

ALWAYS FIRST!!


No Mission Too Difficult! No Sacrifice Too Great! Duty First!



Top: World War II veterans attend a ceremony at the Eternal Heroes Memorial in Normandy, France, June 2, 2022, to honor fallen paratroopers who liberated Ravenoville in June 1944.(U.S. Army photo by Spc. Vincent Lelevel). Bottom: A Soldier from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) places a U.S. flag and salutes at a gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery as part of Flags-In, Arlington, Va., May 26, 2022.

**Diehard
Reunion 2022**
Washington D.C.

September 16-19 2022

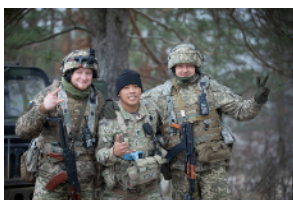


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For more information on our reunion and registration page see p. 10

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US inflation-40-year high!



Photo: CNN.com

Jet fuel prices double in 2022

The price per gallon reached more than \$4 in April, nearly twice as much as prices in late 2021. In past summers (June to August), prices floated around \$2.

Weekly price per gallon



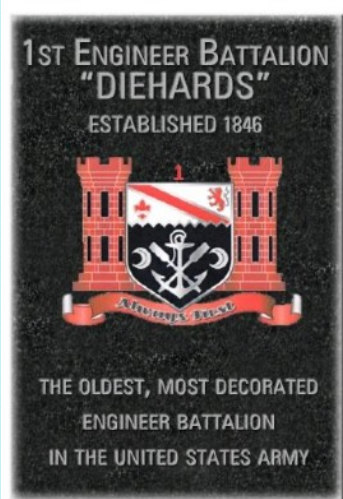
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↑ 16%

Photo: Getty Images



1EN BN Tribute

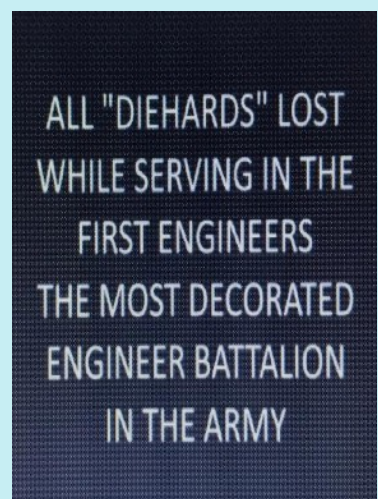
DIEHARD 38TH REUNION!!!

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2022

HERNDON, VA

(WASHINGTON DC/FT. BELVOIR)

Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel,
Herndon, Va.



1EN BN Commemorative
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Preston County Soldier becomes youngest ever with SAPPER distinction

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (WBOY) — Private 1st Class William Farkas, 17, of Tunnelton has become the youngest ever recipient of the distinguished SAPPER tab, according to the West Virginia National Guard, after graduating with honors from the U.S. Army's Sapper Leader Course.

Courtesy of msn.com



Diehard Current Operations

1st Engineer Soldiers partnered with fellow Lithuanian Engineers for training in April 2022!



From Infantryman-Engineer to Businessman

SFC (Retired) PK Hendrix



From Fat Belly Pizza’s website:
Proudly established in 2020, Fat Belly Pizza is veteran owned and operated and dedicated to providing you with outstanding food! After spending 20 years in military communities around the world, our family has made our home here in Colorado Springs. It is our mission to provide great tasting food and superior service for pizza, pastas, wings, subs and much more! Being a family owned company, we want to serve everyone at the table, which is why we offer a diverse menu selection and affordable prices. We can’t wait to have Fat Belly Pizza become a household name, and be the best family pizza place in Colorado!

Please visit us if you are in the springs!!!!!!



<https://fatbellypizza.com>



Spc. Podgurski, Sgt. Gahan and Ssg. Hendrix (then SSG King) hanging out on Hammer 6’s truck in Ramadi, Iraq 2003



Fallen service members wall at Fat Belly Pizza.

National Desert Shield/Storm Memorial (ndswm.org)

The National Desert Shield/Storm War Memorial broke ground on July 14 at 10am, in Washington DC, at 23rd and Constitution. 1st Infantry Division, 1st Engineer Battalion, and TF 1-41 veterans were in attendance. Brent Ellis and John Lawrence were in attendance representing our Diehards!



VETERAN DIEHARD IMAGERY

This photo was taken after a late monsoon shower in November 1965 shortly after the battalion had moved from a staging area to an area west of the village of DiAn to build the DiAn base camp for the 1st Infantry Division. The end of the rainbow does have a pot but no gold. The right end rests on a genuine Diehard built and maintained outhouse.



Courtesy of Chad Covey



LOOK AT THAT PATCH!



New threads for Pipher



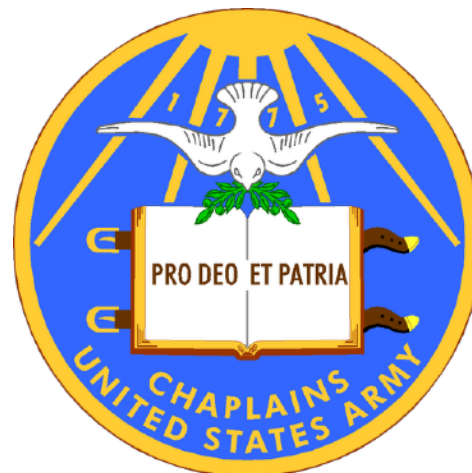
During a recent trip to Ft Riley. I took this picture of the 4 Battalion Commanders that I had while assigned to Alpha Company- Dale Greenfield

Chaplain's Corner

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." Napoleon Hill

Check out Edward Hart's website

The Wall of Names at <http://millburymemorial.weebly.com>



Please notify Chaplain Larry Blair if any member of the Veterans of the First Engineer Battalion passes away. Provide details, obituary, name and address of next of kin if possible. blairylar@hotmail.com

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38th REUNION NEWS !!!

SEPTEMBER 16 -19, 2022

HERNDON VA (WASHINGTON DC/FT. BELVOIR)

THE REUNION VENUE AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED

Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, Herndon, Va.

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WE MISSED OUT LAST YEAR AND IN JUNCTION CITY 2020. DON'T LET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY SLIP AWAY IN 2022! CALL THE MATES YOU SERVED WITH! IT'S GREAT FUN IF YOU GET A GROUP TOGETHER AND RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS! MAKE RESERVATIONS AND MAKE 2022 THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET UP WITH OLD FRIENDS!!

We negotiated a great room rate with the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport – which the hotel agreed to honor for 2022. Rooms for two with breakfast are \$109 (\$122, including all fees and taxes). The dedicated registration Web Page address is:
[\(https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/iadahf-1eb22-4a8f4930-b707-4d80-b0f7-fe7bb36b17bc/\)](https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/iadahf-1eb22-4a8f4930-b707-4d80-b0f7-fe7bb36b17bc/).
(DON'T USE THE 2021 REGISTRATION LINK!!)

For those wishing to spend more time in Washington the hotel will give the Reunion rate for up to eight nights between September 13 and 20 on a space available basis, so act early. Parking is complementary for cars and motor homes. Complimentary airport and local area shuttle is also available. Since we are all concerned about travel during these uncertain times hotel reservations may be cancelled without penalty up to 24 hours prior to your scheduled arrival. **PLEASE NOTE! THE HOTEL WILL NOT CANCEL RESERVATIONS MADE THROUGH A THIRD PARTY BOOKING SITE!**

The full Reunion schedule and registration form are attached.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM AND SEND YOUR REGISTRATION EARLY!

**VETERANS OF THE FIRST ENGINEER BATTALION
ANNUAL REUNION, 16-19 SEPTEMBER, 2022
US ARMY MUSEUM, FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA**

LODGING: HILTON WASHINGTON DULLES, 13869 Park Center Rd, Herndon VA 20171

Room Block: veterans of the First Engineer Battalion 2022 Reunion
The dedicated registration Web Page address (**DON'T USE THE 2021 REGISTRATION LINK!!**):
(<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/iadahf-1eb22-4a8f4930-b707-4d80-b0f7-fe7bb36b17bc/>).

Check-in: 16 Sep 2022 (A limited number of rooms at the reunion rate are available between
Check-out: 19 Sep 2022 13 and 20 Sep for those wishing to extend their stay.)
ROOM RATE: \$109 PER NIGHT (\$122.06 INCLUSIVE)
INCLUDES: Breakfast for two; free Parking; FREE CANCELLATION 24 HRS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR ROOM WITH THE HOTEL BY AUGUST 15 TO GET THIS RATE!!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEP 13/14/15	EARLY ARRIVALS	ON YOUR OWN
FRIDAY SEP 16	1200-1800	REGISTRATION. HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN
	1200-1600	OPEN – SHUTTLE TO AIR & SPACE MUSEUM
	1600-1800	BOARD MEETING
	1800-1930	DINNER ON YOUR OWN
	1930-????	HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN
SATURDAY SEP 17	0900-1100	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	1100-1230	LUNCHEON YOUR OWN
	1230-1300	MEET IN LOBBY – BUS TO MUSEUM
	1300-1700	TOUR US ARMY MUSEUM
	1800-1900	HOSPITALITY MEETING ROOM OPEN
	1830-2000	ITALIAN BUFFET (\$27PP)
	2000-????	HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN
SUNDAY SEP 18	AM	OPEN
	1145-1200	MEET IN LOBBY – BOARD BUS TO MEMORIALS
	1200-1600	WASHINGTON MALL MEMORIALS.
		WREATH LAYING AT FIRST DIV MEMORIAL
	1730-1900	HOSPITALITY ROOM – COCKTAILS & PICTURES
	1900-2030	BANQUET – 3 COURSE PLATED DINNER
	2030-????	HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN
MONDAY Sep 19	AM	FAREWELL & DEPARTURE
TUESDAY SEP 20	LATE DEPARTURES ON YOUR OWN	

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REUNION REGISTRATION

You must submit your Reunion Registration and payment by June 15

Mail this form with your check made payable to “Veterans of the First Engineer Battalion” to

**Tom Jennings
27 Hampton Court
Red Bank, NJ 07701**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

MEMBER _____ **EMAIL** _____

GUEST 2 _____

GUEST 3 _____

GUEST 4 _____

COST:

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00PP MEMBER \$ _____ GUEST(S) \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

BUS TO MUSEUM: \$36.00PP MEMBER \$ _____ GUEST(S) \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

SATURDAY BUFFET: \$27.00PP MEMBER \$ _____ GUEST(S) \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

BUS TO MEMORIALS: \$36.00PP MEMBER \$ _____ GUEST(S) \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER: \$49.00PP MEMBER \$ _____ GUEST(S) \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

**Registration fee is per adult (16 years and older) and is required.
Bus trips require a minimum of 36 passengers to cover costs.
You must take the bus to the Memorials. POV parking is unavailable on the Mall.**