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I love my job! There is never a bad day. When I walk through the museum's front door every morning, the only question is: "Will it be a good day or a great day?" Well, October 18th was one of the those GREAT days! Early that morning the World War Two bolster truck arrived.

The Christmas season is a time for the Museum Staff to make plans for the next year. We are currently working on our reunion attendance schedule for 2013. If you know about an Engineer unit having a reunion in 2013, please email me with the details. Troy.d.morgan12.civ@mail.mil

I want to use this issue of Castle Courier to thank the many people who made financial contributions to the Museum, share with you the great pieces of Engineer history we were able to purchase, and present some of the artifacts we are currently working towards purchasing. As this financial year draws to a close and you are planning your holiday philanthropy, remember your Engineer Museum. There were many important purchases made in 2012 which were only possible with the generous donations of our supporters. Many more opportunities will arise in 2013 and your continued support will be essential to the preservation of our proud Engineer history. Checks should be made out to MUSEUM SUPPLEMENTAL FUND and mailed to: AEA, P.O. Box. 634, Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473.

Thanks for supporting the Engineer Museum!

Troy

Christmas Comes Early for the Engineer Museum

Santa Clause arrived in the form of Mr. Ray Patton, whose sleigh was actually a Peterbuilt with a lowboy trailer.....loaded with historic Engineer equipment. In addition to the World War Two bolster with 2 heavy pontoons that were purchased, Army Cars LLC donated a WW2 searchlight and generator, a pneumatic pontoon for a class 60 bridge, several hand tools, and a chainsaw repair kit.

The staff of the Engineer Museum would like to thank those whose monetary donations made this possible: Mr. John Vastine of Veteran's Footlocker, The Sessler family, Mr. Don Wood, Mr. Bob Hughes, Mr. Emanuel Kaufman , Mr. Dave Kaufman, Mr. Ken Kiel, The Sverdrup Chapter of the Army Engineer Association, the Fort Leonard Wood Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers, and the 44thEngineer Battalion Association (the Brokenheart).

Right: The truck displayed in front of the Museum for the October Army Engineer Association Round-up. Look closely and you can see the truck is equipped with every tool, every marking, looking just like the day our proud Engineer Forefathers drove it across Europe.



Above: A load of Engineer artifacts arriving from Army Cars of Spooner Wisconsin.



More purchases from 2012



The purchase of the Derby Sword was made possible by a donation from Mr. Gary Finley and gift shop proceeds. This sword was carried by LTC Derby during the Spanish-American War. The Museum also has the uniform of Derby's father.



Right: George Derby as a cadet at West Point, circa



Left: This type of cap badge was worn by Engineers assigned to the Pennsylvania National Guard between 1905 and 1916. This example was purchased using funds from the Museum's donation box.

Right: A carte de visite (CDV) photograph of William Henry Harrison Benyaud in a United States Military Academy Uniform. First Lieutenant William Henry Harrison Benyaud earned the Medal of Honor During the Civil War. This photograph will be used to support an upcoming exhibit on Engineer Medal of Honor recipients. This CDV was purchased using a donation from Engineer Officer's Basic Course students.



Opportunities for 2013

Many great Engineer artifacts come up for sale each year. The two items I would like to feature are artifacts that were offered to the Museum in 2012, but we lacked the funds to purchase. Thankfully these sellers are holding the items until funds are



raised. Left and below are the case and epaulettes of Frederick Prime. Prime graduated first in his West Point class in 1850. He did civil works projects until

1861. During the Mississippi Campaign of the Civil War, he served as Grant's Chief Engineer; Prime retired in 1871.



Below is a beautifully restored WW2 era Brockway truck; carrying treadways for an M2 Treadway bridge. This vehicle was restored by the same team that restored the Bolster truck on page one, they do incredible work. This vehicle is being offered for \$18,500.00. To date \$6,250.00 has been raised.



Thank you for your support and please plan on visiting your Engineer Museums in 2013. There we many great improvements in 2012 and many more planned for 2013.