

Robert Chevas opened the 14 October 2023 ENCOM Association meeting @ 0903 hrs. (9:03 am) with the Roll Call of Officers. Robert reported all Officers are either present or accounted for.

Roll Call of Officers

President	(COL-Ret)	Robert Chevas	Present
President (Elect)	(COL-Ret)	Eric Larson	Present
Vice President of Membership	(CSM-Ret)	Knute Weick	Absent
Treasurer	(LTC-Ret)	Edgar Montalvo	Present
Secretary	(SGT-Ret)	Chip Wood	Present

Association Board Members - 2021-2023

The Association Board is appointed by the incoming President, and each serve a two-year term effective in conjunction with the incoming President. The term begins at the annual dinner, November of every odd year.

Position	Rank	Name	Contact
President	COL (R)	Robert Chevas	email a board member
President (Elect)	COL (R)	Eric Larson	email a board member
Vice President (Membership)	CSM (R)	Knute Weick	email a board member
Treasurer	LTC (R)	Edgar Montalvo	email a board member
Secretary (Meetings, Minutes & Memos)	SGT (R)	Raymond B "Chip" Wood Jr	email a board member

Past President

Past President remains a vital part of the continuity between successive boards and is eligible to vote.

Position	Rank	Name	Contact
Past President (P19-21)	COL (R)	Scott Shrader	email a board member

Directors At Large

Appointed by the President and serve a two-year term concurrent to the Association Board.

Position	Rank	Name	Contact
Director at Large (Senior) (P09-11)	MG (R)	Robert Heine	email a board member
Director at Large (Programs & Events) (P13-15)	COL (R)	John Gessner	email a board member
Director at Large (Eastern Chapter)	COL (R)	Lee Pryor	email a board member
Director at Large (Eastern Chapter)	SGM (R)	Michele Marsden	email a board member
Director at Large	COL (R)	Gerald Meyer	email a board member
Director at Large (Newsletter)	LTC (R)	Robert Mittelstaedt	email a board member
Director at Large (Historian & Death Notices)	CH (COL)	Robert Carter	email a board member

Director at Large (VP Membership Assistant)	CSM (R)	Ed Evans	email a board member
Director at Large (Co-Treasurer/501c focused)	COL (R)	Ken Yoshitani	email a board member
Web Master (non-voting position)	Mr.	Shaun Murphy	email a board member

Directors at Large attending today's (14 October 2023) Monthly Meeting.

Robert Chevas – Present
Eric Larson - Present
Chip Wood – Present
Edgar Montalvo – Present
Michele Marsden – Present
Keith Eichorst - Present
Lee Pryor – Present
Gerald Meyer - Present
Robert Mittelstaedt – Present
Shaun Murphy - Present
John Gessner - Present
John Erickson – Member Present

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the August 2023 Association meeting. They look good to me Chip, you know we'll take a vote to accept them in a minute, but does anyone have any comments about the minutes? I like that you got them out in a timely fashion. Do I hear a motion to approve the minutes? Eric Larson - proposed a motion to approve the minutes as present. John seconded it; the minutes are approved as published.

Financial Report with Edgar Montalvo: Next up, Edgar, is what's going on in the financial statements and funding for the annual meeting. What I'm going to do is bring up the actual spreadsheet. I'll try to make it a little larger. We had \$1,400 received for ticket sales, \$600 and checks. These are checks I was holding over from the spring event that deposited donations. We received 750 memberships and 16 biennial membership renewals, eight of them were online, eight of them were by checks. That gives you a total of \$2,588 in income. We had \$10.38 that was charged for credit card processing fees for if I go back one. This is now the end of September. This is that's the \$1,035 for the tickets, \$100 of these tickets, \$300 of this was online them a check for \$1,530 for a biennial renewal of our website, that's \$1,530.00 in expenditures. That means we started with \$6,700.00 and we ended with \$7,775.62. I think that was all related to the spring event as well. When I figure out what those are, then I could post those as well. But this is what we have right now, this number will change, because this is going to be through the end of October. And I guess the big number that John's going to want is 46 ticket sales. It's \$2,300.00; 12 of the ticket sales I got in check form I got to make that list I'll have a list of 46 people when I go through the website and figure out who paid. We got a couple people that paid by Zellie some people who paid through wild apricot, but we've got 46 dinner sales tickets. At the end of the day right now the amount of money we have is \$7,775.62 and the only other number you guys are going to be very interested in We'll have it for you at the annual meeting if not posted before then is the breakdown of how much of that money is Operating expenses how much is available for? Either donation and scholarships or whatnot. Robert interjected Okay; anybody got any questions for Edgar?

Lee Pryor asked "You said the wild apricot payment is that you said bi-annual? So that's for two years." Edgar said "Yes that's correct. Were right the discount the week not a big one 15% this one. Every little bit helps and the other thing I just want to also mention as far as the funds I think we're we've Approaching a point where we have Three classifications; 1. Operating 2. Donations which if we discuss today could become 3. Scholarship fund and then the other one is the unit plaque for the museum, and you got your right and some of those donations were for that purpose." We just need to clarify how much we have in each category, right? I will do that. I don't have that break because some of the \$7,775.00

obviously \$2,300.00 set aside for our dinner that will be very good. Could you put on that \$1,530.00 line the check in and then it's for wild apricot which one for the you really don't identify what that is a payment to wild apricot that way it's clear when we approve the financial report, we'll have the line identified.

Thanks Edgar all right that's for and that's for two years that's good to know because any other comments. I interjected "I've got one we should put another line on here don't know if you want to put it in revenue or expenses or something or notes how much money have, we raised." And I'll fill it out and get you a breakdown of, and if you want, we could further break down these donations into like Lee said, the plaque and the basic grants scholarship funds.

I have a question. I think the biannual membership, at least one of those is a lifetime membership. I don't think you got 16 bi-annual memberships. We'll get eight online I don't have when I do the download, it'll show that it was paid, not by a check, but by a wild apricot. We had one for Colonel Jim Murphy, but that may be going into November to become a lifetime member. Master Sergeant Rufus paid \$90 to become a lifetime member because he paid the bi-annual by \$10. Let me finish up the reconciliation numbers for guests. I'll send you the ones that I got checks for. Then we go through the ones that are online, the ones that go through affinity pay, they identify but those that are paid by Zell they must be hand jammed we have to do it manually at least one payment for a lifetime manual it's a good start you know we can always look at the final numbers and approval for next month.

The next item on the agenda is the 4th of November meeting at "The Guest House" Bldg. 460 @ Argonne National Laboratory. John also stated that when you send the money, I stated that it should be sent it thru Zelle – usar416thencom@yahoo.com so that Edgar will receive your payment. **The latest date for RSVP is 30 Oct 2023, Monday before Dinner.**

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(Left click – OPEN HYPERLINK) The Directions to the "Guest House" are as follows:

Enter the Main Gate and Turn Left on "Outer Circle"

First Stop Sign at "Outer Circle" & "Westwood Drive"

Drive Straight Ahead

Second Stop Sign at Outer Circle & Meridian Drive

Drive Straight Ahead

Next Block Turn Left

The Guest House will be on your right.

(Parking will be on your immediate right before Guest House and right across the from the Hotel on your left)

The big item on the next item on agenda is the annual dinner update from John Gessner. Hey guys I'm actually down in Florida right now so if you hear a plane fly over I'm near the airport so I drop off that's the reason for the meeting we typically don't do a printed program but if you'd like I'll send the agenda out to everybody just to give you an idea what's going on I'll have a few copies on your tables for you typically we it starts at 1730 but we meet as the as the board at 1700 just to deal with anything any other items for the dinner one of the things is we'll assign the toast and the people to pour the punch and so forth. I do have the contract in hand the price will be based on the number of people plus you know whatever they charge us for the liquor and the and podium and a couple things that that needs to help on there is no 416th Chaplain he is processed out and they don't have another one coming in right away I can do that chapel work if unless there's somebody that you know out there, if we have a board member who's a chaplain. I don't know anybody, and I check doesn't have anybody. Perhaps we can contact Mr. Murphy to see if we get the 416th Flag, The American Flag; the Army Flag and maybe a two-star flag & possible the one-star Flag, also. I can contact Murphy about that and see if he's got that unless somebody else has got contact with him. Go ahead and shoot him an email and, I'll probably try and pop by sometime in the next week. John, thank you for thinking of that. We'll check. If those guys can get that over there a little bit earlier that day. You wanted to have a meeting on the 25th of October. I think 28th Saturday is better than the 25th. I recommend the final one on the

28th. We do need to have the list in. I need to have a full count by the 31st of October. We have 46 people signed up right now people sign up on the 30th and 31st. That's a good starting point. I sent some out to Shaun, I didn't read the full invitation correctly. But it did have instructions on how to apply for the security thing that must be done by everybody, including spouses. There's the sign up for the actual dinner and then there's a sign up for the security that goes up to our gate guard. And there's a lady named Diana on there. And if you email that to her, it's self-explanatory. You email that to her with all your information and your spouse's information or any guests you have, because everybody's going to have to be on that list. If that doesn't happen, it may not be able to get on post. We don't have any way to track how many people have done that correctly, do we, John? This Diane, she sends me something every week of what she's got. But it'd just be a reminder out there that people need to do that. I can check the list of anybody that she hadn't heard from. I can send them an email. I already got back a confirmation email from him saying, "Gate pass for your upcoming visit." I talked to Jim Murphy on the phone and said, "It's up to you. I want you to do the command group." Jim Murphy said he did the command group himself. As far as the speaker is concerned, typically we pay for the speaker's dinner to be General Heine. If he gave \$100 to his wife, probably need to give him back 50. I will have a projector there so you can just plug in a thumb drive. And they will have a screen. We've asked for a screen, a mic, and a podium. I've provided General Heine with all the pictures I had, so that'll help him with his talk. You had volunteered to give him some pictures also. If you had anything special out there that you think might be good for the brief, I just send it to him. I just send him all my pictures on a stick. Any open issues, any open comments you have out there, any way I've looked at? I'll check with Diana, so I'll let you know later. Any other comments? I think that 46 number is really good number because usually it's low about this time. People wait till the last minute. I know a guy named Gary Turner sent me something. He heard General Hine speaking, and he was the ACS for engineering while Heine was the material guy. He said, "Yeah, I want to come and listen to that." We may have some names we haven't seen before. Any other further questions for me? If you think of something, you can send me an email, or we'll talk about it on the 28th. Like I said, on the 28th, maybe John Gessner; Edgar Montalvo; me (Robert Chevas); Eric Larson, and probably Chip Wood just to keep us all honest on the 28th, and Sean to send out a notice or make sure our Zoom link is good, Edgar. I'm traveling then, Robert, but we need to check in anyway, no problem. But I just want to make sure, you know, all of John's information that Edgar's is straight and anything I can help in that last week to make sure it goes smooth, you know so understand, you can call me anytime. Now I'm in the States, so it's not like trying to get me on a foreign phone. - Bob, one other thing is the business of that night, we're on the odd year. Typically, will take the officers and have that affirmed by the membership and anything else that needs to change their bylaws. I don't know if there are any, but as the meeting goes, that's probably the only business thing.

Next up on the agenda is the plaque for the Army Museum, Lee Pryor is spearheading. All right, this is what we've got, this is the different stuff. He's gathering solicitation for the Army plaque, the ENCOM TEC plaque for the museum, not the brick. Let's see if I remember how to do this, make co-host, did you get a request? Everybody sees it. But this is the design that we've currently come up with.

This is the updated version as of the 20 Oct after the Meeting:

NOT ON THE PLAQUE – EXPLANATION OF THE ACROMYNS

Berlin Crisis

ODS – Operation Desert Storm

ODS – Operation Desert Shield

OIF – Operation Iraqi Freedom

OEF – Operation Enduring Freedom

416TH THEATER ENGINEER COMMAND (TEC)

FORMERLY 416TH ENGINEER COMMAND (ENCOM)

Activated August 1950
Chicago, Illinois

ESSAYONS!



BERLIN CRISIS / ODS / ODS /
OIF / OEF

Newt and I have collaborated. He did the first grunt work to get it started. Any feedback, please? I have a question. Got the Logistics Excellence in the Army Supply Action Award. We were also the first runner up in the Army Community of Excellence. Malcolm Baldrige awards. I personally wondered about putting that on the bottom. Newt put it in there and so that was his preference. But I'm curious what others think. Because it doesn't cover everything is too like the TEC for like five years in a row, USARC safety award. I like the deployments, but the logistics and the supply stuff, I got a participation ribbon from Argonne. I think the deployment is the key thing. Did the TEC get any combat citations, the superior unit award or further deployments?

I agree with after visiting the army museum there, I think that the deployments and then the unit recognition for those deployments are the appropriate things to put on these plaques. It's a good one. Let people know what it does. Logistics excellence could for people not knowing might think we're a supply company. Did the unit citation for the either deployment? We'll have to check with them I had heard we got something, but I haven't seen the thing in writing. If there is something in writing would probably have to share that with all the folks so you can update your retired uniform. Except for logistics excellence and supply and supply award, which will, I guess the consensus is to remove that. If we have any other citations for the ENCOM or the TEC, we'll replace the logistics warning with those citations. Having said that, I'd like to move so that we accept this design. I guess one question as I go into that. For Honduras, Costa Rica, and Headquarters Corps of Engineers. I mean, are we going to match the deployments that are on the wall there in the museum? The recognized campaign ribbons are we going to go with the recognized campaign ribbons that the unit, or basically the activation, when the unit got called up on orders? All the campaign ribbons are up on the ceiling. And several of them are what's associated here with the 416th, but some, several of them are not. I'm just thinking through that as I'm looking at it and kind of putting my mind back at what the museum does.

Well, the other thing I was going to ask Robert to do is between now and our meeting on the 4th of November, to take this to Mr. Murphy. And I think that the Headquarters of the TEC needs to look at this and tell us what they think. Because they saw the draft and they liked the draft. There's a big difference between that first draft and this one. What campaigns do we show? Do we show only the ones that resulted in a ribbon? Like Desert Storm and OIF and so forth. Or do we show even the ones like Honduras, which was Blazing Trails, for example. I also question listing Headquarters, Army Corps of Engineers. We work heavily with them, and we've sent people to the Pentagon to occupy slots from time to time. But I don't know if that really belongs there. We were a derivative unit UIC out of the TEC with when we supported them in 2008 and 2009 and we got a ribbon. With them because of our support for it sort of again, that's the problem. You're right is the TEC and what isn't I know that we deployed a you know a team for Operation Southern Watch because I know I was replaced by John Gessner their group when went to Saudi Arabia and I Guess that there's a bunch of other because we got an army expeditionary force a recognition for that one after the bombing of Kobar Towers and another thing, I'll make contact with because a lot of people don't even realize they have a GS I think he's in a GS-11 full-time historian at the at Parkhurst Reserve Center So I can shuffle by and see what he actually has as the official historian for the ENCOM TEC That would that would be good and I think we could have two proposals one that has everything like this and one that just has the campaigns and see what the tech has to say. Like I guess I'd like the TEC to tell us which campaigns they think ought to be on there That's why I said I'll go see the TEC and say you tell me What I'll do Robert is I'll take off the logistics awards. I'd say table my motion for now so one another comment as I'm looking at this. I'm thinking of it Should we put our location Darien, Illinois in there because it's Because a lot of people there that are going to go to the museum won't know where the 416th we were on Cermak Avenue, what if they ever picked up the headquarters and moved them to another address? You know to me it's Chicago, Illinois, because Chicago is where it was activated, and the greater Chicago area is where I think that's fine. I think that's a fine statement there's Lee, it's Chicago, Illinois, Northeast Illinois. They don't go, I'm from Hinsdale or I'm from Darien. They say I'm from Chicago because nobody outside of

Chicago it says activated in 1950. In the same typeface right under that, I will put Chicago, Illinois. The three blue lines on the crest are the Chicago River.

Lee, what do you get for pledges so far for the for the plaque? Give me one second and I will be able to tell you. I'm not trying to sideball you, but I figure I got everything organized here. Pledges as of 1 September. Well, while he's looking it up, one thing I did was I did an individual email to all the BGs and Major Generals that were in the TEC, and General Carter came back and said, I'll give 500 and then General Baker said, I'll give, but he didn't give me a dollar amount. As of right now, I've got General Baker's name on there with no amount, \$3750. We're getting close. I'm surprised you didn't get anything from General Mulcahy. I will take care of that personally. I did send him an email. I kept a list of whom I sent an email to. He was like the first guy, but I got no response. I don't know how much email he does. He's a little bit older than me.

I get a blurb for the newsletter. I don't think we did one because it wasn't approved. But if everybody's comfortable, I think what we should do instead of showing this design, we ought to take a generic one off the museum website. Let me take a note. I'll take a note and get you something, Michelle. All right, so I'll table my motion myself, right now. Robert, I don't know. Maybe you want to talk about this during your remarks. I'm going to add, I got like three cheat sheets and one of them is talking about the brick which we'll talk about the brick. I think it would be a wonderful thing to approve it right there at the meeting. That would be at dinner. That would be awesome. I got that down as one thing to talk about is you know, there is a museum and here's what we want to do and it's like what we did at the engineer room over at Fort Leonard. I've got that as a speaking point. It can be either Robert or Eric. I don't know when we're going to do the handoff from president to past president, you know, but it's easy, but you know, I guess I'm only agenda next on scholarship.

I was going to sneak in Chip in between to give you a break. Chip, this wasn't on the agenda because I forgot it, but we've already got the brick. Can you describe the brick and what's going to do with that? This is the last certificate I got for a COL Berg, which I've got the two plaques I will put them in. The top of the brick says this. "National Museum of the United States Army". This is what brick looks like.

**416TH ENCOM (FWD)
CHICAGO ILLINOIS
OPERATIONS DS/DS
25 ARMY ENGINEERS
FIRST TO DEPLOY 1990
LAST TO RETURN 1991**

Lee interjected "Yep, that's exactly what we designed, so that's great". It's about 15 pounds, I'll be able to fit in the clear case very easily. And I've got the two plaques and I'll be bringing them, and Lee and I were there, we saw the portraits of the soldiers and the military people that were painted. I'm bringing that book with us so everybody can look at it while they're at dinner. I thought the portraits were beautiful and very detailed, it's a portrait, not a picture. She did such a good job, and I got a whole book and I'll bring that to the dinner so everybody can look at it. It took her 7 years to make the portraits from all 50 states, and I'll bring Coins with me.

Lee for Grant / Scholarship.

Robert probably sent this out but here's what I wrote. It's kind of running off here but has anybody taken had a chance to look at this in advance of today's meeting?

Proposed Motion for the Formation of a 416th Engineer Association

Scholarship Program

Submitted by Lee J. Pryor

I move that the 416th Engineer Association establish a Scholarship Program with the following guidelines.

1. That the scholarships be offered to the enlisted soldiers of the 416th TEC up to the grade of E6
2. The scholarship may be applied to any first college, or associate degree, or for an accredited trade school certificate.
3. The amount of the scholarship shall be \$500 and will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient to be used for tuition, books, equipment, tools, or living expenses.
4. The scholarships shall be funded from the Association's charitable donations
5. Scholarship applicants shall be chosen upon:
 - A. High school grades if voluntarily submitted.
 - B. An essay written by the applicant of no more than 500 words.
 - C. The essay should include the reason for scholarship request, the applicants short-term and long-term career goals, and why he/she deserves a scholarship.
 - D. Record of military service including awards and decorations if voluntarily submitted.
 - E. Applicants may voluntarily submit up to two letters of recommendation.
6. Scholarship recipients shall be chosen by a sub-committee of the Association's board of directors.
 - A. The subcommittee shall submit a list of recommended scholarship recipients to the full board of directors for final approval.
7. Scholarships shall be awarded annually in June for the coming school year beginning in the Fall.

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You know I looked at it and then my feedback is not a comment I asked Mr. Murphy in person and on the phone for the E6 population (Currently there is a Population of 44 Soldiers at the TEC). They're drilling this weekend you could stop by yeah. Now go-ahead Lee. It's all right so fine but does anybody disagree with anything that's in here because as I hear I have move that we establish a scholarship program with the guidelines as shown this is going to be a kind of fluid thing, I think we'll learn a lot as we go. I also think Robert, we need an official scholarship subcommittee to oversee this program. That's part of my motion, the subcommittee of the association's board of directors. And then the subcommittee can be the one that picks the member, you know, the potential candidates and so forth. Is there, do we have a form? People are going to want a form.

Well, we don't have one yet, Michelle. I mean, I didn't want to go into that kind of detail till we said we had a program. If this motion passes today, then I can go ahead and look at developing some kind of forum. Well, I think we should do a kiss method because we're asking for a 500-word essay. Focus on that and get the bare minimum of the other stuff. We learned our lesson about asking too much information. I'll take it to do to put together the form. 1 typo I see on here is under scholarship applicants shall be chosen based upon. The second one now should be applicant. That's the problem sometimes with spell check. When I did that, I changed it to applicant. That's my motion. Is there any second to the motion? Second. All those in favor of

pursuing a scholarship. Any opposed? Motion is carried. We're going to switch from grant to scholarship. You'll announce this also to the membership. Because I know that already people are asking, what have you done with grant money, or you plan to do with grant money?

Who do you have for the committee who wants to volunteer? Well, I'll do a limited, I'll make the form. - I tell you what, I'll draft one and send it to you and then you can refine it for me. All right, that'll work out fine. Be best if we get some membership at large and say he's a membership for scholarship or whatever. So maybe we'll ask for a volunteer and maybe we'll get somebody. Well, of course I've been putting this together. But we don't want to stick you with everything, you know what I mean? You turn into the irreplaceable guy. (laughs) Thank you very much, Robert.

Moving a little bit along, you know, Eric, I don't know if you had a chance, not on the agenda, but, you know, for President -Elect, I told Murphy, I thought maybe Scavnick might be a good. I talked to Dave on Tuesday, and he said let me think about it and him but he will be at the dinner so we could lean on him extra hard there because it was kind of like me leaning on me where they said Well you know you know Scottie Strait is sick. He can't really be president so why don't you take over and it's like poof I think he's a little word on the time commitment I told him that it wasn't it wasn't a significant thing you know the hour per month. I don't know Newt hasn't been president yet has he might, I don't think so but Newt seems to me with so many activities and businesses all the time he says I'm doing something else this weekend.

So I know that but I also know he's planning on retiring in the next two within the next two years so by the time you'd be the president you might have a little bit more available time that's true, I think my personal preference would be let Dave do it now and then see if newt would want to do it the next time around when he's you know kind of been retired and have a little bit but that's my that's one of my initial thoughts to be able to keep things going but it would also be nice you know we could look at some of the recent joiners and see them as well let's see who makes it to the dinner and we can talk there or two of went off of the agenda. I got the input after I sent it out was Lee wanted to talk a little bit about history seems like I'm doing all the talking today my apologies no good ideas and asking the questions so is Bob Mittelstaedt still on the line? of went off of the agenda there so the next on the agenda but I got the input after I sent it out was Lee wanted to talk a little bit about history seems like I'm doing all the talking today my apologies the good ideas and asking the questions so is Bob Mittelstaedt still on the line? I started looking at this and I had some other papers. I did a two-year Moldez in the Office of the Chief in the Pentagon, my last two years of reserve duty. And I picked up documents there and had them stuck in my closet. I started scratching my head because I have an affinity for history anyway. I didn't think about talking to you. I didn't realize there was a historian at ENCOM, but I made contact with this gentleman. He's got a PhD. He's been there, it sounded like for some time because he was into a rock to interview engineers about the activities of OIF. And we had a very nice little discussion. And the one comment that stuck out was, he has almost nothing on the 416th at the core headquarters level, that got me thinking, he asked to see an example. For instance, I filled during the months of Desert Storm, I filled three spiral bound notebooks every day, every hour of every meeting and everything I did. And I still have those. And he'd like to see those and some other things. But of course, that led me to think, well, what about all the people that were in later deployments after 2003? And maybe something that the association could do is be a funnel in cooperation with the TEC to gather this from some of the older members. For instance by General Mulcahy, what papers does he have? What does General Cotter have? That it could be of historical interest to someone someday if you know what do we do? What did we do? And how did we do it? How did we accomplish it? Same thing for OIF. And some of us from Desert Storm aren't getting any younger. You know if we're going to do something like that now's the time to do it. I mean I had three years as a military history detachment commander, and that was Command Historian, acting Command Historian during the 2003 deployment. The information is out there. The USACE Historian and the USACE Historian need to put together because every year after Desert Storm, the annual historical summary is written about the unit. And it's supposed to pass out from the, all the way from the

squad level all the way to the USACE change command. There is a USACE Historian that the corps engineer's historian can talk to. And that information has been collected at least since the mid '90s. But to be honest with you the reason why I became a historical detachment commander is we have better records of the Civil War than we did over the First Gulf War. That's not a joke either. The reason why I became a historical detachment commander is we have better records of the Civil War than we did over the First Gulf War. Another thing is and I gave some of my stuff to there's also a full-time GS-12 Historian at the 88th RSC where I dumped a bunch of my stuff relating to other units I deployed with not because those units have been since deactivated. This guy went up there interviewed me for three hours on tape and then I gave him all my stuff signs and forms to give to him And I mean he's another resource that we can give to he covers the whole 88th RSC area too.

He's like the overwatch of the TEC GS-11 historian. Maybe he's already in contact with this gentleman at the core headquarters. There'd be something interesting to find out and maybe maybe that's the right thing we can gather what we can from our membership funnel it through the TEC headquarters from through that historian and then let him connect to you USARC and the end come into the core headquarters. Before everybody donates everything and gets rid of it need to scan it as much as possible. There is a record It's going to take me quite a while, but I intend to scan my notebooks and another diary and first, I want to preserve it for my children in case they have any interest. Good point Lee that's to everyone. I think that's an that's an excellent comment that you know, this organization, you know, one of its What, you know, one of its values to add to the 416th is gathering the history of those that have served with it and but you can want to work in that role, but you don't really I don't think you really get that support until you get people like us that are past that point of serving that go that are more reflective on that so. Yeah, I totally think that this would be of great value if we could do that would be something that's personal from us but would also add value to the to the 416th. I'll leave it to the historians and the group background and history units to take it from there. You know we can add it to, you know, business periodically picking up Bob Mittlesteadt and Keith might be get more engaged, good point here and especially Keith is a little bit more local to the TEC

And I think we need to put the blurb in the newsletter reference that too. I'll write something up on that one. Send it to Michelle. The only thing I have in my notes for unfinished businesses is Michelle, where are we with the newsletter. I should have it to Sean today. Maybe tomorrow the latest I had it all edited I just have to move some more stuff around. I'll take the other stuff to add to the next one. I was just seeing if Sean wasn't sleeping there and that's what I'm here.

Then I propose that you know, we have a meeting on the 28th of October with the main players being me (Robert) John, Edgar, Maybe Chip, to keep us honest so we can make sure we got the right number count and any last-minute changes that local guys like me can take care of. Then for the rest of the people invite me to that one Robert to make sure that yeah that I have it so because I'll try to make it. So, it would be you so Sean or Edgar and make sure we got a link that works on the 28th of October. We basically want to just send it out to me Eric probably you for sure and John Gessner and Chip, you know but we can let anybody else know you could probably send it a whole have both whole boards. According to our schedule our next actual meeting is for November at Argonne.

If there is no further business, can I get a motion to adjourn the meeting? Lee Pryor made a motion to adjourn the meeting; do I hear a second? Gerry Meyer seconded it. All those in favor say "Aye" everyone responded with "Aye". Thank you very much for giving me time on Saturday.

14 October 2023 Association Meeting was adjourned at 1001 Hrs. (10:01 am)

Next Association meeting will be on 28 October 2023 @ 0900 for the last-minute details for the dinner.

Next Association meeting will be on 4 November 2023 @ 1700 (Brief meeting before the dinner).

The next Get Together will be in 3 Weeks from today on November 4, 2023, at the Argonne Laboratory for the Annual Dinner in Darien, IL

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 - a. For the Organization use: 416th ENCOM Association.
 - b. For the position use: Member.
 - c. For the address uses the unit address of: 10 S100 S. Frontage Road, Darien, Illinois 60561.

Sidenote: the meeting minutes from 28 October will be on this newsletter see below:

Robert Chevas opened the 28 October 2023 ENCOM Pre-Annual Meeting Prep @ 0903 hrs. (9:03 am)

Robert Chevas – Present
Chip Wood – Present
Edgar Montalvo – Present
Lee Pryor – Present
John Gessner – Present
John Erickson – Present

Let me see if I can quickly open information, I had a preliminary set of numbers for I put in many of the purchase tickets for the dinner. I had a couple that I didn't recognize the name and I was going to ask Lee because we successfully put in some guests for the spring event normally through our website You, they want you to put in a member and then you say Robert Chevas is the registered. Lee, you were able to put in some guests who were not members. How are you able to do that on the website?

What I can do is work with you maybe after this and we can open the income website in the admin view and look at it. Maybe it'll come back to me what I did. Because that's because there's at least 10 registrations that are not yet in the web and the website. We have the money, but they're not listed on the website. I think there are people that might have to go to the names of those for whom they paid. But that's one challenge. The other item was I got a check here for \$100 from General Hiene given the opportunity to donate. I think the idea was he's paying for the dinner, but I think we were going to cover his cost because he's a speaker. I thought we agreed you were going to do that. Tell me how you want to handle it. I'll give him the opportunity because I don't know who we had done that for the for this the spring event and historically we've invited our speakers to our dinners guests we covered their cost of their tickets for them and a guest.

He happens to be obviously a member of the board but if he's going to be a speaker you guys tell me how you want to how you want me to handle it. For me I'm just going to deposit the check. Edgar let's just put it towards the dinner this time. But the key thing we need from you right today is, how many people have signed up? Let me go to the website and let you know, there's at least 10 that are not in there. Because John Gessner is going to need a list of all these people. Because a lot of them haven't done the online registration for Argonne. But everyone that's given me a check, sent me a check, I vented them. I've entered everyone that sent me a check, except I, this is the only one that's

remaining. There are others though that are paying through Zelle, but then I have to kind of backdoor, make sure they register because when they send money, Zelle, they're not registered.

When they go through the website and pay through Affinity Pay, we pick up the registration. In other words, if I go into the website to register, as part of the registration online, they make a payment with a credit card, we capture the registration and the payment at the same time when they go through the website. When they send me a check, I must manually enter it. I've done that for everyone except General Heine. The 10 guests, there's \$500, two \$250 ticket purchases. I've got to contact that person to get the, because I got the name of this person who sent me the check, but I don't have the name of the four guests that are associated with it. So, I must chase them down and that adds 10. I'm going to go to the website now. I don't know if anyone else is on the website, but that would be, I stopped at like 34 or something last time that are officially registered on the website.

I'm getting at to Edgar is that new requirement for the security check -in with Argonne, you know, even Chip didn't catch that one. He just did it now, you know, just before you got online, I registered to be my wife. It didn't take long, took a couple seconds, but still people need to do that. Let me ask this registration for Argonne, we're not providing them with a list, we're individually registering? If you don't do it, you can't get in. How can we do it for our guests? - I don't think so. I think you must somehow certify that you're providing this information yourself if I recall. - Yeah, and you have got to give the person's name, address, email address, phone number, you don't have all that information for all the members we do, but not the guests. I had to meet my two guests, I had to answer them, you know, but since it's my daughter and son -in-law, I knew their address and phone numbers and all their email stuff. You were able to do it though, with their information. I can run through a list. Let me pull that up, or I'm going to just finish logging into the site quick, and then we'll give you an update number. Edgar, if you give us everything for John, are you still there?

I saw him coming in and out. Because he mentioned earlier, if you give the list of names, he'll contact everybody that needs to do that. Well, do that today. I could just read the list, now we're logged in, right? So now we're going to add in you, now we're going to go to dinner, I'm sitting in a farm field right now. I'm at a prayer breakfast and I'm in my car. I keep dropping off. So that would put us at 49 right now when I put these other 10 in, that's 30 people that need to go to security. Well, if Heine is in this list, I don't think he is, he sent it to me. So that would put us at 12 more. So, 39 and 12 would put us at 51. I'll get this list up because I'll export it from here. If you can get the list of names to John today, that will be good. So, if you can get the list of names to John today, that will be good. He can start tracking down those who haven't used the Argonne website. I just list them as my guest, maybe how do I put them in the system. He had some speakers come in and they weren't members of the 416th, but he was able to register them.

Should be able to do that. The only thing is you'll get to, when it asks for their rank, you'll have to say Mr. or Mrs. you know, what type of membership they have is, we don't have anything that, just list the I don't know one of the alternatives, that's precisely the stop I hit, there is no rank, so the Mr. or Mrs. part is easier. but then it's like, okay, what's their membership, I could claim their associate or something, I think the system's going to want to validate that. If it doesn't, then I'll just continue to mark. Lee interjected "Edgar, while we've been talking, I opened up the website, I went to the admin view, I clicked on events, and I do not see the annual dinner listed under events." Edgar stated, "Filter by upcoming". Upper left-hand side, there's a drop down, if you do, I see it, I got it, I got it, okay, all right, um, yeah, upper left-hand side, there's a drop down, I got it, they're going to be guessed then I said I got General Heine. When we get John Gessner back on let's let him take over so we can get him off here. You and I and maybe John Erickson can look at this. John Gessner came back on I keep dropping off. No, like one bar here." I got the floor Bottom line Edgar. Yes, sir for those for the members Not necessarily the guests Okay, but like I'll list everything underneath their member like Razinsky is on there, but I don't know if he's bringing his spouse, Gil Hawthorn on there I don't think he's bringing a spouse, but they're not on the Access roster. I was not on the access roster; I already contacted him. I just was asking but Bob said for a minute is a regular. He just he just might get it, I got the check, and I don't know what I'm supposed to do with it. I was like I If you can send it to me today, I'll send out emails to him and then if I must on Monday,

I'll just call them all. John while you're on there on your meeting agenda, one thing that I didn't see on there is we've got a brick for the tax because we lead headed up to the forward cell and we've got a replica brick to give to the TEC that they could put in a display case. So, you want to do that in your remarks. The association remarks at 7:15. I can throw it in there. But you know, if you could just if I have a visual that we don't miss it, I'll ask the lead to come up and give it to the TEC Commander. I'm not going to put it in the plastic container till I get to the Guest House, because I don't want the plastic container to get damaged. I'm bringing the brick that we got in the FedEx box with us. And I'll put everything together when I get there. The two certificates will be in plaques. But the brick will not be in the holder until we get to the center. Got it Chip. It's the same thing I'll be bringing the De Fleury Medal for Mr. Murphy.

Before I got dropped off again, got to keep coming on every two minutes. I sent out to the people on this list, the logistics added to the program. Edgar gets you those names today, it will be good. I'll email everybody today and back up; I'll just call them. Anything else on that list that somebody has got an issue with? I had an issue, John. I had an issue and I called Argonne. So, I said that somehow needs to get fixed. I called them, and they're supposed to fix it, but I haven't received confirmation back yet. - Is that for the security or is that for the hotel? The security, the gate. So, I'm waiting confirmation back from them. I'll call this Diane Morgan on Monday just to run down the list. - Edgar, I have a contract with them. It's like, it depends on how many people are going to show up for the final cost, but it gives the cost of the bartender and all the booze and stuff. So, I can get that to you Saturday night unless you need it before. When I get it, I'll bring the checkbook. If they want to take a check, I'll bring the debit card. We can take a debit card. They'll probably do something afterwards. This is just all the details they must give us. I'm going to have to ask them for wine glasses since we're not going to provide them, but that's a simple issue. If you need me, I can just reimburse you, you know, for that. I'm going to have to ask them for wine glasses since we're not going to provide them, but that's a simple issue. I can just reimburse you know, for that, it sounds like you got a plan to address it after Edgar gives you the names. I'll stay on as long as I need to. I just have another event. I haven't logged in I would log in; I mailed them a check because I didn't want to have to fight with them for a foreign transaction fee. We kept doing that. I know all about that. They gave me Robert, but this is kind of interesting. They're a Canadian firm, but they're lockboxes in Dallas. So, I got mail that's what I said the mail is I'm able to check. I just didn't want to be shut out And I didn't get any message Lee you were just on to did you get any error message? Says renewal date 30 September 2025. They got great I go to the I know our bank account. I'm sure they took their money out of this so that that's when resolve I let me find out. The website under events upcoming for 416th income, so now it allows you at the top and export registrants. I'm going to hopefully if I can open this downloaded file,

You could just see, you know, it you could click on an email. no, it says email. That's a separate that's if that's not a that's if I'm sending the notices to the registrants. I wanted to list email registry and registry reports. it gives you a file that you can click on. I got to work for download. So, this is the dinner. I got three of them. So, let's say I open one of them. Because you wanted to know if it's got emails and phone numbers. I can't do this because a dialog box is so now, I'm going to share my screen so you can see what I see. This is the downloaded registration list right know so click on enable editing so what do you want me to so don't need the end date we're doing an event tags okay so um names uh event I guess this is the location of the event but we don't just scroll to the right it should have everything got software x-rank organization, downloaded registration list right so click on enable editing so what do you want me to. It looks like these two are probably the guests of Gary. That's why I don't have email, but everyone else looks like they have an email. cause right now, this list is 39. I would add the names on the website, register, and then create another email, create another spreadsheet. This is what we're at now, and this is literally just the data dump right now. This is the export registration list that's in affinity, on our website. John said, "I'll add the 12 more. I have \$250, and I mean, 51 people, when you manually add them, it'll create an invoice source, you'll have to mark the invoice paid. - Right, no, no, I was explaining earlier. Everyone, except for General Hine, that I've received manually, I've entered, and I've indicated that, right, it was a paid invoice for whatever the amount was. So I registered them for the event, established, created an invoice, paid the, and showed the invoice paid. I even put as a note, the check number, and the date, so that's all that's in the system. - Great. - So that's where we're at, it's a good number. You're looking at, there's 10 more guests. I'm assuming many of those guests are probably from Murphy. But that's where we're at. What's calling me on your spreadsheet here, if they're a board member. What's calling me on your spreadsheet here, Edgar? I'm sorry? Call me. What is that, member? If they're a board member. We'll update there. We'll update. Yeah, don't worry about that, ship. Yeah, I don't know. That's for internal use anyway, Jim. Oh, I know. Okay. I got a question for everybody. We are going to have a MIA POW table. I believe John has got that set up. I've got the cover for the chair. Which I have from my I've got that. I borrowed the cover from my post so we can cover the chair itself with the POW, MIA flag. I've got that. I'll get with John. Just to direct one there because he put himself as the responsible person for getting that set up. So, okay, I'll get with John. Don't let him know I've got it if he needs it. Post I have already talked to John he told me He did not have one. I will use mt flag for the chair. I borrowed the cover from my post so we can cover the chair itself with the POW, MIA flag. because there was Larry Scipio, the guy that was a treasurer a long time ago. He had the items that the association has all those items. because there was Larry Sipio, the guy that was a treasurer a long time ago. He had the items that the association has all those items. So, he might have got those from Larry. So, yeah, just shoot him an email. All right, well, so, Bob, I'll send you and John and anyone else who wants maybe Raymond or whoever wants, I'll finish up adding these other names, export another, add them to the website, export it and then send you and guest the information that's contained. his is the current registration list that I just showed you, but it doesn't have those additional guests and John. - When you get it complete, send it to me and John. Hey, Lee, you had something? In your remarks, are you going to talk about the scholarship program and/or the plaque? Edgar's got some that I'm not aware of in case anybody else sent money in, definitely. Made a

pledge we have collected a lot of money, because at this point, they're pledges, but as soon as we go over 5,000, I say we reach out let's have your money, I'll be prepared to send my check too. But I'll send Edgar a list, but I want to talk about both the donations for the plaque and that, because my recollection, John Erickson, I thought we had a fair number of enlisted. The one thing we might consider then is, we'll have to talk about this at the board, opening it up to the down trace, especially, you have the 416th and its companies close to Chicago, I mean, not the 416th, the 863rd engineer battalion, that's almost all enlisted. So, they might be more likely to have people who needed some scholarship money. We got to, we'll have to talk about that, I think, at the next board meeting. We've got to expand when you know, Murphy said there's whatever he said 44. I put that in the notes already. But I can stop by next week and check on the 863rd and see what they've got. Because I just met the SSAA for the 863rd, he could probably give me the information in two seconds. They've all got individual numbers, I think they're still what, Aurora, Rockford? I'll check with the SSAA there. I commanded that battalion, 800 people, about 750 were enlisted. You have got a much bigger population. Anything else that we need to talk about this morning? Edgar, are you satisfied now? You know how to enter manually, or do we still need to talk about them? No, I think John gave me all the information. At least that's where I came into a roadblock. I'll reach out. I know he's done this for so many years that he's, he'll pick it up. Just like you were looking for a past list. I knew right away; I know what the issue is. So, he'll do this. It'll jog his memory if I have any issues. I went back and looked at what I did for spring and when I manually registered, none of those fields seemed to be mandatory. So, for rank for a guest who was not a military member, I just put in CIV. And I left the membership spot blank. none of those fields seemed to be mandatory. And I left the membership spot blank. When you enter somebody as a guest of a member, the guest shows up with the same membership level. My wife shows up as lifetime. That's what the system does. That's a good thing. There may be more hidden meetings than you think. Looking forward to seeing everybody next Saturday for a change. Face to face instead of on this screen. Take care, gentlemen. All right. Good night. See you guys on Saturday.

416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Program: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm
Conclusion: 9:00 pm

******PLEASE RSVP no later than October 30, 2023******
******All attendants MUST pre-register with Argonne Labs******
******Last date to cancel for refund October 30, 2023******

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Program:

Current operations of the 416th Theater Engineer Command, MG Brian Miller
20th Anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment, MG (Ret) Robert Heine



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

Mail checks to: LTC (R) Edgar Montalvo, 8719 Timbers Pointe Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60487-8624 (payable to **416th ENCOM Association**)
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Attire is Business Casual (ties optional) with de Fleury Medals
Questions or additional information: John Gessner, 815-713-7229, jaggessner801@gmail.com

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE provide the 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 Meeting

4 November 2023

5:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Pres COL Robert Chevas
	Names for toasts and punch ceremony	
5:30 p.m.	Cash bar reception	Argonne
6:00 p.m.	Move to seats	MC Gessner
	Welcome by Argonne	Diana Morgan (Sponsor)
	Welcome by Association	Pres COL Chevas
	Engineer Punch ceremony	MC John Gessner
	Punch bowl, pictures, ingredients	Argonne
	Introduction of Special Guests	MC John Gessner
Toasts:	Names decided 5:00 p.m.	
	Commander in Chief Armed Forces of the United States Corps of Engineers Fallen Comrades Spouses	
	Recognition of Fallen Comrades	MC John Gessner
	Table display items	MC John Gessner
	Invocation before Dinner	MC John Gessner
6:30 p.m.	Buffet Dinner	
7:15 p.m.	Annual Meeting and Special Presentations	
	Association Pres Remarks	Pres COL Robert Chevas
	2023-2025 Slate of Officers	

Presentation of de Fleury Medal Pres COL Robert Chevas

Narrative read and on computer MC Gessner

COL Robert Chevas & MG Brian Miller

Intro of 416th TEC CG Pres COL Robert Chevas

7:45 pm TEC update MG Brian Miller

**8:15 pm 20th Year OIF Deployment MG (Ret) Robert Heine
Introduction MC Gessner**

8:45 pm Closing Remarks Pres COL (Ret) Eric Larson

9:00pm Benediction MC Gessner

Group photo of 2021-2023 Board

Group photo of 2023-2025 Board