

Transition Board Minutes
589th Engineer Battalion Association
May 7, 2026

A meeting of the Transition Board was called to order by President Perry Blanchfield at 0900 hours MDT on May 7, 2026, in accordance with the notice of meeting provided to each director. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the following Agenda:

1. Approve agenda
2. Consider the September 16, 2025, minutes of the 589th Engineer Battalion Association Transition Board.
3. Review action taken on the 589th Website to ensure its accessibility by members for as long as it is feasible.
4. Dissolution Period Financial Statement Dated 4/30/2026
5. Working session on Honor Our Fallen program.
6. Adjourn the Meeting.

Approve the September 16, 2025, Transition Board meeting minutes. Following a brief review of the minutes of the September 16, 2025 meeting, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed and circulated. Motion carried.

Review the actions taken on the 589th website. Blanchfield and Spencer reported on the authorization they gave in early February, while Nick Kallas was unable to participate due to health issues. Although the action has already been carried out, they both felt it was important to review the decision and discuss it formally during this meeting. The action involved working with the Internet company EPIC.com, which hosts the 589th website, to secure hosting services for a period of time into the future, ideally 10 years. Such an arrangement would ensure the website remains available at least that long, and future accessibility wouldn't depend on any individual's survival. Blanchfield shared his conversation with EPIC.com and reported that he had arranged payment of the \$1,519.83 charge for hosting the 589th website for 10 years. Following a discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the expenditure of \$1,519.83 to host the 589th website and maintain the Association's domain name for the next 10 years.

As part of its review of the website content, the Board discussed the 589th Association's goal of being unique and standing out from others. They shared a plan for the future: visitors to our website should be greeted by the 589th Association Remembrance—similar to an Epilogue. It could look like the Remembrance we post for our fallen Brothers on the Wall of Faces. It wouldn't repeat the history of the 589th Engineers, which is already on the site, but would explain the site's origin, how it helped reunite us after 40 years, its role in the healing process, and why it was hard to let go. The 589th Engineer Association's Epilogue could be very meaningful, and posting it on our website would ensure it remains accessible longer than most of us will be alive, allowing anyone worldwide to read it. Spencer offered to draft an Epilogue for the 589th Engineer Association for the Board members' consideration during a future meeting.

Dissolution Period Financial Statements Dated 4/30/2026. Spencer presented the Dissolution Period Financial Statements dated April 30, 2026, which reflect the only two financial transactions approved to date by the Transition Board. The first transaction, dated January 14, 2026, covers the ACH fees for filing the Association's 2025 federal tax return as required by the IRS. An additional IRS filing will be necessary for the period from January 1, 2026, through the date of dissolution, and Spencer indicated that he accepts

responsibility for preparing and submitting the required IRS return. The second transaction, dated February 12, 2026, in the amount of \$1,519.83 to EPIC.com, is the fee for our Internet host to continue hosting our website and maintain our domain name for an additional 10 years.

Spencer noted that to date, the Transition Board has authorized only two financial transactions. However, the period after Memorial Day weekend will be the time to focus on financial and legal activities, including making our committed donations, committing any remaining funds, closing accounts, compiling documentation, and finalizing legal filings. Much of the preparation work has been completed, so the process will be more about making sure all I's are dotted and T's are crossed than about creating documents.

Honor Our Fallen Working Session. Blanchfield noted that efforts have been made to contact each of our volunteers to confirm their ability to visit a gravesite in 2026. Our goal is to have each of our fallen's gravesites visited this year, but due to scheduling conflicts and health concerns, it doesn't seem possible. As of this date, we have confirmation for gravesite visits for 21 of the 26 men we lost in Vietnam. Contacting each volunteer has proven difficult, as there is frequently no response to calls or emails. Multiple attempts are always made to contact the individual directly before a deep dive is performed to locate any death records.

Spencer mentioned that the Remembrances for each of the 589th Engineer Association Brothers who died in Vietnam have been prepared and are ready to be posted on The Wall of Faces (at www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces). The virtual Wall of Faces, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, features a page dedicated to honoring and remembering every person whose name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. As friends and family of our fallen Brothers visit the site, our tribute will be visible to all. Spencer indicated that he intends to post each Remembrance before Memorial Day weekend.

Adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 1045 hours MDT.

Respectfully submitted by:



Robert Spencer, Secretary-Treasurer