

To the Members of the 589th Engineer Battalion (Construction)

It was the greatest professional experience of my career in the United States Army to have organized and commanded the 589th Engineer Battalion.

OUR Battalion was unique in that the Battalion was organized from scratch. WE were the ones who birthed this unit at Fort Hood, Texas. WE were the ones who organized and trained ourselves to accomplish any mission given to us. WE were the ones who received our brand new arms and equipment, prepared them for use and moved them thousands of miles to the combat zone. WE were the ones who entered the theater of operations and successfully undertook the difficult tasks assigned to us.

WE were the ones who created the character and ethos of the Battalion. WE were the ones who gladly welcomed newly assigned soldiers to OUR unit and helped them become one with US.

WE were the ones who returned home with a sense of accomplishment, with the experience of a lifetime, as we matured, learned and readied ourselves for the rest of our lives. I delight each time I hear of your individual successes as family men, as you furthered your education and as you advanced in your careers and with your own enterprises.

The success of the 589th Engineer Battalion is reflected in the dedication, loyalty, even devotion, which each of you demonstrated to your fellow soldiers, to our mission and the Battalion itself. The fact that YOU created the 589th Engineer Battalion Association is testimony to your desire to keep the spirit of the Battalion alive.

I am proud to have worn with you on our uniforms, the 589th Engineer Battalion Crest of the Mountain Movers.

My lasting memory shall be of your highest character, competence and camaraderie.

I thank you for the privilege of having served with you.

Very respectfully,

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