



# 416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION



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## Wisconsin governor recognizes Army Reserve soldier 416th Theater Engineer Command

*Story by SGT. 1ST CLASS MICHEL SAURET*



MADISON, Wis. 2-10-2014 — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker presented a state certificate of achievement to an Army Reserve soldier in Madison, Feb. 10, for his accomplishment in the Department of the Army Best Warrior Competition in November.

Spc. Mitchell Fromm, a native of Stevens Point, Wis., and a combat engineer with the 428th Engineer Company, took second place in the Soldier of the Year category. The Army Best Warrior Competition featured 24 top contestants from 12 major commands across the entire Army.

There are approximately 900,000 soldiers serving in the U.S. Army across the globe. The competition challenged the contestants over a span of three days both mentally and physically. Fromm trained and competed at various Army Reserve levels for a year before making it as far as he did.

"It couldn't have happened to a finer soldier," said Tim Kluck, the fire chief of Plover Fire Department, which is where Fromm serves as a firefighter in his civilian life.

"My opinion [is that this is] excellent, and it's well worth it and if it inspires other young men to do the same thing and get involved, I'm a 100 percent behind it," said Kluck.

Kluck was one of many other representatives who joined Fromm at the governor's office for the presentation. Also present were: Stevens Point Mayor Andrew Halverson; Gerald Meyer, Army Reserve ambassador for Wisconsin; Lt. Col. David Skavnak, battalion commander of the 397th Engineer Battalion; and Command Sgt. Maj. Ty Emmans, command sergeant major of the 364th Press Camp Headquarters among other members and supporters of the Army Reserve community.

"We're a community that respects armed forces and, most importantly, we're a community best exemplified by our employers who are always there to support those who need to be away to serve their country," said Halverson.

Fromm has already been recognized with a standing ovation by the Plover Fire Department and recognizes the level of appreciation soldiers receive today, he said.

"They're definitely very proud, and I'm glad they could take time out of their schedule and be here in support of me," said Fromm.

This May, Fromm will be competing as a member of a team at Sapper Stakes, a combat engineer competition hosted by the 416th Theater Engineer Command at Fort McCoy, Wis.

"Onto the next competition. As much as I like the awards and the ceremonies, I'm very much a training soldier and a firefighter, and I like to be back to where I belong, which is hands-on training," said Fromm.

Fromm trained with Army Reserve civil affairs specialist Sgt. 1st Class Jason Manella for months to prepare for the Best Warrior Competition. Manella won first place in the noncommissioned officer category of the competition in November. "It couldn't have happened to a finer soldier," said Tim Kluck, the fire chief of Plover Fire Department, which is where Fromm serves as a firefighter in his civilian life.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR ENCOM PRESIDENT . . .



KMC, Tap Line Road, Khobar Towers, Jack and Jill, Lucky Base, Doha, Arifjan, Bagram, Khandahar, K2, Mubarak Military City, The Green Zone, Tallil, Basra...and a host of others. If any, or many of these places are familiar to you, then you are part of the legacy and history of the 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM. In the early days of Desert Shield, (then) COL Robert Flowers, Commander of the 20<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade and senior engineer in theater said, "We need to get an ENCOM into theater." From that statement, the continued world-wide deployments of the modern age 416<sup>th</sup> kicked off. Now, 25 years later, thousands are wearing the 416<sup>th</sup> Combat patch as a testament of their wartime service.

Following Desert Storm, focus continued on Southwest Asia and following the 9-11 attacks, the 416<sup>th</sup> was poised and combat ready for deployment. Within a month, forward elements of the 416<sup>th</sup> were in Kuwait, followed shortly by forward deployments into Afghanistan and Uzbekistan. In fact, in the early days of Operation Enduring Freedom, the senior commander at Bagram Air Base was an engineer from the 416<sup>th</sup>. These early deployments were followed quickly by self contained Facility Engineer Teams (FETs), who fulfilled the roles as base engineer detachments as the foot prints began to grow. Encountering massive land mined areas in Afghanistan, engineers quickly became experts in the field, providing safe cleared areas for deploying combat units.

When combat units jumped off for Operation Iraqi Freedom, they did so from bases built by engineers, on roads maintained by engineers and fueled by a 200-mile Inland Petroleum Pipeline System, supplying front line combat units operating deep into Iraq. Following the successful conclusion of combat operations, the 416<sup>th</sup> continued to maintain an almost 10-year continuous presence in Southwest Asia.

Over these last decades and numerous successful operations, many of us have continued to serve, some have retired, or have welcomed new soldiers into the newly designated Theater Engineer Command. This is the place, the 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM Association, where we all come together to share in that legacy. A recent highlight was the 10-year Operation Iraqi Freedom reunion where friendships were renewed and many stories were shared, and perhaps exaggerated...the license of old soldiers that have shared the experience, sweated the same sweat and eaten the same sand. I would encourage you, the membership and prospective members, to stay involved and continue to communicate with your association. It is a true honor to serve as your current Association President with this tremendous and dedicated Board of Directors.

**Best wishes and Essayons,**

**COL(R) JOHN A.P. GESSNER**  
**PRESIDENT, 416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION**



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**BREAKING NEWS**

**Major General David J. Conboy**, United States Army Reserve, Commander Troop Program Unit), 416th Theater Engineer Command, Darien, IL to Deputy Commanding General (Operations) (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), United States Army Reserve Command, Fort Bragg, N. C.

**SCHANLEY PROMPTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL,  
REAFFIRMED OATH IN THE PRESENCE OF FAMILY, FRIENDS**

**FORT DRUM, N.Y.** -- Brig. Gen. Miyako Schanely, deputy commander of 412th Theater Engineer Command in Vicksburg, Miss., reaffirmed her oath of office in a promotion ceremony held this year, in the presence her family, friends, colleagues and her civilian employer, the State University of New York.

A resident of Black River, N.Y., she is the first female Japanese-American and the first female Engineer in the U.S. Army Reserve and second in the Army to be promoted to General Officer.



Army Reserve Brig. Gen. Miyako Schanely, deputy commander of 412th Theater Engineer Command in Vicksburg, Miss., returns her General Officer Flag to Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Flubacher, senior enlisted advisor for the 412th TEC, for safekeeping during her promotion ceremony. Schanely, a resident of Black River, N.Y., is the first female Japanese-American and the first female Engineer in the Army Reserve and second in the Army to be promoted to General Officer.

Schanely joins fellow New Yorkers, Brig. Gen. Douglas R. Satterfield, deputy commander, Col. Todd Arnold, chief of staff, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Flubacher, senior enlisted advisor, as members of the 412th TEC command group.

The command group is led by Maj. Gen. William M. Buckler, Jr., commanding general of 412th Theater Engineer Command in Vicksburg, Miss., situated about 60 miles west of the state capital and city of Jackson.

Schanely, in her civilian capacity, is the Executive Director of the State University of New York (SUNY) North Country Consortium, a partnership of six SUNY campuses that collaborate to bring a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs to Fort Drum and the Northern New York community.

Schanely and her husband reside in Black River and have two grown children, Michael and Teresa.

Brig. Gen. Schanely was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Engineers upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1986.

Her assignments include seven and a half years of active duty. She served as Platoon Leader of Vertical and Horizontal Construction Platoons, as well as Company Executive Officer in the 94th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) in Darmstadt, Germany, completing troop construction projects in Aschaffenburg, Darmstadt, and Rhein Main Air Force Base. After completing the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, she served as Company Commander, Battalion S1 and Battalion Assistant S3 in the 536th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) at Fort Kobbe, Panama during humanitarian construction deployments to Honduras, Guyana, Uruguay, El Salvador, and the "interior" of Panama.

After transitioning to the US Army Reserve in 1993, she held several staff positions in the 98th Division (Institutional Training) and the 78th Division (Training Support). Command assignments have included the 2/313th Regiment (Logistical Support) of the 78th Division at Fort Drum during mobilizations for Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, the 6th Brigade (Professional Development) of the 98th Division in Syracuse, the 3rd Battle Command Training Group of 2/75th Division at Fort Dix, and Chief of Staff at 416th Theater Engineer Command. As Support Division Chief for the Office of the Program Manager—Facilities Security Forces in Riyadh, she oversaw essential administrative and logistical staff support functions to a new strategic partnership with the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Interior and Facilities Security Forces. Most recently, serves as Chief of Staff of the 416th Theater Engineer Command and Deputy Commander of 412th Theater Engineer Command.

Brig. Gen. Schanely is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, and Advanced Joint Professional Military Education. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management from the U.S. Military Academy, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Rochester, a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, and a Master of Arts in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University.

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (with Silver and Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Parachutist Badge, and the Jungle Expert Badge.



## 416<sup>th</sup> Theater Engineer Command Soldier attends Marine Corps Birthday Ball



Marine Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Cadet Allison Eichorst, along with her father LTC Keith Eichorst of the US Army Reserve's 416<sup>th</sup> Theater Engineer Command attend a celebration ball in honor of the Marine Corps' Birthday on 8 November 2013. The ball was held at the Bolingbrook Golf Club, Bolingbrook IL, in honor of the Marine Corps Official Birthday on 10 November 1775. The ball is annually hosted by the Romeoville High School (RHS) Marine JROTC Department. Featured speakers included the Village of Romeoville's Mayor John Noak and Senior RHS Military Instructor Major (Retired) Benjamin Bierly. Thinking of this event as a joint operation in support of the JROTC program and his daughter, LTC Eichorst volunteered to be an army representative!

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### 10 YEAR OEF/OIF DEPLOYMENT REUNION DINNER

ON 2 Nov 13, we held the 10 year OEF/OIF Deployment Reunion of the 416th HQs in conjunction with our Annual Meeting. Dinner was held at the McDonalds Corporate Campus. We had a good turnout for the dinner, 110 people attended, as well as at the Friday evening no-host social held in the Hyatt Lodge on the Campus. Jeff Talley attended and was our Guest Speaker, in his role as the Chief of Army Reserve (CAR). The 416th TEC HQs provided the Color Guard for the Dinner, as well as PAO and A/V support. Midwestern prairie cuisine was featured on the dinner buffet. The food was very tasty and plentiful.

Both at the Social and Dinner, old friendships were renewed and much "catching up" on our lives was accomplished. On Friday evening many remained at the Social until the bar closed. It was very evident that a good time was had by all. Many who came to the Social could not make it to the Dinner, so we actually had a larger turnout than expected. The mixture of those of us who have retired and those still serving provided the basis for much conversation and discussion about the state of our Army Reserve and the 416th TEC in particular. MG Conboy, 416th TEC Commander, provided an overview of how the TEC HQs and subordinate Brigades are fully engaged in the warfight, as well as other COCOM regional missions.

The Dinner was the culmination of a process that began in late 2012. Contacting all of our comrades was the biggest challenge we faced. Social media was used to a great extent, but E-mail provided the means to confirm attendance and exchange information.

We have kept all contact information from everyone reached and hope to continue to develop our contact list for future activities. [BY COL(R) LARRY SLAVICEK]

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# **SAPPER STAKES EVENT CONCEPTS**

## **Call for Fire**

Competitors will arrive on foot to the site, be time stamped into the site and the team number will be called into the TOC. Competitors will be read the T,C,S, Event Brief, Safety brief and the Scenario. Competitors will be given a score sheet, clipboard, pencil, map, protractor, a radio and Binos and will then move to the starting location for the next available lane facing away from the lane. Competitors will be shown their target and told to begin. They will formulate a grid mission and call for fire onto that target. A simulated round will impact off target, making them adjust fire onto the target. Due to limited rounds only one adjustment will be made. Competitors will receive points for correct format and transmission of the grid mission, correct grid for the target within 50 meters, and the correct adjustment onto the target within 50 meters. IEDS's will be used for simulated rounds. Time will be kept from ID of the target until the begin-

## **Casualty Evac**

Competitors will arrive at site via Truck and the team number will be called in to TOC. Teams will be given T,C,S, Event brief, Safety Brief and Scenario. Once teams have been briefed, their event time will start once they enter the triage tent. The triage tent will have a fog machine, a strobe light, battlefield noises, and three casualties. The teams will have to conduct a triage base the fact the MedEvac can only hold one casualty. Once triaged, they will perform life saving measures on all casualties. Once they have decided who the most critical casualty is, the casualty is prepared for transport to the MedEvac location, the team will then secure all gear and a pre-established "transport only" casualty, and move to a pre-designated lane. Teams must then move all gear and the casualty under, over, and/or through given obstacles to get the casualty to the MedEvac location. Once all gear and casualty have made it through the lane, the teams will place the casualty in a marked "finish box" and move to the finish location. Once the teams have placed the casualty in the "finish box," the event time will stop. The casualty will be left at a marked drop off location.

## **Cratering Charge Carry**

Competitors will arrive on the site and be directed toward their color coded canisters. Competitors have four 40lb crater charge canisters fill with sand, each weighing 45lbs, that they will have to move from the start point to the end point. Competitors can use any means they deem fit to get the canisters from the start point to the end point. Competitors must carry 1 canister or both canisters at the same time to the finish point. They may not leave a canister along the prescribed route. Competitors may be allowed to carry any number of canisters to the finish point and make multiple trips if they so choose. All canisters must be to the designated finish point prior to the competitors moving to the next event.

## **Timber Cut**

Competitor teams must place a charge that will cut a wooden target which will be utilized as part of an abatis. Your tree must be rigged to fall and lay at a 90 degree azimuth from the base of the tree. You will be given enough demolitions to complete the mission, however your unit is short on supplies, so you must return as much of the demo as possible while still safely and correctly cutting the tree. Your target is also being used as a test shot, so you must maintain control of the information you obtain from your calculations until mission complete.

## **EPW Crawl**

Sapper Teams will move to the SP where they will be greeted by an Instructor. They will receive T,C,S from the Instructor only if they have questions. They will be instructed where their lane is, and given necessary materials. (knotted rope). Sapper Teams will be required to EPW crawl a set distance before moving on, after an Instructor verifies they have made it past the finish line, they will move to the next station.

## **Helocast**

Competitors arrive at TA, Competitors receive the Safety Brief and orientation from event NCOIC. Sapper Teams will move to the holding area and meet up with the Instructor. They will receive T,C, S and from the Instructor. They will be issued all appropriate equipment at TA-106 where they will prep all equipment. After prep of equipment they will move to TA-147 to get into PZ posture, then 8 teams will be moved to the one of two CH-47s and loaded for the helocast. Teams will helocast and swim to shore and run to the end point as quickly as possible. Time ends here. Teams will receive points for the times in which they finish: max points to the team with the fastest time, and then so on.

## **SAPPER STAKES EVENT CONCEPTS** *(continued from preceding page)*

### **HMMUV Pull**

Competitors will arrive at the site and be greeted by an Instructor. Competitors will be read the T,C,S if they have question. Competitors will be guided to a start point where a HMMWV with a tow strap attached. Competitors pull their HMMWV from the start point to the end point of their lane. Once the HMMWV crosses the finish line, the competitors will move to the next event.

### **Hybrid Systems**

Competitors will arrive to the site on foot and their team number will be called into the TOC upon arrival. Competitors will then be read the T,C,S, Event brief, Safety Brief, and the Scenario. Competitors will be taken to the next available lanes' starting line. At the start line will be a M57, a M40 test set a roll of claymore wire with electric blasting cap attached. They will face away from the lane and told to begin. Once they cross the start line, the time for this event will begin. Competitors must check for proper priming of charges, placement of charge and correct attachment to a line main for five charges placed next to inert mines. If a deficiency is found, competitors will annotate the deficiency on their score sheet. Competitors must use the inert electric blasting cap attached to claymore wire, clacker, and test set to prime the line main. Competitors will be given a sand bag to place the blasting underneath. They must place the caps under the sand bags, properly test the system, tape the caps to the line main and move back to their covered and concealed position. They will then hook in the clacker, depress the clacker three times, simulating detonation of the charges and the time for this event will be stopped.

### **IED Destruction**

Competitors will arrive at the event on foot and their team number will be called into the TOC. Competitors will be read the T,C,S, Event Scenario and Safety Brief. Once ready, the competitors will proceed to their assigned lane, which will have a Talon robot complete, and all necessary inert demolition. Once the robot is deployed the time for this event will begin. Competitors will operate the robot through a simulated street, cluttered with trash and various other debris, in order to confirm a suspected IED. Once the IED is confirmed, the competitors need to identify the type of round/charge and the type of initiation system. The competitors will then drive the robot back to the starting point.

Charge may be constructed at any time using available materials to include block of M112 (inert) an M11 and two M12s. After the robot has returned to the start point the competitors must use the arm on the robot to secure a block of M112 (inert) primed with an M11 and two M12s attached as a means of initiation. Competitors must navigate back to the IED, driving the robot backwards, place the entire block of M112 within six inches of the IED, and return the robot back to the start point. Time will stop once this has been accomplished. If at any time the initiation system gets tangled in the robot track or the block of M112 is dropped, the competitors will have five minutes in order to try and untangle the shock tube and/or recover the explosives. After five minutes has elapsed, teams will be stopped and will receive no further points for this event. \* Teams will receive points for: Not disturbing the IED; Identifying the ordnance; Identifying initiation system used; Locating the IED's position/placement; Proper construction of demolitions charge; Driving robot backwards all the way to the IED to place charge; Not dropping, line disconnecting or entangling the charge; Returning robot all the way to the start point within 15 minutes; Placing entire charge within 6" of IED.

### **Knot Tying**

Competitors will arrive and be given the T,C,S brief and the event brief from the NCOIC. The competitors will be given a score sheet, clipboard and pen, and will be move to the start position. ( They will start in front of the first station. There will be three stations set up for the competitors to go through. The competitors will inspect the intermediate anchors at the first station. The second station will be 5 knots already tied on a rope coral. 3 of the knots will be tied incorrectly, and 2 will be tied correctly. The competitors will have to identify the knots, recite the checkpoints for the knots, and identify which knots are tied correctly and which are tied incorrectly. At the third and final station, the competitors will given 3 purposes for 3 different knots, and adequate ropes to tie all 3 knots. The competitors will be finished with this event when all 3 knots are tied.. The competitors will be timed from start to finish, time standard is 10 minutes but will not exceed 15 minutes.

### **Land Navigation**

Conduct a Land Navigation Course accumulating as many points in a 6-hour period as possible. Teams will navigate by means of map, protractor and compass from a known start point to designated land navigation points. Teams must move as a pair and correctly identify the points alpha or numeric designator and mark it on their score sheet. Teams will also use the raised marker at the point to mark their score sheet. Find as many points as possible and return to the finish con-

## **SAPPER STAKES EVENT CONCEPTS** *(continued from preceding page)*

control point within 6 hours. Teams will be awarded points based on the value of each point found and correctly marked. Teams that do not make it back to the end point within the allotted time will receive a score of 0 points. Ties will be determined by overall time. Teams must accumulate a minimum point value of 4 in order to advance to the next phase.

### **Log Cut and Carry**

Sapper Teams will move to the SP and meet up with the Instructor. They will receive T,C, S from the Instructor only if they have questions. They will be instructed where their log is, and given necessary materials. (cross cut saw, gloves). Sapper Teams will be required cut a section of log, and after an Instructor verifies the cut, pick up and carry a pre-cut section by any means necessary to the next point.

### **Mask Run**

Competitors will approach the X Mile Run start run and be given the command of **GAS GAS GAS**. Each Competitor will don his or her M40 protective mask. On the command of **GO** the competitors will run from the start line to the ALL CLEAR line with protective masks on. Each Sapper Buddy team must stay together throughout the event. Once each Sapper Buddy team has crossed the all clear line, the team can remove protective masks and place them in the collection receptacle. Competitors may then move to the next event site as remaining in a buddy team.

### **NSPFT**

Conduct physically challenging physical fitness test which tests the limits of competitors muscular and cardiovascular endurance

### **Prussik Climb**

Sapper Teams will move to TA 147 Sapper Tower and link up with cadre. They will receive T,C, S and a scenario from the cadre. Teams will be in the Rappelers uniform and be RMPI'd by the instructor prior to starting. They will be instructed where their first event will begin, and given necessary materials. (7mm cords, 11mm ropes, 31kn and 53kn carabiners, gloves). Instructor(1) will start their time. Sapper Teams will begin rigging for the prussic ascent. Once time has expired(8min) Sappers will be inspected for proper rigging and safety. Instructor(1) will start time for ascent(5 min), once competitors reach the top a safety will take control of them for de-rigging and their time will stop. Instructor(2) will start time for rigging of the Australian Rappel Seat(1 min). Once time has expired Sappers will be inspected for proper rigging and safety. Sappers will be given 20 seconds to hook up properly for the Aussie Rappel. Instructor(2) will assume rappel master duties, inspect for proper rigging and safety, and send the Sapper team off the skid.

## **SAPPER STAKES COMPETITION**

The 412 and 416 Theater Engineer Command (TEC's) will conduct a Combined Sapper Stakes Competition 5-8 May 2014 at Fort McCoy, WI., for teams of 12B Soldiers assigned to Sapper, MAC's, Route Clearance Companies, Area Clearance Platoons or units/detachments that have at least 6 or more 12B's, such as a BN HQ, in order to identify the top three teams between the two TECs. This competition will focus on team cohesion while testing the mental and physical stamina of each team member, as well as their tactical and technical skills.

***The TEC competition will be a 4 day event consisting of, but not limited to:***

***Knot tying, Demolition, Ruck march, APFT in ACU's and boots, Hasty Road Crater, Landing Zone, In-stride Breach, FIELD Investigation, Land Nav (Day and Night), Conduct Recon (road, stream, bridge, fortification, enemy presence), Field Strip and Reassemble weapon, and Casevac***

***Awards Ceremony – 08 May 2014 at Ft. McCoy, WI.***

VIP Personnel. Units will coordinate for VIP personnel through appropriate protocol offices at Ft. McCoy, WI.



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## 416<sup>TH</sup> ENCOM Association Northeast Reunion Friday & Saturday, June 20-21, 2014



The 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM Association is planning a full day of activities for our 2014 Northeast reunion on Friday and Saturday, June 20-21, 2014 at Annapolis, MD. To help us finalize our plans, we need your assistance in completing this registration form.

### 1. Registration (Filing Deadline: May 21, 2014. However, we encourage you to reserve your room and file immediately.)

### 2. Attendee Information (Please Print Clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Events You Wish to Attend (Show number)

#### Friday Evening

☐ 7:00 PM Reception & Cash Bar (Patio Tavern, Loews Hotel)

#### Saturday Morning

**Option:** Naval Academy Golf Outing-Scramble

☐ 7:30 AM Eisenhower Golf Course \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$57 (includes green fees & cart) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Option:** Annapolis Trolley Tour & Browsing

☐ 9:30 AM Annapolis Trolley Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17= \_\_\_\_\_ Pickup at the hotel & drop-off downtown.

**Lunch:** On your own. (Annapolis has a many food / lunch options.)

#### Saturday Afternoon

**Option:** Naval Academy Tour

☐ 1:30 PM Military Reunion Guided Walking Tour (Meet at Visitors Center) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$9 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Note: All proceeds go to Midshipmen activities.

**Option:** Naval Academy Visitors Center & Museum

☐ 4:00 PM Naval Academy Visitors Center and Museum \_\_\_\_\_ @ Free

#### Saturday Evening

**Option:** Bo Coppedge Room in the Alumni Hall overlooking the Severn River.

☐ 6:00 PM Reception and Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Speaker:** TBA \_\_\_\_\_ Petit Filet Mignon & Boneless Chicken Breast  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mahi Mahi \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

### 4. Lodging

Lodging is available at the Loews Annapolis Hotel, 126 West St · Annapolis · Phone (410) 263-7777 Toll Free: (800) 526-2593 for our group at \$169 until May 6<sup>th</sup> and a discount overnight parking of \$15 valet and \$12 self-park. I have provided the hotel with our initial room requests but you will have to contact them with your personal information and credit card.



| Send Registration Form & Payment to:  | Email Registration Form:  | 7. Email Registration Form:                                   |
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| Fran Strouse, 190 Westview Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022                           | Jim Ferrara   | Lee Pryor   |
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## Supplemental Information



### Loews Hotel

You'll be centrally located in Annapolis with a stay at Loews Annapolis Hotel, minutes from Maryland State House and William Paca House. This 4-star hotel is within close proximity of Hammond-Harwood House and Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

#### Rooms

Make yourself at home in one of the 217 air-conditioned rooms featuring refrigerators and minibars. Your pillowtop bed comes with Frette Italian sheets, and all rooms are furnished with sofa beds. 32-inch flat-screen televisions with satellite programming provide entertainment, while wireless Internet access (surcharge) keeps you connected. Private bathrooms with shower/tub combinations feature complimentary toiletries and hair dryers.

### Eisenhower Golf Course



Eisenhower Golf Course, crafted by renowned architect Ed Ault in 1969 from more than 220 acres of splendidly wooded landscape, takes golfers through forestland, around one of Maryland's finest lakes, and alongside numerous creeks and swales.

Eisenhower's championship layout boasts perfectly manicured greens and plush fairways, welcoming golfers of all abilities.

Celebrating 43 years of great golf and great service, golfers have long enjoyed playing Eisenhower Golf Course, Anne Arundel County's first

public golf course. The 6,659-yard course has provided a fun and challenging golf experience for tens of thousands of area golfers.

### Annapolis: Trolley Tour



This city tour on an air-conditioned trolley bus leaves from the Visitors Center at 26 West Street--across from Ram's Head Tavern. Nice cushy seats. Their motto is "350 years in one hour" and you get a nice overview of the area. A lot of information without being tedious; droll comments along the way keep it interesting and fun.

Enjoy spectacular views of the U.S. Naval Academy (exterior), City Dock, State House, colonial mansions, Government House (governor's residence), Victorian painted ladies and Maryland's World War II Memorial.

### Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center of the United States Naval Academy



The Visitor Center is conveniently located inside USNA Gate 1 at the Annapolis harbor. Pedestrian entrances are on Prince George and Randall Streets.

Everyone 18 and older must have a government issued photo ID. International visitors must have an original passport. Only vehicles with USNA IDs, DoD stickers or handicapped tags may enter Naval Academy grounds.

The Visitor Center is the first stop on a visit to the undergraduate college of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. Information specialists welcome visitors to view the 13-minute film, *The Call to Serve*, and to take a guided walking tour with a professional, certified guide.

The USNA Gift Shop provides visitors with an official United States Naval Academy shopping experience.

## USNA Museum

The U.S. Naval Academy Museum welcomes more than 100,000 visitors annually from all over the world. Located in Preble Hall on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Academy, the Museum offers two floors of exhibits about the history of seapower, the development of the U.S. Navy, and the role of the U.S. Naval Academy in producing officers capable of leading America's sailors and marines. Our displays combine historical artifacts with video and audio technology to bring to life the stories of the men and women who have served their country at sea. Whether you are a casual visitor, a student of naval history, or a member of the Brigade of Midshipmen, the Museum stands ready to make your visit a memorable one.



## Military Reunion Tour

The tour focuses on Naval Academy's role in supplying officers and midshipmen in various conflicts. Tour includes power point presentation and guided walking tour. Tour highlights life at the U.S. Naval Academy past and present. Tour includes Lejeune Hall, Bancroft Hall, Tecumseh Court, Herndon Monument, Main Chapel (when open) and Crypt of John Paul Jones, Revolutionary War hero.



## Leyte Gulf Room in the Naval Academy Club



### "A Military Tradition For 100 Years"

The Leyte Gulf Room in the Naval Academy Club is located on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Academy and combines military history and prestige with fine dining and customer service.

The Leyte Gulf Room in the Naval Academy Club provides a place where military and their families, friends and associates can enjoy relaxed dining in an ambiance unlike anywhere in Annapolis. Attendees and their guests enjoy all the Club has to offer. The Club's full-service catering and banquet facilities are perfect for our reunion.

# Nominations Due For 2014 Person of the Year Award

**I T'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION** for the 416th ENCOM Association Person of Year Award. This annual award is intended to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the Association, or has demonstrated his/her worthiness in a number of other ways including support to his/her community. The nomination process and a list of suggested criteria can be found on the Association website. It is important to note that a nominee may not necessarily be a member of the Association. The award was inaugurated in 2006 and LTC (R) Ted Winters was the first recipient. Nominations should be sent to COL(R) William Hawes, 1915 Sunnydale Ln., Lisle, IL 60532. You can also email Bill at [wjhawes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjhawes@sbcglobal.net). The deadline for nominations is 1 July.

## 416th ENCOM Treasurer's Report

Submitted by COL(R) John Erickson

**Activities:** January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Opening Balance January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 .....\$ 7,013.82

**Expenses:**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 2 NCO and Soldier of the Year Awards..... | \$ 400.00   |
| deFleury Medals.....                      | \$ 100.00   |
| 100 Coins.....                            | \$ 697.50   |
| 192 Punch Glasses.....                    | \$ 509.45   |
| OIF Reunion Cost.....                     | \$ 6,438.20 |
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|   | \$ 8,145.15 |

**Income/Deposits:**

Memberships

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Bi-Annual-(7)..... | \$ 70.00  |
| Life-(4).....      | \$ 400.00 |

OIF Revenue

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Donations.....                           | \$ 820.00   |
| Ticket Sales.....                        | \$ 5,150.00 |
| Coin Sale & Challenge at Reunion.....    | \$ 72.00    |
| Ads in Program.....                      | \$ 560.00   |
| USAA ad in Newsletter-(2).....           | \$ 150.00   |
| Net Profit from 2012 Annual Meeting..... | \$ 370.00   |
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|  | \$ 7,592.30 |
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**Closing Balance**.....\$ 6,460.97



## 416 ENCOM ASSOCIATION SPRING NEWSLETTER

### MEMBERSHIP MARCH 17, 2014

**W**E ARE ABOUT SIX MONTHS INTO THIS MEMBERSHIP CYCLE, OCTOBER 1, 2013 – September 30, 2015. So far we have had ten new lifetime memberships, 35 two-year memberships and one associate membership. It seems like a pretty good response so far but we are hoping that more former ENCOM/TEC members will decide to become members in the Association. I will be making another mailing to former members this spring.

While researching old member records, trying to find current contact information and contacting former members I was sad to find that several former members had passed away, some recently others several years ago. They include COL (Ret) Thomas Herrman, LTC (Ret) James Burnley, COL (Ret) Roger Kesserling, COL (Ret) Donald Kahn and COL (ret) Casimir Oksas. I wanted to pass this along to our current members who may have served with them.

I am planning to contact our life members soon, seeking to update contact information so that we can keep the member records current. We try to keep our members up to date through these newsletters so it is important for you to let us know of changes to your email address and mailing address.

CSM (Ret) Bill Lake has added a feature to the association website

(<http://www.encomassociation.info/>) to help in this effort;

**Select the member tab,  
then select New/Update Membership,  
then select Update/Change member data.**

You may also go to this link

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=0OzVhwXQQledeSI5mnXJhw>

and update your information there.

Finally I would like to extend my thanks to you for your service.

*Tom*

LTC(R) THOMAS RYTERSKE

VP Membership



## NEWS FROM THE 412TH AND 416TH THEATER ENGINEER COMMAND

**T**HE 416<sup>TH</sup> TEC CONTINUES TO OPERATE as the senior engineer headquarters to command, plan, and control engineer assets within the theater of operations. They have a global alignment with USSOUTHCOM, USCENTCO as well as an CONUS alignment with USNORTHCOM. The majority of the TEC's planning effort is in support to the combatant and service component commands, USACE and training support to our units.

*Unclassified*

### 416th TEC in the last year has made the following advances in planning:



**SOUTHCOM** — Assisting in overhauling their planning and management systems. Investing planning resources in ARSOUTH Plans and exercise development.



**NORTHCOM** — Continued to build relationships in the areas of DSCA, Theater Level exercises and CONPLAN Review in order to leverage our engineer planners in assisting ARNORTH's engineer planning efforts.



**CENTCOM** — Have recently become more engaged with ARCENT and CENTCOM J45 Planners to develop emerging contingency plans throughout the CENTCOM AOR.



**USACE** — Coordinating planning efforts more directly with USACE HQ and Transatlantic Division for contingency planning support throughout the SOUTHCOM and CENTCOM AORs.



**National Guard** — Developing plans to begin to integrate training with Army and Air National Guard Engineers to make operational work more effective in defense of CONUS and response to natural disasters..

### The 416<sup>th</sup> TEC has provided Base Operations Support in the following areas:



#### Local Training Area Construction / Army Reserve Centers:

- DEPMEDS Site Berm
- Range improvement
- Horizontal Training Site
- Other infrastructure improvements



#### Castle – Installation Related Construction (C-IRC), Fort Dix, NJ:

- Range improvement
- Concrete pads
- Asphalt road
- Construct/Refurbish buildings

The 416<sup>th</sup> TEC has provided Base Operations Support in the following areas: *(Continued from preceding page)*



## Castle – Installation Related Construction (C-IRC), Fort Hunter Liggett, CA:

Concrete pads

Multiple horizontal missions to include road grading, gravel pads, leech fields, etc.

Multiple vertical missions to include bridge repair, SWA-Huts, and guard towers



## Operation Essayons, Fort McCoy, WI:

Asphalt

DFAC, TOC, and First Aid Building for NCO Academy

SWA Hut

Engineer Bridging Training Site

Gravel and concrete pads



## The 416<sup>th</sup> TEC also provided support to the Warfight:

**Combat Engineer Effects** — Provide trained Clearance, Mobility Augmentation and Sapper units that enable assured mobility to US and Partner Nations.



**Vertical Construction** — Forces build Forward Operating Bases, Combat Outposts and Security Cooperative Locations and Sites throughout the CENTCOM, AFRICOM, and SOUTHCOM AORs.



**Horizontal Construction** — Lays the ground work for the construction of forward positions, ground lines of communication between locations and assists in access to disaster areas.



**Design Services** — Forward Survey and Design teams, along with Construction Management Teams to ensure quality assurance to reduce potential rework.

# NEWS FROM THE 412TH AND 416TH THEATER ENGINEER COMMAND

(Continued from previous pages)

**Unclassified**



## PREPARE



**Exercises.** The key part of this effort is participating in collective training exercises, such as WAREX, CSTX, Warfighters, and NTC rotations at the appropriate time in accordance with the ARFORGEN cycle.



**Communities.** The TEC works to develop relationships with our State and Local communities. Through partnership, we and the community are mutually supportive of deployments, training and response to natural disasters.



There is a very easy way to stay connected to the 416th TEC to learn about current activities, events, and news. The unit has a very informative web site, [www.dvidshub.net/units/416TEC](http://www.dvidshub.net/units/416TEC). Once you enter the web address into your browser, you will be directed to a location where you can read "Recent Publications" of The Bridge, which is now published four times a year. There are "News Stories" about soldiers and units in the downtrace of the TEC. The site includes a "Recent Image Gallery" with both still pictures and videos of events and happenings. It is a very efficient way to stay involved with the current information about the activities of the 416th TEC without waiting for the newsletter that the Association publishes. Once you enter the web address, remember to save it for future use.

ESSAYONS

**BG(R) JACK KOTTER**





# 416 ENCOM ASSOCIATION



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION October 2013 – September 2015**

**I hereby apply for membership in the 416 ENCOM Association**

\_\_\_\_\_ Two Year Membership (\$10.00)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Membership (\$100.00 one time fee)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (\$5.00)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to 416 ENCOM Association and mail to:

Thomas P. Ryterske  
 5N135 Hanson Road  
 Lily Lake, IL 60175-8102

## Member Information

(please fill this in so I can validate your member records)

Name (Last, First M. Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Last Unit Served \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Date \_\_\_\_\_ (If not retired please state active).

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

**LTC(R) THOMAS RYTERSKE**



# PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL

The ENCOM Association has been working with the 416<sup>th</sup> TEC Command Sergeant Major to plan and sponsor a War Memorial that will be placed at the Reserve Center in Darien, Illinois. Some 25 casualties from the TEC downtrace have been identified for the planned memorial at the TEC. The proposed memorial consists of a block with a pair of boots, a weapon inserted upside down with a helmet on the butt. Each of the soldiers will be honored with a framed photograph and a bio describing their service.

Please contact:

Bill Lake [csmwlake@aol.com](mailto:csmwlake@aol.com) with your thoughts, questions and concerns.



## 2014 BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION

From 28 April 2014 to 01 May 2014 at Fort McCoy, the 412 Theater Engineer Command (TEC) and 416 Theater Engineer Command (TEC) will conduct a Combined Best Warrior Competition to identify and prepare the best NCOs and Soldiers to represent the 412 and 416 TECs during the United States Army Reserve Command (USARC) Best Warrior Competition in the summer of 2014. This competition will test the mental and physical stamina, as well as the tactical and technical skills of the participants. It will include at the minimum the following events:

**Board Appearance, Written Examination, Written Essay, Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), Land Navigation (Day and Night), Urban Orienteering (Day and Night), M4 Qualification (Day and Night), Foot March, Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills, and Modern Army Combatives.**

The Best Warrior NCO and Soldiers for each TEC will be selected to participate in the United States Army Reserve (USARC) 2014 Best Warrior Competition. Both the 412<sup>th</sup> and the 416<sup>th</sup> TEC's will select a Best Warrior NCO, Soldier and alternates for advancement to the Army Reserve Best Warrior Competition 21-28 June 2014.

## Photo Highlights from the Reunion



The cake that was enjoyed by all at the 10th Anniversary of the 416th ENCOM OIF Deployment Reunion. (See story of page 4 of the Newsletter).

Back in the early 50s, Eileen Barton sang a song called:  
**IF I KNEW YOU WERE COMING, I'D HAVE BAKED A CAKE**  
 This cake sort of reminded some of us  
 of those days.



BEWILDERED Recipient of the 2013 Person of The Year Award, Leon Ardelean is wondering how COL(R) James Martin, who made the presentation, knew more about him than his wife does. The recitation brought forth information about his long forgotten feats. Leon was positively amazed and thanked everyone for bestowing this Award on an old soldier.



## Mine was earned in Vietnam. By my dad.

Barbara Q., USAA member



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