

Fall 2008 Newsletter



9TH ENGINEER BATTALION
FLEET MARINE FORCE

Post 2008 Reunion Newsletter

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2008 Reunion in Washington DC

During the last week in May over 100 Marines and their wives gathered in Washington, DC for the 9th Engineers Association 2008 Reunion to celebrate our survival and remember those who are no longer with us. We were hon-



ored by the presence of the family of Sgt. Kenneth Friddle and our guest speaker Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of Troy University, better known to us as Lt. Hawkins

On May 29th, we visited MCB Quantico for a little tax free shopping, followed by a tour of

the impressive USMC Museum. The "Vil" mock-up in the Vietnam section brought back some not so pleasant

memories but the attention to detail let you know the founders and artist treated us with great respect. A walk about the grounds to reflect upon the sacrifice of our brothers was very moving, especially finding the brick we placed there in memory of our MIA James Moore.



Election of Officers was held on Friday the 30th:

- Larry "Frenchy" Roberge — President
- Herb Shaw — Vice President
- Fred DuPont — Secretary
- Eric Kenny — Treasurer
- Mick Ryan — Chaplain

Board of Directors:

- Bill Marseilles
- Jim Frank
- Bob Ross
- Terry Porter

Scholarship Committee

- Mike Cummins
- Allen Briggs
- Vic Korechoff

Other business voted on and approved

- Purchase of a security bond for those handling the monies of the Association.
- Purchase of memory plaques for the families of deceased members.
- Authority given to Herb Shaw to organize Mini-reunion in New Orleans for 2009 And a Ocean Cruise for 2010
- Treasure's Report by Eric Kenney

Other news and Bus Tour of DC

Other News discussed:

- Bob Uderitz urged us to send James Moore's Mother an 84th birthday greeting.
- Bob Ross encouraged us to have regional/local reunions on our own.
- Amy and Brian Althouse presented 12 walking sticks made by TV personality Susan Richardson to be auctioned off at the banquet.
- Terry Enfield spoke about the Wounded Warriors retreat program in Omaha, NE
- Terry Porter gave a heart felt thanks to all the members for their support of him and his wife Laurie during his recent illness, they have done so much to organize "The Ride to the Wall"
- Mike Cummins was given an overwhelming round of applause for all that he has done for the Associated and hopes that he will soon recover from his illness that forced him to resign as our President.

Good to still have Terry and Mike with us.

That evening, after our business meeting we attended the Parade at 8th and I. What a show! Seeing these young Marines in action made our chests swell with pride and let us know that our CORPS and COUNTRY are in goods hands.

On Saturday we took a bus tour of DC monuments and held a wonderful banquet.

The bus tour took us to a very emotional visit to the Wall, the WWII Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Iwo Jima Memorial. We had to settle for a drive by on the latter because a horrific thunderstorm blew down trees and lightning so close that it erased most of our electronic door keys to the hotel rooms.



2008 Scholarship Recipients

The 9th Engineer Bn. Association is proud to announce to presentation of four scholarship awards during the 2008 Reunion Banquet. The recipients are:

2008 Awards - Washington/Quantico Reunion

1. Lindy Lee Erikson
2. Terry Anne Lacy
3. Jonathan Clayton Lane
4. Diana Michelle Pasieka

We would like to congratulate these students for their awards and wish them a bright future in any and all endeavors they attempt.

Enthusiastically awarded by the Officers, Board of Directors, Committee members and the members at large of the 9th Engineer Bn. Association.





**9th Engineer Bn. Association
New Orleans Reunion
May 27 – May 31, 2009
The Chateau LeMoyne Hotel**

800-287-0037 or 504-648-0790 Reservation Code (BNA)

Or go to the 9th Engineers.com website

For rooms outside reunion dates call hotel direct

2009 Reunion Registration Form

_____ Full Registration (All Functions) \$100pp

_____ Number of Tickets for Cookout (afternoon/evening) on May 28th \$20pp

_____ Number of Tickets for Jazz Brunch (noon) on May 29th \$40pp

_____ Number of Tickets for Mardi Gras World (tour and lunch) on May 30th \$35pp

_____ Number of Tickets New Orleans School of Cooking (evening) on May 30th \$35pp

_____ Total Amount Enclosed for registrations and dues

(checks payable to 9th Engineer Association)

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Send this form and registration fee to:

**Eric Kenney, Treasurer
9th Engineer Bn. Assoc.
613 Sunrise Drive
Sullivan, Illinois, 61951**

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION -- ATTEND THE 2009 - 9TH ENGINEER BN. REUNION IN NEW ORLEANS



Marines, Brothers and Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight. It's an honor. I consider the 9th Engineer Battalion and all who are associated with it my family.

Thanks to Marines like Bob Sperling, Eric Kenney, George Fleming, just to name a few who started this association in the early 1990s. Since then, we have met with old friends and made many new ones.

Meeting Col. Perea at the 1994 reunion in Indianapolis was a great honor and I have been fortunate to meet his family and grandkids and watch his grandkids grow up from toddlers to teenagers.

In 2002, we met Heavy Savare's family and this week we have had the opportunity to meet Ken Friddles' family. For some, this completes a journey, bringing closure and giving others a chance to honor his legacy.

Someone close to my heart, is our MIA James Rodney Moore. I have had the opportunity to meet his Mom, Marion, and his sister, Sandi, and I treasure and honor their daily sacrifice. I never met Jimmy, yet I consider him a friend and brother Marine. People ask me if he was a friend of mine and I answer "He's a friend that I never met", and now I think of him a lot, talk to him and I will never forget him".

Reunions are a source of comfort and friendship for me and I hope that this one has touched you in some personal way. I come away thankful for my old friends and buddies and the stories that we shared. We get together to remember old times, good and bad, but best of all we talk about the good things going on in our present day lives. The Marine Corps made us who we are today and we are proud of who we were and who we are.

The officers in the association are here to work and support the membership. We are a brotherhood and the officers do their best and need your support also. When it comes to finding solutions to a problem or need, I am asking for your patience and cooperation in finding a workable solution., after all, we're only human and getting older by the minute.

I thank the officers, Eric Kenney, Mickey Ryan, Bob Nilsson, Vic Korechoff and Mike Cummins and Herb Shaw, Terry Porter and Allen Briggs for their time and dedication to the association. We have had meetings by email, by phone conversations and the written word, and everyone has given their 100% input and effort.

The digital world has helped make this association stronger and we are spreading the word. Every new find is a joy and we welcome him home....

I hope and pray that you will continue to support our newly elected officers.....

May we have many more reunions, good health and may we never forget our brothers who watch us from above.

May God Bless You, my family, my brothers,
Semper Fi Marines

Larry "Frenchy" Roberge – President



POST REUNION TREASURERS REPORT

BANQUET PAID	- \$7077.37
BUSES PAID	- \$4500.00
BUSES TIPS	- \$300.00
D.J. PAID	- \$375.00
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS	- \$2000.00
BANQUET AWARDS	- \$ 466.94
TOTAL REUNION EXPENSE	- \$14,719.31

SCHOLARSHIP FUND REUNION	+ \$607.00
MERCHANDISE SALES REUNION	+ \$1402.50

TOTAL REUNION INCOME	+ \$2009.50
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9 TH ENG. REGULAR CHECKING	- \$ 5339.77
9 TH ENG. SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING	- \$1177.46
9 TH ENG. SCHOLARSHIP FUND CD	- \$3850.45

MATURES 7/7/08 @ 5.21% INTEREST
\$134.89 INTEREST APPROX.

TOTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS	\$10,367.68
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OUTSTANDING BILLS TO PAY

FRENCHY – FLOWERS FOR KIA FAMILY	\$15.74
FRENCHY - PHOTO BATTALION	5.49
TERRY PORTER MERCHANDISE MAILING	\$110.00 ?
ERIC KENNEY ENVELOPES/MERCHANDISE	8.83
TOTAL OUTSTANDING BILLS	\$140.06

TO BE INVESTIGATED.....BOND INSURANCE EXPENSE ????