



# Castle Courier



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It's that time again! The annual State of the Museum edition. 2013 has been a challenging, yet rewarding year. The sequester, furlough, and government shutdown hampered every aspect of museum operations. On the brighter side, many great artifacts were acquired, new leads were discovered, and new records set. The Museum staff is proud of this year's accomplishments and extremely grateful for the incredible support we receive from our friends and benefactors.

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### Two Records Set in 2013

There were many great events achieved in 2013, but two top the list: a record number of soldiers were trained and a record amount of money was raised.

Over 9,000 soldiers participated in the Engineer Museum's soldier education program. This achievement was made possible through the great support the Museum gets from the Engineer Noncommissioned Officers Academy and the 1<sup>st</sup> Engineer Brigade.

Over \$20,000 was raised to support the Engineer Museum's artifact acquisition program. The largest portion, over \$9,000.00 came from individual donors and reunion groups. The Army Engineer Association contributed \$5,000.00, while \$6,000.00 in grants were received.

### State of the Museum

The Engineer Museum acquired 47 new artifacts in 2013. Some of these artifacts will be used to support future exhibits, while others filled holes in the Museum's study collection. This year's accessions were almost equally split between donations from veterans, donations from active duty soldiers, and purchases. The Engineer Museum's collection now contains 11,059 artifacts; of these 108 are artwork, 65 are vehicles, and 169 are weapons.

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The Museum's Education and Outreach Program made great progress. The Museum hosted nine Engineer reunion groups. In previous years, Museum staff attended approximately a dozen reunions each year; this year budget cuts and spending restrictions reduced that number to two.



**Future Engineers in training with B Company, 31<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion examine posters reinforcing the Seven Army Values. The posters were developed by the Museum Staff.**

The Engineer Museum Staff developed three sets of historic posters. *Values in Action* provides historic examples of Engineer soldiers living the Army Values. *Then and Now* examines the evolution of Engineer missions and equipment. The third set of posters uses historic photos of individual Engineers and units to explore the force structure of the Corps of Engineers throughout the Army's history. Over 130 posters were printed and distributed. The posters adorn the soldiers' barracks, classrooms, and the Cunningham Gym. The program is scheduled to continue for several more years. The staff hopes to produce approximately 200 posters each year. The goal is that wherever a soldier in training is throughout the day, they will be exposed to Engineer history. This program supports Engineer courses training all ranks from privates to captains.

## New Accession

Sergeant First Class Norman Inch donated the Silver Star Medal he earned in Mosul, Iraq on March 15, 2007. The medal will be used as part of the Museum's *Army Values in Action* exhibit.



*Photograph of the battle in which SGT Inch earned his Silver Star Medal.*

## Artifacts We Hope to Acquire in 2014

Each year there are artifacts that we hope to acquire. Some are items that could not be purchased in the previous year because of funding limitations, and other are newly found artifacts.

In 2014, the Museum is looking to acquire two Vietnam-era mine detectors: the AN/PRS-7 and AN/PRS-8. After acquiring these two detectors, the Engineer Museum will have an example of every U.S. mine detector. The Museum is hoping to acquire a collection of extremely rare Engineer insignia. The collection includes over two dozen pieces of Engineer insignia dating from the 1870s to the 1950, with most pieces from the 1900s-1920s.



*Three rare Engineer insignia being offered to the Engineer Museum, left to right: commissioned band leader, battalion or regimental quartermaster, and inspector of small arms practice.*

## 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 Two Brockway truck, carrying treadways for an M2 Bridge, to the Engineer Museum. The Engineer Museum has announced this vehicle as its #1 priority for 2014. The Army Engineer Association is taking the lead on this fund raising effort. To date, 72% of the purchase price has been raised. Just \$5,040.00 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 2014 fund raising campaign, this World War II era Brockway truck has been professionally restored. It is in pristine condition. The truck and the treadways it is carrying will fill a hole in the Engineer Museum collection, while preserving an impressive piece of Engineer history.*