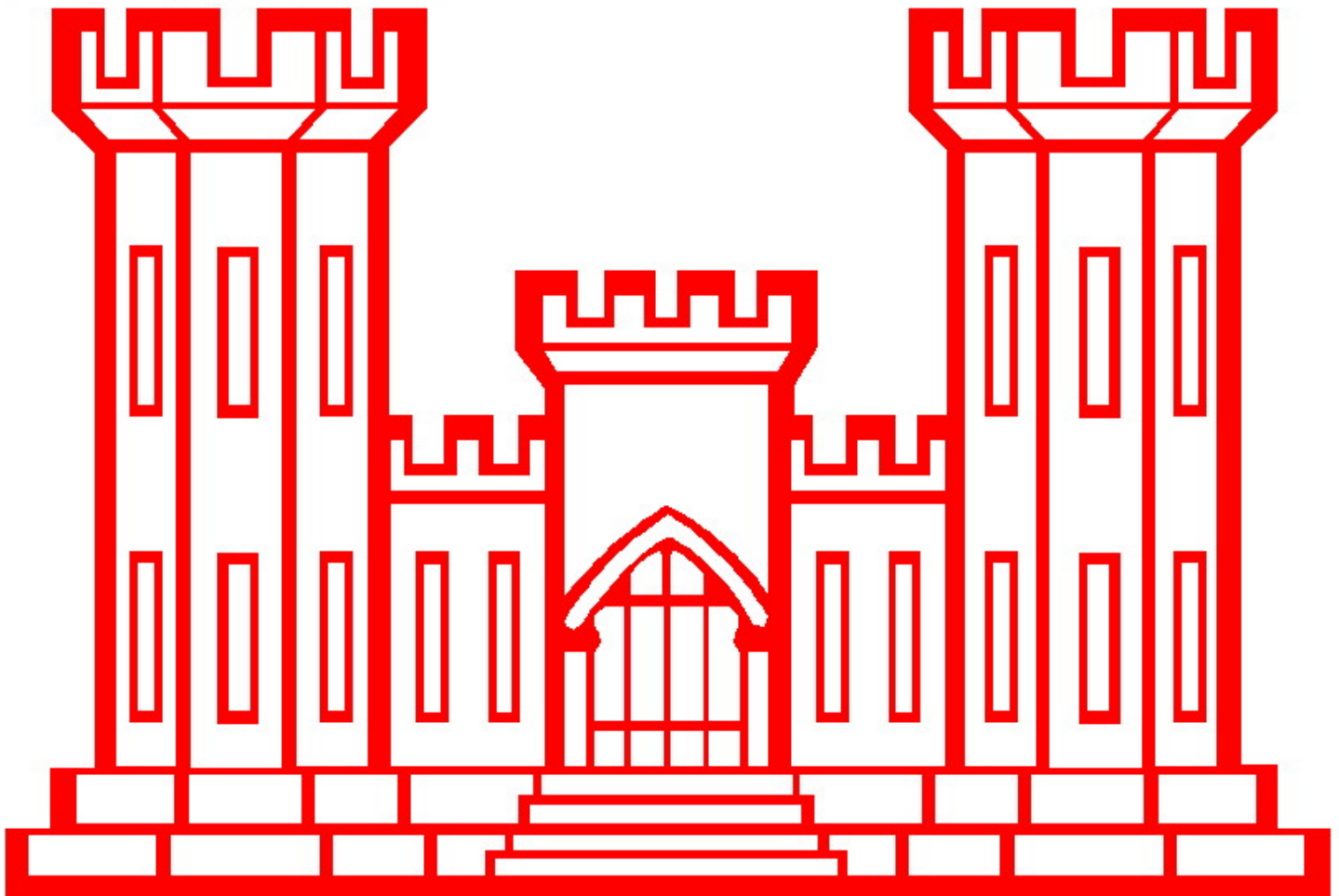
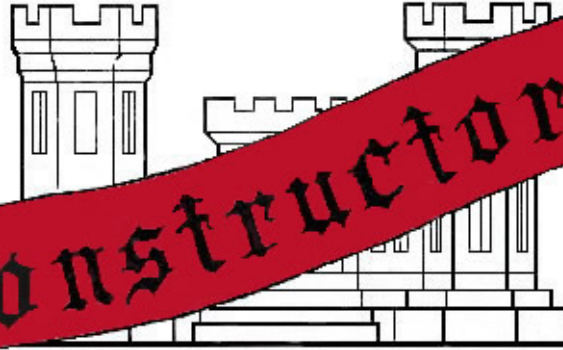


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SOLDIER OF THE MONTH

The soldier of the month for Jan is SP4 Grant Webley of A Co, 97th Engr Bn (Const). SP4 Webley was chosen by the SGM of the battalion, CSM Theodore B Rucker, and the five 1SG's of the battalion.

SP4 Webley's home is Woodville, TX. He works as a light vehicle driver for A Co. Before entering into the service he worked in construction engineering.

Congratulations SP4 Webley!

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97TH ENGINEERS KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING

"Dazzling Delta," as D Co, 97th Engr Bn (Const) has come to be known, was one of the units largely responsible for keeping Ft Riley open during the extremely heavy snow fall of Thu, Fri & Sat, (4th thru 6th Feb).

97th Engr Bn Operations assigned D Co the responsibility for clearing the K-18 - Anzio Road cloverleaf through Main Post and by Marshall Field to Interstate 70. This was to be graded continually while the snow fell. In addition to this D Co was tasked with loading sand trucks, which sanded all the roads on post.

Delta cleared its area of responsibility and later requested permission to clear Division Road from the Stop Light to the top of Custer Hill, since this main road had not been cleared of snow and ice. Permission was granted and Delta's grades did their thing. Many troops and their families may thank Delta's grader operators and support personnel for opening Division Road to Custer Hill.

Delta was brought into action on Sat when its graders cleared Marshall Fields runways and many secondary roads and parking lots.

Some of the men responsible for this fine job are: SSG Belton, SSG Cooper, SSG McLoud, SGT Hemmingway, SGT Ytuarte, SP5 Jones, SP4 Spring and SP5 Riggins.

97TH ENGINEERS UNDER NEW COMMAND - LTC PRESSLEY TAKES OVER

LTC Ancil R. Pressley assumed command of the 97th Engr Bn (Const) Jan 27.

COL John R. Manning, Commanding Officer, 138th Engr Group, presented the battalion colors to LTC Pressley at the change of command ceremony at King Field House. [Lieutenant Colonel John R. Manning (deceased in 2005) commanded the 168th Engineer Battalion (Combat) in Vietnam 17 May 1967-7 May 1968.]

The former commander of the 97th, MAJ Martin M Rogers, has been assigned to the 138th Engr Group as S-3 (Operations).

LTC Pressley began his military career with the Corps of Engr in 1955, at Ft Belvoir, VA. After competing the Engr Officers Basic Course at Ft Belvoir he was assigned to Germany. During his tour with three different units in Germany, the 547th Engr Bn (Combat), 15th Engr Bn (Combat), and the 12th Engr Bn (Combat) his duties were those of an Executive Officer and platoon leader.

In Aug 1958, he returned to the United States and was assigned to Ft Leonard Wood, MO, as a company commander in the 62nd Engr Bn (Const). In 1960 he transferred to Korea where he was a company commander with the 76th Engr Bn (Const).

LTC Pressley returned to the States in Aug 1961, to attend the Engr Officers Career Course at Ft Belvoir, VA. From there he was assigned to Michigan Technological University as assistant professor of military science. In 1965 he was assigned to the US Army Engr Command, Europe, where he served as comptroller.

The LTC served at HQ, US Army Vietnam (USARV) in 1967.

In Sep 1968 he was assigned to the Atlanta Army Depot in Georgia, as comptroller. He attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA, in 1970.

After completing the Staff College, LTC Pressley was assigned to Ft Riley to assume command of the 97th Engineers.

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