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The Engineer Museum provided support to the Engineer Regimental Birthday celebration, which included the opening of the new Global War on Terror (GWOT) Gallery. We received two vehicles from the Fort Snelling Museum this summer and are looking forward to restoring them next year. We are always on the lookout for new artifacts. I challenge each of you to send us photos of your "old" Engineer items. Send to

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Interesting Artifact



This may be one of the toughest artifacts we have ever featured in the *Interesting Artifact* column. What do you think they are, and from what historic period? (answer on page 2)

Fundraising Goal Almost Reached

One of the premier military vehicle collectors in the United States is liquidating his collection. He has offered to sell his professionally restored World War II Bolster truck, carrying two heavy pontoons, to the Engineer Museum. The Engineer Museum has announced this vehicle as its #1 priority for 2012. The Army Engineer Association is taking the lead on the fund raising effort. To date, 80% of the purchase price has been raised. Just \$3,200.00 more dollars are needed to reach the goal. Donations may be tax deductible. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "MUSEUM SUPPLEMENTAL ACCOUNT" and sent to:

Army Engineer Association,
P.O. Box. 634, Fort Leonard Wood,
MO 65473.

Thanks for helping us preserve this important piece of Engineer history.



The object of the 2012 fund raising campaign, this World War II era Bolster truck has been professionally restored. It is in pristine condition. The truck and the heavy pontoons it is carrying will fill a hole in the Engineer Museum collection, while preserving an impressive piece of Engineer history.

Engineer Museum Receives Transfer of Two Vehicles

In December of 2011, the Museum Director traveled to Fort Snelling, Minnesota. The purpose of the trip was to determine if any of the military vehicles in the historical holding could benefit the Engineer Museum. The answer was "YES". In early July we received a sawmill and an early 1960s water purification truck.

Right: This mobile sawmill belonged to the Army's last forestry detachment.



Left: Early 1960s Erdalator truck. This type for vehicle was used by Army Engineers to purify water for the Army.

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Interesting Artifact Answer

If you guessed Civil War cavalry epaulettes, you are wrong. But don't feel bad, that seems to be the most popular answer. These are shoulder marks worn by Engineer privates from 1846 to 1851. With the Corps of Engineers having just a single company during this time frame, these marks are extremely rare.

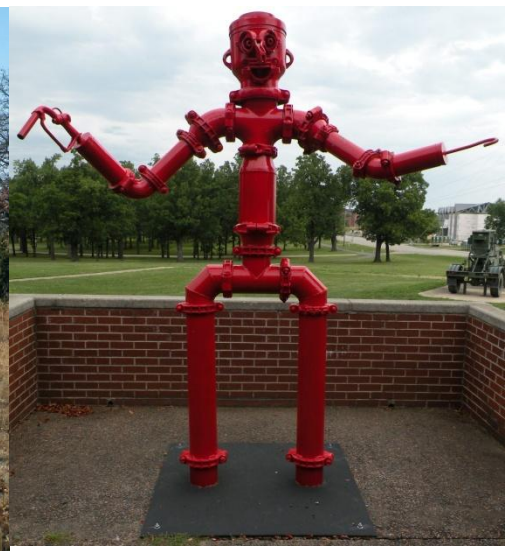


Left: The underside of the Pattern 1847 Engineer Privates' Marks. The button hole and strings were used to secure the marks to the wearer's shoulder. Right: Still quite visible is the makers mark; W. H. Horstmann of Philadelphia, Penn.

Peter Pipeman's New Shoes

Peter Pipeman has been a fixture around Fort Leonard Wood for decades. Approximately 8 years ago Peter was displaced from his "home" in front of the Army Reserve Center to a warehouse across post. He had a huge concrete base, which made him very heavy and unstable. During the late spring of this year, a plan was afoot to get Peter a some new shoes and move him to the Museum.

The employees of ECS 66 volunteered to do the work. Peter was picked up, had his old base removed and a new steel base installed. He was even posed in a new "more friendly" position. A special thanks to ECS 66 for all their hard work.



Left: Peter Pipeman "wearing" desert Camouflage in front of the 555th Engineer Company (Pipeline) building. Center: Peter Pipeman sporting his concrete "shoes." Right: Peter Pipeman with his new steel base on the back porch of the Museum.