



39TH ENGINEER BATTALION ALUMNI NEWS



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In approximately 1 month we will all be together once more and it will be good to see everyone again. This will be the final newsletter before the reunion and it is our hope that by reading this, some will decide that this is the year to attend. As I have said many times "if you haven't been to our reunion, you don't know what you are missing." It is always great to see everyone again; I don't believe I have ever heard any lies, but I am positive that the truth has been stretched to the limits.

This has been a devastating summer for so many what with the wildfires out west and hurricanes all along the Gulf of Mexico. It is our hope and prayers that all have come through this with their health and sanity.

In the last newsletter we gave you an article on the new 39th Battalion Commander. It is our pleasure to tell you that LTC Sawser is planning on making the D.C. reunion and we are hoping that he will be our guest speaker at the banquet.

Now for a big "Blue Bull Welcome" to our newest member. Welcome Home Brother; we look forward to seeing you at one of our future reunions.

NEW MEMBER

Daniel Crager
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Please remember to send me any changes to your contact information so we are able to stay in touch.

There is more complete information about this year's reunion included in our newsletter. Please make your reservations today; we have already got quite a few reservations made. We have reserved

seats for 39ther's for the ceremony at the "Wall" on Veterans Day. Again this year we will be looking for volunteers to participate in the "Reading of Names on the Wall"; please contact Jerry Bright at jbrightone@comcast.net. Carolyn and I are looking forward to seeing you all.

BROTHERS THEN, BROTHERS NOW, BROTHERS FOREVER

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This year, we will nominate and elect new officers for the upcoming bi-annual term. Our 2-year term of our present officers is drawing to an end and we need to fill some positions with interested members. It could be you. This is your organization and we are looking for a few members to step up and grab the bull by the horns. Consider spending a little of your time to furthering the growth and progress of our fine organization. New faces often mean new ideas and new growth; all organizations need changes of officers to avoid becoming stagnant and to bring in a different perspective on how we operate and grow. If you are even slightly interested, just take a moment and talk to any officer to get an idea of what is involved. You will not be left out there all alone. All of our officers and past officers are your resource to help guide you through the transition.

LAST CALL

We are down to the wire for Reunion 2017 reservations. On October 9th, our room block at the Dulles Hilton with our guaranteed \$99 rate will expire. If you have not made your reservation, please “git er done”. We still have rooms available and are looking to have the biggest turnout this year than any reunion in the past. The Hilton has agreed to make the discounted rate available after Oct. 9th on a space-available basis. If the hotel is getting close to being sold out, you could be able to get a room, but the cost could go as high as 3 times the contracted quote. So Book NOW.

The tentative itinerary for the reunion is subject to change depending on last minute adjustments that may have to be made, but here is the itinerary as it stands so far.

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Thursday	6:00-9:00a Breakfast
November 9	12:00 Registration Red Fox Room
	4:00p General membership meeting & Election of Officers
	6:00p Hospitality room open & Pizza Party
Friday	6:00-9:00a Breakfast
November 10	9:00a Late registration & hospitality room open
	Open day to see the sites or enjoy the comradery
Saturday	6:00-9:00a Breakfast
November 11	1:00p Ceremony at “The Wall” with Veterans Day reserved seating to accommodate all 39 th ers
	4:00-6:00p Hospitality room closed for banquet prep.
	6:00p Social hour cash bar and hors d’oeuvres
	7:00p Banquet
	8:00p Guest speakers, announcements, raffles
	9:00p Hospitality room open
Sunday	6:00-9:00a Breakfast
November 12	8:00a-12:00 Farewell in hospitality room and clean up

The hotel shuttle will be available all reunion days for airport runs to Dulles. The shuttle runs to and from the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Smithsonian Air & Space Center, Metro station round trips and local attractions and restaurants.

You will notice that there is ample time available for you to make plans for sightseeing on your own. We will be afforded seating at the ceremonies at “The Wall” on Veterans Day and you can still reserve your seats by contacting Jerry Bright at 865-690-0443 or jbrightone@comcast.net.

If you have not sent your registration form in yet, please mail it today. We need to get our head counts for the activities and for making name badges.

Gale Helser, Reunion Chair

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GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest Speaker for our banquet will be LTC Brian D. Sawser, 39th BEB Commander. He is currently stationed in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

A native of Salem, Oregon, LTC Sawser graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1999. He has served in Schweinfurt, Germany, Kosovo, Grafenwoehr and Bamberg, Germany and Ramadi, Iraq as well as the Khost Province, Afghanistan.

LTC Sawser is married to the former Ms. Susanne Poetzel of Wuerzburg, Germany. They have three daughters and one son: Sophia (11), Helena (8), Johanna (6), and Jonathan (9 months).

His biography can be found in the July, 2017 newsletter.

Final Reservation Deadline:

October 9th

Call NOW: 1-800-HILTONS

(1-800-445-8667)

Reference the 39th Engineer Block to receive the \$99 rate



39th ENG BN Reunion 2017 – Washington, DC – Nov 9-12
Dulles Hilton, Herndon, VA

Name _____ for name badge _____

Spouse/Guest name _____ for name badge _____

Guest name _____ for name badge _____

Guest name _____ for name badge _____

Guest name _____ for name badge _____

Unit & Years in VN _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Emergency contact & Phone _____

Registration fee: _____ \$50 per person + _____ \$50 /person for banquet Total \$ _____

(Registration includes Challenge Coin, hospitality supplies, pizza party and beverages & snacks)

Any special requests for beverages or snacks? _____

Total enclosed (min. deposit \$100 – Balance due upon arrival or Pay in full.) **Total \$** _____

(Fully refundable prior to Nov. 1, 2017 if cancelation is necessary)

If paying by credit card: Circle one: VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

_____ Expiration Date: ___ / ___ 3-digit Code on Back of Card: _____
or 4-digit Coded on Front of American Express _____

Describe any special needs (i.e., room amenities, mobility issues, dietary considerations, etc.)

Arriving via (check one) ___ flying (___ Dulles ___ Reagan National) ___ driving
(Dulles has free shuttle. Reagan National does not.)

Mail Reservation Form and payment to: Gale Helser
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