ENFORCE 2007

The Army Engineer Regiment honored its past, celebrated its present, and envisioned its future during ENFORCE 2007 from 20-24 May. The activities began in St. Louis, Missouri, with the Army Engineer Association (AEA) Engineer Regimental Training Conference, which included two days of United States Army Engineer School, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and industry briefings, all focusing on the ENFORCE theme "Engineers in Full-Spectrum Operations."

Activities began on Fort Leonard Wood on 23 May with a ceremonial Regimental Review at the United States Army Maneuver Support Center plaza.

CW2 William Smock painted this oil portrait of SFC Paul R. Smith and dedicated it to the CEHC. He presented a watercolor portrait to SFC Smith's wife, Birgit Smith.

The new Counter Explosive Hazards Center (CEHC) was dedicated to Medal of Honor recipient SFC Paul R. Smith, an 11th Engineer Battalion Soldier who was killed during a firefight with Iraqi forces in 2003. This Medal of Honor flag was presented to Birgit Smith by President George W. Bush in 2005.

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The Regiment held a remembrance service at the Engineer Memorial Grove for 67 engineer Soldiers who gave their lives during the past year in the War on Terrorism. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

"The Firefight in the Courtyard," painted by Patrick Haskett, depicts the battle scene that took SFC Paul R. Smith's life.

In his "State of the Regiment" address, Chief of Engineers LTG Robert L. Van Antwerp talked about working on the "Army Strong" campaign, and he introduced a motto that fits the Regiment: "Engineer Ready."

e Regimental Ball included the presentation of the chner, Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly), n Autreve, and Best Sapper Competition Awards, as well the Sturgis and de Fleury Medals.

ENFORCE concluded on 24 May with a Council of Colonels, a Council of Sergeants Major, the United States Army Corps of Engineers Commanders Meeting, a Regimental barbecue, and a golf tournament.

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