



# 416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION

*"past and present serving together for the future"*



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## Notable Quotations—

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight – it's the size of the fight in the dog"

- **General Dwight D. Eisenhower**

"If men make war in slavish obedience to rules, they will fail."

- **General Ulysses S. Grant**

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

- **Thomas Jefferson**

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have.

I must stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."

- **Abraham Lincoln**

"You cannot be disciplined in great things and indiscipline in small things. Brave undisciplined men have no chance against the discipline and valor of other men.

Have you ever seen a few policemen handle a crowd?"

- **General George S. Patton Jr.**

"The way to win an atomic war is to make certain it never starts."

- **General Omar N. Bradley**

"Some of you young men think that war is all glamour and glory, but let me tell you, boys, it is all hell!"

- **General William T. Sherman**

"It is my earnest hope - indeed the hope of all mankind - that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past, a world found upon faith and understanding, a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance and justice."

- **General Douglas MacArthur**

## Letter from the President . . .



**SGM(R) Dan Lopatowski**  
**ENCOM Association President**

This will be my last "Letter from the President" message. It has been a great two years serving as president of this organization. At our annual meeting in November I will be introducing MG Robert Heine as your new president. I have known Bob for over fifteen years. The organization is getting a very dedicated soldier. One who deeply cares about his fellow comrades. I know you join me in wishing Bob the best in his upcoming role as President of the ENCOM Association.

Plans for our Desert Storm/Desert Shield deployment reunion are beginning to take shape. Recently a questionnaire was sent concerning the event. We hope that if you haven't already that you will take the time to respond. Planning an event of this scope, with participants located literally from coast to coast is a major undertaking. As plans develop we will keep you informed. The reunion is planned for September 2010.

The status of the scholarship award is currently being discussed. A committee that includes Jack Kotter, Bill Lake and myself will make recommendations to the board in the next few months. Bill Hawes and Jim Martin are in the process of selecting their candidate for "Person of the Year". They will announce their choice at the annual dinner in November.

The 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM, as it was known during my tenure, has been a very large part of my life. As I look back I only have fond memories of all my experiences. It has been an honor to serve the ENCOM Association as its president for these last two years. I will continue to serve on the board as its Past-president. Once again, thank you for your continuing support!

*Dan Lopatowski*

SGM(R) Dan Lopatowski  
ENCOM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# FORT McCOY HISTORY



**C**AMP McCoy was founded in 1909. It served as a supply base for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during the great Depression. It served as a POW and relocation camp during WWII. It housed 15,000 Cuban refugees in 1980 and was a major mobilization site during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Fort McCoy is named for Robert Bruce McCoy. The son of a Civil War captain, McCoy was a prominent local resident who served as a lawyer, district attorney, county judge and mayor of Sparta, Wis. He reached the rank of major general during his 31 years of distinguished military service, which included service in the Spanish-American War, the police action in Mexico, and World War I. McCoy returned from the Spanish-American War with a dream. He knew that as warfare became increasingly more modern, larger and more-powerful guns would be developed, and training would be emphasized. He envisioned these changes would require larger training areas, and, by 1905, he had acquired approximately 4,000 acres of land in the Sparta area.

Maj. Samuel Allen of the 7th Field Artillery at Fort Snelling, Minn., also admired the terrain of the Sparta area for its training value. September 1905 marked the first use of the land for military purposes. McCoy invited Allen's unit to put his family's ranch to the test during 16 days of training. As a result of the 16-day test, Allen recommended to an Army review board that a large piece of land be purchased for an artillery camp. Approximately 14,200 acres of land, including McCoy's 4,000 acres, were purchased in 1909. The resulting parcel was called the "Sparta Maneuver Tract."

The Sparta Maneuver Tract was divided approximately in half by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. The maneuver camp situated on the northern half of the parcel was referred to as Camp Emory Upton, while that to the south was known as Camp Robinson. In 1910, the War Department authorized \$40,000 for construction and improvements to the area. Within that same year, the reservation was renamed Camp Bruce E. McCoy, in honor of the Civil War captain and former owner of the maneuver camp lands. The camp retained that name until Nov. 19, 1926, when it officially was designated as Camp McCoy in honor of Maj. Gen. Robert B. McCoy, who had died that same year.

Nearly 9,500 acres of land were acquired from the Department of Agriculture in 1938-39. From 1940-1942, an additional 37,437 acres were acquired by a

directive from the Secretary of War. These additions included construction of the large, triangular-shaped cantonment area, much of which still exists.

The "New Camp" officially was inaugurated Aug. 30, 1942. Total cost for the construction was estimated at \$30 million, and the camp capacity was set at 35,000. Camp McCoy was used as a training facility for many World War II units, including the 2nd Infantry Division, the 76th Infantry Division and the 100th Infantry Battalion, which was comprised of Hawaiian National Guardsmen of Japanese ancestry. The post also served as a prisoner-of-war and enemy-alien prison camp during this time.

Aside from temporary lulls, the installation has been in almost constant use since its founding in 1909, and has provided artillery and maneuver training opportunities for hundreds of thousands of military personnel from all services.

## Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by COL (ret) William Hawes*

<b>Opening Balance (march 31, 2009)...</b>	<b>\$5,179.83</b>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Membership Dues.....</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>None .....</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Closing Balance (July 31, 2009).....</b>	<b>\$5,199.83</b>

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# Desert Shield / Desert Storm Reunion

**T**HE PLANNING FOR A Desert Shield/Desert Storm (DS/DS) deployment reunion in September of 2010 is progressing. The basic outline for the reunion weekend is a reception on Friday evening, dinner on Saturday evening, an informal breakfast on Sunday, and a picnic on Sunday.

During the day on Saturday there will be several informal events to include a shopping trip to Oak Brook Center, tour of downtown Chicago, visit the Reserve Center in Darien, etc. The picnic on Sunday is planned to be held at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. Cantigny has a large static display of military equipment and the First Division Museum.

Several different types of events are planned to accommodate the varied interests of the attendees. This way people can choose more formal events or informal events to renew friendships.

Recently a survey was sent to people that have current email addresses in our database. We received several replies that indicated strong support for the reunion.

One suggestion received was to have a place where memorabilia from the deployment can be displayed and shared. We are evaluating some alternatives, but having this space available during the Friday night reception is a strong possibility.

Presently the planning committee includes:

- ◇ Dan Lopatowski, [lopat416@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lopat416@sbcglobal.net)
- ◇ Jack Kotter, [bgkotter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgkotter@sbcglobal.net)
- ◇ Bill Hawes, [wjhawes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjhawes@sbcglobal.net)



## Buffalo MPRC vehicle

6x6 Mine Protected Route Clearing engineer vehicle

Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact any of the people referenced above. While we are looking for additional people to work on the committee, any ideas would also be very welcome.

As plans are firmed up, they will be posted on our web site ([encomassociation.info/](http://encomassociation.info/)). Also on the website is a listing of the people that we do not have current contact information for. Please check this list and provide information on any of the lost individuals.

As noted in our last newsletter, we are also interested in developing a list of other individuals that had a close relationship with the 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM during its deployment for DS/DS to invite them to the reunion. So please forward contact information for these individuals. Forward current address and email address information to Jack Kotter at [bgkotter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgkotter@sbcglobal.net) or 381 Windermere Way, Bourbonnais, IL 60914-1515

### Membership in the 416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM Association\*

October 1, 2009 is the start of the next two year membership period.

Membership options available to soldiers and civilians who have served in the 416<sup>th</sup> or one of the subordinate units include Lifetime membership, two year membership, or for spouses and other friends an associate membership.

- Lifetime membership fee is \$100
- Two year membership fee is \$10
- Associate membership fee is \$5

If you are currently a two year member or an associate member, or if you would like to become a member please send your application form and payment of your two year fee to the Association's VP Membership:

LTC(R) Thomas P. Ryterske 65N135 Hanson Road 6 Lily Lake, IL 60175-8102

\*(Complete application on page 4). The association's web page has a link to the member application form. <http://www.encomassociation.info>



**416<sup>th</sup> ENCOM ASSOCIATION**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
(October 2009 ó September 2011)

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 416th 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<sup>th</sup> ENCOM Association is for Association use only and will be handled confidentially.

# BRIGADIER GENERAL JOE E. CHESNUT, JR.

*Deputy Commander*

## 416th Theater Engineer Command (TEC)



**B**RIGADIER GENERAL (BG) Chesnut is a native of Starkville, Mississippi. He obtained his commission through ROTC in 1980. He is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. He has completed the Command and General Staff College, the Army Reserve Battalion/Brigade Pre-Command Course, and the Engineer Battalion Commander's Pre-Command Course. He completed the U.S. Army War College in 2006.

BG Chesnut began his military career with the 223d Engineer Battalion in West Point, Mississippi where he served at all levels of command. He was then assigned to the 168th Engineer Group in Vicksburg, Mississippi, as the Communications Officer. BG Chesnut transferred to the 412th Engineer Command in 1995 as the Signal Operations Officer. He assumed command of the 926th Engineer Combat Battalion (H), December 2000. BG Chesnut was assigned as the IMA Deputy Chief, USACE Command Planning Group in 2003. BG Chesnut was mobilized as the Deputy Commander of the 420th Engineer Brigade in December 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He returned to the 412th ENCOM in 2005 as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence. In June of 2006, he was reassigned to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and in January 2007, he was assigned as the Chief of Staff. He currently serves as the Deputy Commander, 416<sup>th</sup> Theater Engineer Command in Darien, Illinois.

Brigadier General Chesnut has served as the Task Force Logistics Officer for Eastern Castle in Amman Jordan; Operations Officer for United States Army Europe: Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer Forward in Taszar, Hungary for Operation Joint Endeavor; Doctrine Researcher for Joint and Army Doctrine Directorate; Project Officer for United States Army Pacific for two operations in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and one in Mongolia; Army Engineer Representative to the Joint Assessment and Site Survey Team in Dili, East Timor; and Director for the Joint Antiterrorism Program Manager's Guide.

BG Chesnut's awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, the GWOT Service Medal, the GWOT Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hour glass and M Device, the Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon with numeral 18, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Bronze de Fleury.

BG Chesnut holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication from Mississippi State University and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. He is currently employed as a Contract Senior Engineer Analyst with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

## Tidbits about the battle of Manassas:

**I**N THE SUMMER of 1861, enthusiastic volunteers in colorful uniforms gathered to fight the first major land battle of the war. Confident that their foes would turn and run, neither side anticipated the smoke, din and death of battle. Nearly one year later, both sides met again on the same battlefield with the Confederates winning a solid victory bringing them to the height of their power.

Cheers rang out in the streets of Washington on July 16, 1861 as Gen. Irvin McDowell's army, 35,000 strong, marched out to begin the long-awaited campaign to capture Richmond and end the war. It was an army of green recruits, few of whom had the faintest idea of the magnitude of the task facing them. But their swaggering gait showed that none doubted the outcome. As excitement spread, many citizens and congressman with wine and picnic baskets followed the army into the field to watch what all expected would be a colorful show.

During the war, the North generally named a battle after the closest river, stream or creek and the South tended to name battles after towns or railroad junctions. Hence the Confederate name Manassas after Manassas Junction and the Union name Bull Run for the stream Bull Run.

*Only one civilian was killed during the battle of Bull Run. Judith Carter Henry, an 85 year old bed-ridden widow, was mortally wounded by Union artillery fire. She is buried in a small family cemetery located on Henry Hill.*



Roger and Mary Stokes



Ann Kotter and Mary Stokes



Henry House



Jack Kotter; Bill Hawes; Doug Patterson; Roger Stokes; and Bob Wood speaking to Manassas book author and historian.

# *Photo Memories from East Coast*





**416th ENCOM ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

**SATURDAY, November 7, 2009**

**Sodexo Marriott/Argonne Guest House  
9700 S. Cass Ave., Bldg #460  
Argonne, IL (inside Argonne National Lab)**

**Speaker: COL (R) ROBERT WOOD**

*Author of article "Rebuilding Iraq"  
published in our Aug., 2007 Newsletter  
<http://www.encomassociation.info/links.asp>*

**Schedule:**

6:00pm Cash Bar Reception  
7:15pm Engineer Punch Ceremony & Fallen Comrades Recognition  
7:30pm Buffet Dinner  
8:30pm Annual Meeting & Speaker

**Cost: \$40 per Person**

**Dress: Business Casual**

**RSVP to Larry Czepiel by October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Phone: 630-910-6442 or 815-836-8082**

**Email: [ljcz@msn.com](mailto:ljcz@msn.com)**

We must provide a firm number to the Hotel  
and

**Name must be provided to security gate at Argonne National Lab entry**

**Mail checks to:**

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Homer Glen, IL 60491-9776

## Enrollment in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program can provide cost-savings for dental care

*The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) is the first and only group dental benefits plan authorized by the federal government for Uniformed Services retirees and their families. There are many reasons why enrollment in the TRDP can help save money on the cost of dental care:*

### Affordability and value

For the average annual premium amount that an enrollee pays per contract year for TRDP coverage, the program provides two cleanings, two routine exams and one set of x-rays per year, covered at 100% of the program allowable amount with no applicable deductible, as well as coverage for gum surgery, oral surgery and root canals. All these services are available to enrollees immediately upon their coverage effective date. In addition, the TRDP provides enrollees with \$1,200 per contract year for covered services, \$1,000 per contract year for dental accidents, and a \$1,500 lifetime maximum amount for orthodontic services.

After only 12 months of continuous enrollment, TRDP enrollees become eligible for coverage of crowns, bridges, dental implant services, dentures and orthodontics. These are often necessary services that can be extremely costly—especially without any type of dental coverage.

### Coordination of benefits

Many Uniformed Services members are retiring at an earlier age and many are entering the civilian work force. Coverage offered by employer plans can be costly and is not always comprehensive. The TRDP can help enrollees who have other dental coverage maximize their benefits, save on their out-of-pocket expenses and protect their family's health when their employer's plan coverage isn't quite enough.

For Uniformed Services retirees who are employed or who have a spouse who is employed and who have dental coverage in addition to the TRDP, coverage and benefits are governed by coordination of benefits (COB) rules. Under COB, most dental carriers coordinate benefits with one another to allow enrollees to maximize the coverage provided by both programs—often paying most or all of the patient's dental bill and helping to greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses.

Adding coverage for family members through an employer's plan can also mean higher out-of-pocket costs. Sometimes, employer plans do not even offer coverage for family members. The TRDP covers eligible family members of non-enrolled Uniformed Services retirees who have a dental insurance plan through their employer that is not available to their families—so they can still get coverage for their family members when it would otherwise not be available. This special TRDP eligibility rule gives retired Uniformed Service members even more options for affordable, quality dental coverage and protection for their families.

### Incentives to schedule regular dental checks for yourself and your family

One of the most important things you can do for your overall health and well-being is scheduling regular dental visits for oral exams and cleanings. Early diagnosis and prevention of dental disease is key to good dental health. The dentist can often be the first to see signs of a more serious health problem.

The TRDP provides the coverage necessary to help maintain good oral health and often avoid the need for major dental treatment down the road. Under the TRDP, basic diagnostic and preventive care like annual exams, x-rays and cleanings are payable at 100% with no applicable deductible or maximum amount. With the increasing cost of health care—including dental—enrolling in the TRDP now makes better sense than waiting until more expensive services are needed later.

### An expansive network of over 100,000 dentist locations nationwide

Enrollees in the TRDP can choose any licensed dentist with the enrollment service area to provide their covered dental treatment. However, the program encourages enrollees to use a TRDP participating network dentist or a Delta Dental Premier® dentist. Dentists who participate in the networks that support the TRDP have agreed to a predetermined fee schedule and will submit all claims paperwork and adhere to Delta Dental's quality-of-care standards. Enrollees in the TRDP who see a network dentist will not incur any out-of-pocket costs other than their cost share and applicable deductible.

**For more information about how enrolling in the TRDP can help reduce dental health care costs for Uniformed Services retirees and their families, visit the TRDP web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org).**

# 416TH ENCOM ASSOCIATION

## ELECTION SLATE – NOV 2009:

### OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	MG (R)	ROBERT HEINE
PRESIDENT-ELECT	TBA	
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SGM (R) DANIEL LOPATOWSKI

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AT LARGE (Keeper of the Coins)	COL (R)	DWAYNE NELSON

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying 'Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intended to do, bomb them?' A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly:

'Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?'

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on.

"You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France !"

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained,

"Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchmen to show a passport to."

JFK'S Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60's when DeGaulle decided to pull out of NATO. DeGaulle said he wanted all US military out of France as soon as possible.

Rusk responded:

"Does that include those who are buried here?"

DeGaulle did not respond.