

591st Engineer Boat Regiment Reunion Association Inc. a Regiment of the First Engineer Amphibian Brigade

-consisting of-

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
1st, 2nd, 3rd, BATTALIONS
TANKLIGHTER COMPANY
BOAT MAINTENANCE COMPANY
-later to become-
1185th Engineer Combat Group
2755th Engineer Combat Battalion
2756th Engineer Combat Battalion
2759th Engineer Combat Battalion
-still later to become-
591st Engineer Combat Group
2755th Engineer Combat Battalion
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-AND-

Includes All 591st Personnel
who may have been transferred to other organizations
World War Two - 1942-1946
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Dear Comrades, Ladies, Families and Friends,

1989 IS HERE. Which means it's time for the annual Bird Cage Drop Sheet.

Howdy! You all been feelin' goood?

I've been readin' The History Of The 591st Engineer Boat Regiment for the 3rd or 4th time. The more times I read it the more it becomes a reality and about the 4th time I read it I began to associate my aches and pains with the miles this old body collected while that history was being made.

But thank God and Green Apples there is annual relief knowed' as Reunions which normally takes two to five days to receive at a location in a city called Reunion Hdq's.

I don't know what the Green Apples have got to do with it, but that other feller plays an important role.

Gettin' back to the book I start readin' and thinkin' and fellars, its a mystery ta me how cum we didn't win that thar war a hole lot sooner'ed we did, cause we was the best, musta been a lotta gold brickin' in them thar other outfits.

Last year we had several first timers and we didn't have some of the regulars. Hopefully this year the regulars will be there along with a lot more first timers.

As I've always said, if you were ever 591st, your still 591st, and we want to see you. I had a note from Charles D. Hopkins, (Major Ret. USA.) one time C.O. of Company "B". Said he had uncovered recently a reunion notice I mailed to him dated November 14, 1966, was anxious to know the outcome of the 591st. Charlis is 76 years young and lives at 34 Vereen Circle, N. Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29582. Please write to him.

Also I have a 'nother request, Colonel William F. Weiler (General USA Ret.) 290 Peach Lane, Bountiful, Utah 84010. Please write to the Colonel. (Ask him to return some of that chawin' tobacco he borrowed from me in 44-45).

And still another request. Colonel Casimir Oliszewski (General USA Ret.) 4519 SW Olson, Pendelton, OR 97801.

I know a letter or card from you would mean a lot. Thank you.

Will bring you last year's no-shows up to date and, at the same time try to plant the seed that will cause you to show in 1989. Yow, we had a great time et some nuts, an drunk some pop! Hope you can join us next time.

Only kiddin' cause when you get ole fightin' comrades together from the Big One its gotta be good, course the trip to Tahlequah was good, then we was on TV, had a banquet and dance and while this was all goin' on the truth and BS was in great supply, there were no casualties, not even a stretcher case.

So since we eased by that un were gonna try it again at the same place, with the same good faithful host and hostess, Cleve and Nellie Hildreth.

Cleve and Nellie, what can I say, that hasn't already been said? Thanks a million. We love you. You knew that! Tulsa was chosen for this reunion by vote of the men at the Saturday morning meeting. The same location was chosen because of the hospitality received and the price of rooms - food, etc. The meeting and banquet - dance room was free.

We will be looking for another location in 1990, and at the same time cost will be a factor. There are several areas to be considered and we encourage anyone wanting to host a reunion to come prepared with all the information possible. One important requirement is something for our ladies to do while the BS is flowing and of course transportation and especially from airports to motels - sometimes this cost is ridiculous.

Along with reunions it is nice to have them in different locations, this gives a chance to see new country, new sights, etc.

However, we must strive to keep the cost within the reach of all. Also we shall never forget our gracious comrades and ladies who have hosted our reunions cnce or more than once, each and everyone of you have been and are an asset to the 591st EBRRRA and we love you.

Its amazing how those people can organize and coordinate so that we will be comfortable and can enjoy a few days of good comradeship each year.

So, equipped with all the stuff I've laid on ya, write to all your 591st Buddys, request their presence at this manuver and this will be the biggest yet.

Back to the History of the 591st Boat Regiment, while re-reading this history, the monthly historical unit reports, by unit historians such as Lt. Arthur Kaplan, Theodore H. Engel, Robert Amundson, Robert E. Radeke, Capt. Charlie Rodgers, Joe Bradham, Bill Brown, Kenneth W. Kennedy, S.P. McCowan, Lt's. Julis Spradling, WOFG Melvin Price, Lt. George T. Mahoney, Clifford E. Jenkins, Captain Daniel B. Henon, and many, many others who did such a fine job of being sure some of the accomplishments of this great Organization's Roll in WWII found its way to National Archives.

However, as Colonel Thomas L. Allen "The Old Man" and author pointed out, some unit historians were not identified. This was well substantiated by individuals of various companies of the regiment for their input.

I can't help but try and imagine the type and size of a book should it contain a short story from each member, of just one incident outstanding, high or low. I get carried away when I think of the outcome. We were good then, but nothing compared to now - as retold!

Some one in my company which has Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company had the great foresight to make a roster of fellows who were one time members of Hdqs. and Hdq's Company and along with this is a list of places and dates passed thru, so while you scan thru this list of places add your own, and start thinking damn! Wouldn't it be good to see "old whats his name" and talk about when we was in blank and blank and etc.

To get-the 'drenlin flowin' Camp Lougermore, N. Ireland, Liverpool, Mers El Kebie, Oran, Casbar, Arzew, Haples, Marseille, Algeria, Tunis, North Africa, Morroca, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Via Roma, Alsace, Lorraine, Sidi-Bel-Abbess, Maktar, Belfast, Baccaret, Vienne, Lyon, Villafrance, Foreign (French) Legion, Heidelberg, Wolfratshausen, Wasseralfingen, Rome, Alteville (German Rest Area & Baby Factory) Pirmasen, Ellwaugen, SS Homes, Kafenburg, Salon, Casablanca, Kaiserlautern or Taberbischofheim for starters.

Now the next thing to do is go thru them Christmas Cards from WWII comrades, either write'emor call'em tell'em you see'm in Tulsa come July 89. Get out the WWII pitchers' start wonderin' what it would be like to spend some time shootin' the breeze with the Old Gang, then form your own "hunt and seek" bureau, you'd be surprised how much info you can get from city mayors, telephone operators, drivers license bureaus, yes even governors. The Governor of one state supplied me with 36 same names before finding the right address! Yah, anyhow use all the elements available and you will see them all come July 17, 18, 19 at the Trade Winds Central Inn, 3141 East Skelly Drive - Interstate 44 and Harvard Exit, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105. Phone (918) 749-5561.

One last note, note! In the past we have had comrades and spouses who have brought music instruments and entertained at different intervals, so, someone suggested that all you good folks so fortunate to be blessed with such talent come prepared to participate, who knows this could be - who knows?

See you then,
Kindest Regards



Doc, It would be great if you could attend