



9th Engineer's 2009 Newsletter

Fellow Marines and Families,

Herb Shaw and Bob Uderitz have been hard at work scouting for a great hotel and fun and meaningful things to do while we gather in the beautiful Finger Lakes region in May 2010.

"Why upstate New York " you may ask?

As Marines we know that we can and have made a difference in people's lives. Well, James R. Moore from Naples, NY, our MIA, from our 9th Engineer Battalion, is still making a difference in my life. I never met him but I think of him and his Mom and his sister, Sandi, every day. Our gathering of Marines in New York will honor Jim but most of all, it will give everyone an opportunity to meet his extraordinary family. His Mom, Marion is 84 years old, and sister, Sandi and her husband Skip welcome the thought of meeting more boys who were part of Jim's battalion. We are hoping that everyone will come to this meaningful reunion and take part of the Memorial Day events.

We will be having a business meeting and elections at this reunion and decisions for locations will be brought forward. There will be tours, shopping for the ladies, great restaurants and wineries, and most important of all is the friendship and memories and fun that we manage to experience.

The 9th Engineers have a big and grateful heart and always come through for one another and wouldn't it be great if we had the biggest attendance since 1994..This is a challenge for us but when we think of those who never returned home, what better way to bring honor to them..Our brotherhood is strong and healthy and I hope and pray that each and every one of you will meet me and Sue in New York.

God Bless and Semper Fi

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President

9th Engineer Bn. Assoc.



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The 9th Engineer Bn. Association is a very important part of our lives. Since becoming acquainted with the association in 1999 and attending my first reunion in 2000, my life has changed. I hope the association has positively affected others as it has me. At our last reunion we had new attendees as we do every year and as we find our brothers we find what we have missed over the years. Each of us has had our own problems to deal with and our own baggage to carry. I thank Eric Kenney every day for his foresight in starting the 9th Engineer Bn. Association. Just this month we found another of our brothers, the only problem we did not find him in time, he died in 2002. How many more of our brothers do we need to locate? ALL of Them. As many as we are able to find. As most of us have found out military records were not keep of our activities in Nam. We as 9th Engineer brothers we must be there for each other and correct whatever we are able to correct.

Herb Shaw

9th Engineer Bn. Association VP

2010 Reunion

At the 2009 reunion in New Orleans the membership voted and the majority of the board voted to change the 2010 reunion from a cruise reunion to one where we can recognize the 9th Engineer Bn. only MIA. James Moore went missing in 1967, and has never been recognized in his hometown of Naples, N.Y. We as a 9th Engineer Bn. Association plan to do just that. His 84 year old mother is still living and deserves that honor from us.

**If you were an MIA would you not
family?**



want us to recognize you for your



2010 Reunion

9th Engineer Bn. Reunion May 30 - to - June 3, 2010

The reunion plans are follows:

Registration form is in this newsletter hotel information is as follows:



Hampton Inn & Suites- Rochester/Victor, N.Y. Telephone # 585-924-4400

Room Rate \$ 102 RATE CODE (USM) hamptoninn.com No Parking Fee Hampton Inn Breakfast

Hotel Reservations must be made by April 30, 2010 to get the negotiated rate.



Hotel has Rochester Airport and local Shuttle

Airport shuttle Arrangements to be made directly with hotel

Also contact:

Bob Uteritz at 585-509-0426 or 585-367-2764 or **Herb Shaw** at 912-424-9084

Monday - May 31st - Memorial Day - Visit Naples, N.Y. greet Mrs. Moore and March-Walk in Memorial Day Parade, After parade have lunch and Banquet.

Tuesday- June 1st – Casa Larga Winery, Lunch, and Erie Canal and Locks Boat Tour

Wednesday- June 2nd - Arbor Hill Winery, Lunch, Antique Track Museum-Antique Malls, and Carhartt Store. (all are close) bus will drop off and pick up.

Eastview Mall and Restaurants 1/4 mile from hotel -- New York State Racetrack and Casino 6 miles from hotel



9th Engineer Bn. Association

Upstate-Finger Lakes, New York Reunion

To Remember James Moore, 9th Engineer MIA

MAY 30TH TO JUNE 3RD, 2010

THE HAMPTON INN AND SUITES

Rochester/Victor, New York

Room Rate \$ 102 - No Parking Fee - Hampton Inn Hot Breakfast included

Rate Code USM (hamptoninn.com) Hotel Telephone # 585-924-4400

Reservations must be made by April 30, 2010 to get this rate

2010 Reunion Registration Form

_____ Full Registration (All Functions) \$150 pp

_____ Number of Tickets for trip to Naples and Banquet on May 31st \$75 pp

_____ Number of Tickets for Winery, Lunch and Erie Canal Tour on June 1st \$60 pp

_____ Number of Tickets Arbor Hill Winery, Lunch and Bloomfield on June 2nd \$60 pp

_____ Total Amount Enclosed for registrations

(checks payable to 9th Engineer Association 2010 Reunion)

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Send this form and registration fee to:

Herb Shaw

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Jesup, Georgia 31546

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION

-ATTEND THE 2010 - 9TH ENGINEER BN. REUNION

Upstate-Finger Lakes, New York

We will be recognizing James Moore our 9th Engineer MIA

9th Engineer Bn. Association Regular Checking Account	- \$5374.21
9th Engineer Bn. Scholarship Checking Account	- \$1011.89
9th Engineer Bn. Association CD \$2500.00 @ 2.23 % interest rate	-
9th Engineer Bn. Scholarship CD <u>\$5401.91</u> @ 1.35% interest rate	=
Total	<u>\$14,338.01</u>

Treasurer's report prepared by Eric Kenny,
Treasurer, 9th Engineer Battalion Assoc.