (Dona) Hoffmann, and one sister, Carol (late Allan) Gustafson, and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 21, 2019 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 950 Hart Rd., Batavia, IL. 60510. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 A.M., at the church. Interment will be held privately at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Ron's name may be made to, Good Shepherd Christian Academy, in c/o Jehovah El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church, 3740 W. Belden, Chicago, Il. 60647.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailyherald/obituary.aspx?n=ronald-alfred-hoffmann-ron&pid=191291562&fhid=10088>



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

Where Are They Now?

LTC (Ret) Robert Mittelstaedt

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

A: An area of interest that was sparked by visits to Egypt and Jordan with the 377th TAACOM and the 416th ENCOM is archaeology. Having worked as a professional archaeologist and a volunteer staff over 25 years, the area of interest has become an avocation over the years. I have obtained a Master of Arts from the University of Leicester, UK, in Archaeology and Heritage and the education never stops as Egypt has many things to teach those interested. Four forts and gold mines were discovered (documented and published) in areas along the Nile south of Aswan. From reading about ancient Egypt at six years old in National Geographic magazine things have progressed to where I have been working while National Geographic has been filming on site. This hobby has surpassed all others and is time consuming in onsite work or at home research, lectures or photographic work.

Q: What was your favorite military job & why?

A: The favorite and most rewarding job and assignment was with the 377th TAACOM working as their Engineer and Logistic Services Officer. Under the leadership of Don Sawin and Denny LeBlanc activities were self managed and overseen to completion, in particular Bright Star planning and execution. The interface with Third Army staff was always smooth and execution of duties was planned and coordinated. The General Staff duties and coordination worked effortlessly across the board.

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 call out the military to secure our southern border. It is a threat to our internal security.

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

A: World Communism External and Internal to the US.

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: Retired for 25 years with little contact with the USARC although contact through ESGR with reservists and units show that there are new, more responsive reserve and guard organizations. The top level interface is not something I can comment on as there is no interface with me.

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 5-6 hrs away. So far it has always been at a time that there were other activities planned. I guess it would be good to work the association meetings with some of the units in the ENCOM and seek to work and recruit from the downtrace if possible.

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

A: No contact with anyone before the request to answer these questions.

Q: What awards/qualification badges did you attain?

A: After retirement those mean little in the civilian world. Would have to find my DD Form 214.



Descending down the wooden ladder of the shaft tomb at Gebel Silsila, Egypt. The tomb 5 meters below yielded 3 sarcophagi with intact child burials and disturbed bones of hundreds of adult individuals. Tomb contents were all approximately 3400 years old.

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

Always Remembered

Ms. Joanne Sovo

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Ms. Joanne Sovo the secretary of the Command Group, 416th Theater Engineer Command (TEC). The 416th leadership and many members attended her services. The 416th TEC Soldiers also provided an Honor Guard at the doors of her visitation as well as the funeral mass.

Below is a copy of the 2008 announcement of just some of Joanne's contributions to our Assoc (Person of the Year 2008).



JOANNE SOVA SELECTED AS THE 416th ENCOM ASSOCIATION'S PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 2008

Ms. Joanne Sovo, Command Group Secretary, 416th TEC, has been selected as 416th ENCOM Association Person of the Year for 2008. Ms. Sovo has been a staunch supporter of the Association having provided secretarial/administrative support that included membership data base maintenance, printing the membership directory, mailing of various Association newsletters and directories, and as a resource for 416th TEC activity information. She has also been responsible for setting up and coordinating Association meetings, and in her position as Command Group Secretary, she provides professional interface between the 416th and 412th for numerous mutual functions. Joanne is well recognized as a dedicated, enthusiastic, and resourceful team player that adds significant value to any project she undertakes.

Ms. Sovo has been with the 416th since August, 1996 having come to the ENCOM from the 86th ARCOM. She began her career with the 86th and the Army Reserve program in 1980. She is the third recipient of the Person of the Year Award having followed LTC (R) Ted Winters in 2006, and BG (R) Jack Kotter in 2007. Congratulations Joanne!!!



Always Remembered

Ms. Joanne Sova, continued

Ms. Sova was the Executive Secretary in the 416th TEC Command Group. But she was so much more. She was a stereo typical Chicago South-Sider. Telling you what was on her mind, in the most honest of terms, regardless of the your rank or position.

Joanne always had a candy jar on her desk (and it still remains in CMD GRP). That candy started conversations, and I believe that's why she always knew what was going on everywhere in the building. The details were drawn-out while you enjoyed the tasty seasonal treat. But, I'll always believe her intension was much deeper than simple gossip. She genuinely cared about everyone. She gained her insights about you as you discussed politics (both in the building and City of Chicago...). Joanne knew my family members by name. I remember her trivial stories about nieces and nephews as well as siblings. She was instrumental during deployments as a loving and supportive Family Readiness resource for both the families left at home and the Soldiers deployed. She served her country proudly! She just happened to be wearing civilian cloths during her life of service. Joanne, you are missed by the those that knew you. You will always be in our hearts!



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