

**82nd combat
Engineers**



**1960 TO
1977
MEMBERS**

NEWSLETTER

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82nd Engineers received a Patriotic Website Award!

Hello all! Do you believe it's almost 2012. Where did the year go? I hope everyone is in good health and may we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year in 2012.



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The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear..
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the
sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.
A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,

Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"
For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."
"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.

No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.
My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,"
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always
remembers."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam',
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.
Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall.."

" So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.
For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

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Merry Christmas to all and their families!

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WWW.82ndengineer.net

2012 REUNION - MEMPHIS, TN

The Reunion is scheduled for
October 11, 12 & 13, 2012

The reunion committee is so excited to let everyone
know that we have booked the Crowne Plaza in
downtown Memphis as our hotel for the reunion in 2012.
They've offered us a great deal on the rooms and a
conference room for our meetings.



Sleeping Room Rate \$119 per night x 3 nights = \$357.00
 Hotel Occupancy and Sales Tax of 15.95% = \$ 56.94
Guestroom Subtotal \$413.94

For 2 people to attend the banquet, it would be:

Dinner per person @ \$40 x 2 guests (Tax & Gratuity Inclusive) = \$ 80.00 (\$40 for single guest)
 Banquet Room Rental per 2 guests = \$ 6.06 (\$3.03 for single guest)

*So, total charges for 2 people for all 3 nights and for the banquet would be **\$500.00.***

Please note that they have a parking fee, as most hotels in Memphis do. I guess that real estate is at a premium in the downtown area. They are charging \$10.00 per day or you may choose \$15.00 per day for valet parking.

Everyone must call and make your own reservations just like other years. Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-233-9527 by 09/11/2012. You must identify yourself as a member of the 82nd. There is no fee for cancellations that are made 24 hours before scheduled arrival.



If you will be attending, please fill out the registration form and mail it in to Maurine with your registration fee.

Attractions close by include:

- Beale Street District – 1 mile
- Graceland – 8 miles
- Sun Studios – 2 miles
- Memphis Zoo – 5 miles
- Golfing – 7 miles

Remember to make your reservations with the Crowne Plaza. 1-888-233-9527 by 09/11/2012



300 North Second Street, Memphis, TN 38105
The Crowne Plaza has 60 rooms set off to the side for us to get this special rate on. They are offering a rate of \$119.00 per night plus tax.

They have booked us in the Tennessee Ballroom for the banquet on Sat night at 6pm at a cost of \$43.03 per person.

So, if you were to book and stay for 3 nights the cost would look like this:

Crowne Plaza

Just off Interstate 40, this hotel sits amid attractions and restaurants in downtown Memphis; FedExForum and the Beale Street entertainment district are both one mile away. They offer the only Downtown Memphis Complimentary Shuttle Service and are located across the street from the Memphis Trolley Line that circles the downtown and the riverfront.

A business center, outdoor seasonal pool, and fitness center are all on site, and the hotel offers guests complimentary downtown shuttle service. The River City Cafe offers breakfast, lunch, and

dinner in a casual atmosphere. The River City Cafe Bar is open nightly with drink specials.

- Swimming pool - outdoor seasonal
- Complimentary newspapers in lobby
- Fitness facilities
- Bar/lounge
- Restaurant(s) in hotel
- Room service (limited hours)
- Breakfast available (surcharge)

- Business center
- 24-hour front desk
- ATM/banking
- Dry cleaning/laundry service
- Air-conditioned public areas
- Parking (surcharge)
- Elevator/lift
- Multiple conference/meeting rooms
- Porter/bellhop
- Smoke-free property

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Members signed up already for the reunion:

- 1 Thomas and Sharon Frey A Co.82nd (2) MI
- 2 Kenneth and Betty Mattocks A Co. (2) PA
- 3 Roy and Donna Petska D Co. 237th (2) WI
- 4 Willie and Marlies Monelyon A Co.82nd (2)
Germany
- 5 Dan and Ceferina Hafeman HQ Co (2) TX
- 6 Clinton and Wendy Bell, Jr., Co A, (2) WA
- 7 Billy R and Barba Hudson A Co. (2) FL
- 8 George R McDonald & Anita Hq Co. (2) FL
- 9 James E. and Sue Brown Hq Co. (2) OH
- 10 Harold R. and Ann Baggett - A Co. (2) TN
- 11 John and Sue Landon HQ Co (2) CT
- 12 Gary and Gloria Rongstad A Co. (2) WI
- 13 David and Carol Albain A co. (2) Mi.
- 14 Maurine Cozart - Treasurer (1) Ok.
- 15 John and Peggy Bero A co. (2) NY.
- 16 William and Cathy Munden A co. (2) MO.
- 17 Franklin and Linda Rutherford A co. (2) CA.
- 18 Gary Lee and Dolores Ullom Hq Co (2) AZ.
- 19 Ted and Grace Carr A co. (2) FL.
- 20 David and Suzanne Chubb A co. (2) PA
- 21 Rich & Debbie Ozark B co. (2) PA
- 22 Corley, James and Jeanette A co. (2) TX.
- 23 Stubblefield, Glenn & Joyce A co. (2) OH.
- 24 MacDonald, Robert Hq Co (1) MA.
- 25 McHugh, James M. Hq Co (1) OH.
- 26 Nussabaum, Michael A co. (1) FL.
- 27 Keller, Donald & Carol D Co. 237th (4) PA

28 Joiner, Roland M. A Co. (1) IA
29 Morago, Ronald A co. (1) Oregon
30 McDonald , George & Anita. D co & Hq (2) FL.

2012 Reunion Member Registration Form

\$20.00 – includes your spouse and family members

This takes care of all expenses that occur

Cut out and send payment to:

*Treasurer: Cozart, Maurine
917 N 10th St. Frederick , Ok. 73542*

Please Print

Members Name: _____

Company: _____

Guest Names: _____

Number attending Banquet:

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Messages:

1. ON DECEMBER 2, 2011 MY FATHER (STEWART EDGAR MAYS) PASSED AWAY IN WEBSTER, NEW YORK AFTER A FEW YEARS OF ILLNESS. HE WAS A VETERAN OF CO. C. 82 ENGR. C. BN.

James S. Mays (son) VIETNAM VETERAN
jmays001@rochester.rr.com

2. James S. Mays son of STEWART EDGAR MAYS just out of curiosity when was your father in the C company 82nd Engineer's. It would be nice to know, so we could add his name to our list. Regardless we are sorry to hear of your loss. Thanks to both of you for your service to our country. Website manager Tom.

Message from the Website Manager Tom:

I am always interested in the accuracy of our member's list. If there are changes or if you know of anything that needs to be changed, please don't hesitate to call or write to me.

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Please send your 2011 Website, postage and supply donations payable to the 82nd Engineers to:

Treasurer: Cozart, Maurine
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Request from Roland Joiner:

American Legion Post 403, in Roland's town of De Soto, Iowa is campaigning to build a new Post building.

During the month of December, they are looking for votes to help them receive money from Pepsi. You can vote every day on the project. The winner of the most votes, wins the money.

You can help him out by voting online at <http://pep.si/tXKbWu> or text 110820 to Pepsi (73774) to vote from you mobile phone. I'm not sure if text charges apply or not, it would depend on your cell phone plan. There is also a link to the Pepsi site on their website at www.legionpost403.org.

If you can, please help him in the endeavor and pass the word around. It's only for the month of December, so don't wait.

If anyone has a story or something they would like to share, please feel free to call us at 570-239-7419 or write something up quick & drop it in the mail to us at 151 Country Club Estates Thornhurst, PA 18424. We'd love to hear from you.

Engineers that recently located us on the web:

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62B30 3RD SHOP 504TH MANT ATTACHED TO 82ND FOR DESERT STORM.DEDICATED CONTACT TEAM!504TH MAINT WE LIVED WITH 82ND.I WAS THERE 88-92.I AM AN HONORARY MEMBER OF BLUE BABE!!MEDICALLY RETIRED 100%DISABLED FROM GULF WAR!!!

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At Bamberg Feb to Sep 1970, then came down on orders to Vietnam. 62m20 was MOS but only used at first. Truck driver on trips to Hoenfels and Graf and driver for Plt Sgt Brumfield when locating the manholes for explosives if they came across. Once we ended up within the 5K zone by mistake. We built a Bailey Br across the Rhine once too.

Mark your Calendar
Dates to Fly Your Flag

2012

May 8th.....VE Day
May 19th.....Armed Forces Day
May 28th.....Memorial Day
June 14th.....Flag Day
July 4th.....Independence Day
August 13th.....VJ Day
September 3rd.....Labor Day
September 11th.....Patriot Day
September 21st.....POW / MIA Recognition Day
November 6th.....Election Day
November 12th.....Veterans Day
December 7th.....Pearl Harbor Day



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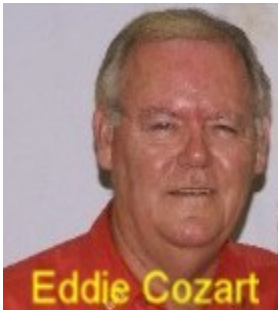
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Until We Meet Again!