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Summer has finally reached the Ozarks. The warmer weather will bring opportunities for outside maintenance and vehicle restoration. The Museum Staff has been working their fingers to the bone, what with the ongoing gallery expansion and 13 reunion groups visiting Fort Leonard Wood this year.

A special request to friends and family; the Staff is looking for photographs of Engineers training with bridge models for an upcoming exhibit. If you have any photos, or bridge models, please contact the Museum. **ESSAYONS!**

Troy

Sapper Trivia.

The last Friday of each month (except November and December), the Engineer Round-up is held at the Museum. Engineer Round-up is a chance to get together and fellowship with other Engineers. In October, during the Round-up, we play a game titled "Sapper Trivia." I thought it would be a good idea to share the game with the Castle Courier readers. Here goes:

1. Which of the following is a true statement about the Panama Canal?
 - A. It runs north/south.
 - B. It is located east of Florida.
 - C. Neither A or B.
 - D. Both A and B.

2. Which of the following was the first Army vehicle equipped with a Central Tire Inflation System (CTIS)?
 1. FMTV
 2. D7E Bulldozer
 3. DUKW
 4. M900 Series of Vehicles

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Volunteer Work Day.

The first volunteer work day for 2014 was held on March 22nd. The tasks were as varied as the volunteers. A group of Warrant Officer Basic students installed the lights for the Museum's Gallery 1 expansion. Meanwhile, other students from that same class and four students from the Engineer Noncommissioned Officer's Academy provided the supervision for 18 Engineer Officer Basic Leader Course (EBOLC) students. The volunteers were divided into teams. Team One performed area beautification around the Museum complex. Team Two painted one of the World War Two buildings. Team Three cleaned and placed in storage an aluminum footbridge. The toughest task of the day was performed by team Four who recovered an M4T6 bridge from a range. The bridge was cleaned and placed in storage.



Above: Soldiers from EBOLC load normal balk from the M4T6 bridge.



Left: A Lieutenant from EBOLC cleans tapered balk.

August of 2014 marks the 100 anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal. The answer to question one is D. The Panama Canal runs on a generally north/south axis and the Canal sits east of Florida. The answer to question 2 is C. The WW2 era DUKW was the first U.S. Army vehicle to have central tire inflation capabilities. A dial in the cab allowed the operator to adjust the tire pressure.

Engineer Museum Loses Key Team Member.

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Donald "Don" Wayne Fisher, passed away. Don was key member of the Engineer Museum Team. He was an artist and educator through and through; his unique skills will be missed.

Don volunteered for the Army in October 1968, completing three years of active service. He served a one-year tour in Vietnam as a Helicopter crewman, earning the Purple Heart Medal. In 1984, Don returned to Government service, as a model-maker in the Training Devices Shop of the Fort Leonard Wood Training Support Center. In 2000, Don joined the Engineer Museum team as an exhibits specialist. Don was instrumental in creating both the Chemical Corps and Military Police Museums' galleries, when these museums moved to Fort Leonard Wood.

The four museums located on Fort Leonard all display the high quality and imaginative work of Don Fisher. In 2011, Don created a diorama based on a famous photograph of the bridge at Objective Peach (Operation Iraqi Freedom), taken by USA Today photojournalist, Jack Gruber. When Jack arrived for the exhibit opening, he told the Engineer Museum Staff, "Your diorama looks more like the bridge than my photographs does." What greater compliment could an exhibit specialist receive?

The only thing Don enjoyed more than building dioramas, was talking with soldiers and veterans. Many artifact donations started with Don's huge smile and kind greeting to a patron. Don would listen to the visitor's stories and determine if they had historic items which could benefit the Army Museum System. Don's impact will be sorely missed.

Right: Don Fisher in Vietnam.



Above: Don Fisher building a diorama about the history of improvised explosive devices. Right: Don Fisher in Vietnam.

