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We recently received the results of our Museum Certification Inspection. I am happy to report that we passed. The report commends the Museum on the quality of recent accessions and the level of financial support the Museum receives. Both these accolades are testimony to the great support provided by the readers of the Castle Courier to the Engineer Museum.

It has been a very busy two months, we hosted seven Engineer reunion groups, and had a blast! The internet show Fireball Run filmed at the Museum. Long time Museum employee, Greg Peters, retired. ESSAYONS!
Troy

2014 Reunion Season Draws to a Close.

2014 will be a record-setting year in many areas: most important being reunion groups visiting the Engineer Museum. Since the last newsletter, seven reunion groups have visited the Engineer Museum. September started with the 19th Engineer Battalion holding their annual reunion in the Waynesville Park. The second week of September saw three reunions in one week: the 51st Engineer Battalion (WW2), the 84th & 62 Engineer Battalion (Korean War), and the 595th Engineer Company (Vietnam).

Unauthorized Engineer Patches.

Unauthorized Engineer patches are one of the Museum's favorite acquisitions, because these patches tell a story with a small artifact. At any given time, over a dozen of these patches are on display in the Museum.

In 2015, a new exhibit about unauthorized Engineer insignia of the Vietnam War will open. The exhibit will feature two "Jungle Fatigue" shirts with unauthorized insignia and about 12 loose patches. Each patch will be numbered. The visitor can touch the corresponding number on a computer screen and see a short slide show about the patch and/or the history of the unit.

WW2 Veterans from the 51st Engineer Battalion donate their Battalion Colors to the Museum.



Unauthorized pocket patch worn by members of the 102nd Engineer Company in Vietnam. The 102nd spent the majority of their time in Vietnam assigned to the 815th Engineer Battalion.

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Vietnam Veterans from the 595th Engineer Company (Light Equipment) stand in front of a roller. The roller was restored in 2014 and painted with bumper numbers and the iconic red donkey that adorned many 595th Engineer vehicles in Vietnam.

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To support this exhibit, the Museum is requesting Veterans and collectors send us photos of Engineer patches and photos of soldiers wearing these patches. Please email to: troy.d.morgan12.civ@mail.mil



Left: This patch, worn by Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge crewmen, has been seen as a large pocket patch and a smaller beret flash patch.



Right: Pocket hanger worn by members of the 2nd Platoon of Echo Company, 15th Engineers.

Fireball Run Films at Museum.

October 2nd, the Fireball Run Adventurally Show filmed at the Museum. Race participants had to find the Berlin wall, three artifacts within the Museum, and the World War Two chapel within the Fort Leonard Wood Museum. In all, forty race teams visited the Museum complex.



Fireball Run racecar in front of the FLW Museum's chapel.

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During the third week of September, the 44th Engineer Battalion (Korean War) had their reunion in Waynesville. On Thursday, they toured the Museum and had lunch in the WW2 mess hall at the Fort Leonard Wood Museum. On Friday, the 44th had their banquet in Waynesville. The Engineer Museum supported the banquet with a pop-up display and publications.



The distinguished gentlemen of the 44th Engineer Battalion in front of the Engineer Museum's pop-up display.

The 13th Engineer Battalion visited the last week of September. After enjoying a visit to the Engineer and Fort Leonard Wood Museums, the Veterans and family of the 44th held their banquet in Waynesville. The 2014 reunion season ended the first week of October with the 97th Engineer Battalion reunion. The 97th added their unit plaque to the over 100 other unit plaques adorning the walls of the Engineer Regimental Room.



Display set-up for 13th Engineer's reunion.