



Alumni Association News Letter

The Installer

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Upcoming UTA's for 2008

5-6 Apr 2008

3 - 4 May 2008

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Alumni Association Notes

This is the first installment of the 216 EIS Alumni Newsletter. We want to continue distribution of the "INSTALLER" that you have been getting all these years. This one will be a little different. We will put in a little humor and hopefully some news that you can use. Please let us know what you think about the news letter and let us know if there is anything else that you would like to see included.

Traditionally there are comments in the Installer from the Commanders, Chiefs, First Sergeants and the individual sections (Training Manager, Personnel, IM, Engineering, Cable, Electronics). Anyone who would like to submit comments in the news letter, please send them to us.

On a personal note, I plan to retire from the Guard on 2 June this year. I have been working as a contractor for the National Guard Bureau for the last several months and I plan to retire from that on 1 May of this year. When I'm not golfing or fishing I hope to have more time to dedicate to the Alumni Association. I should be able to work on the web site more and also spend more time on the Unit History Project (more about that below).

This first news letter is short. I'm hoping to get input from some of you. Send articles, TDY stories, member news etc.

I hope that by hearing from the Alumni Association each month everyone will stay engaged in order to continue the comradeship that we have enjoyed for so many years.

Jack Davis, CMSGT (retired soon)
216th Alumni Association

UNIT HISTORY PROJECT

SMSGT (retired) Ben Quen and I have started a Unit History Project. Most of our historical documents are now in the California Military History Museum in Sacramento. We still have access to these documents and we want to continue compiling a detailed history of the unit. I suspect that this project will take a couple of years or more to complete. Below are some of the details that we are trying to document.

- Complete list of everyone that has served in the unit
- Complete list of all projects, with some detail on each project
- Complete list of all unit awards and decorations
- Catalogued photographs: When, Where and Who?
- Other details on significant events

The Process:

- First we will gather all the documents we can find
- Research to find information on blank spots in the time-line
- Catalogue the documents (soft or hard copies) by year
- Develop a format for publishing the history
- Publish the history

What will we do with it?

- Provide a copy to each member of the Alumni Association
- Provide a copy to the California Military History Museum
- Provide a copy to the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB

WE NEED YOUR HELP! It is a lofty goal to gather this much information on the unit. All of you have something tucked away, a photograph, details on a particular project, verbal history or details on a significant unit event. Please send them to Ben or myself. We will return any hard copies that you send us. Everyone that contributes to the published document will be given credit in the "Sources" section of the document.

We will use this section of the installer to update you each month on the progress of the history project.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

We will use this section to keep you abreast on events that the Alumni Association will attend or sponsor

Unit Re-designation 216th Engineering Installation Squadron to 216th Operations Support Squadron

Where: Vandenberg AFB, building 8401 High Bay

When: Sunday, 6 April, 2008 at 10:30 AM



Retirement Celebration CMSGT Jack Davis CMSGT Marcus Niderost

Where: Moose Lodge, Castro Valley

When: 23 August 2008

Invitations and more details will be sent as the event gets closer

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If you know of a good deal on a trip or you want to invite members to join you on a trip just let us know. We will post it here.

Are there any golfers out there? There is an EI Project going at Hickam AFB this summer and I plan to go over and play golf with some old EI buddies. If anyone is interested in joining me for a week of golf in Hawaii please let me know. Hickam AFB has a beautiful 18-hole course and they also have a par-3 course that stays open after dark. Maybe we can scratch up enough of those EI guys to play some small "best-ball" tournaments at the par-3 course in the evening. The dates are 17 to 23 June 08.

Jack Davis



Military Humor

The General and the shredder....

A young officer is working late at the Pentagon one evening. As he comes out of his office about 8 P.M. he sees the General standing by the classified document shredder in the hallway, a piece of paper in his hand.

"Do you know how to work this thing?" the General asks. "My secretary's gone home and I don't know how to run it."

"Yes, sir," says the young officer, who turns on the machine, takes the paper from the General, and feeds it in.

"Now," says the General, "I just need one copy..."

JUST AN OBSERVATION

Did anyone ever notice that our annual trips to the rifle range to qualify was cancelled quite often, but the annual physical fitness test was always still on as planned? Did it ever bother anyone that nobody seemed to care how well we could shoot, but everyone was extremely interested in how many sit-ups we could do?