



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

From the
Chief of Engineers, United States Army
and
Commander, United States Army Corps of Engineers

Greeting to Members of the
540th Engineer Combat Regiment Reunion

It is a great honor for me to welcome the veterans and families of the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment on this occasion of your 1990 Reunion.

The distinguished World War II service and sacrifice of your regiment as you fought across beaches in North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Italy and southern France added richly to the heritage and history of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The bravery and dedication with which you accomplished your challenging wartime missions contributed immeasurably to the final victory in Europe in 1945. The soldiers of the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment have provided inspiration to the engineer soldiers who have followed you to the present day.

May your special comraderie as engineer soldiers at war sustain you as you continue to serve and strengthen this great nation in peace.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Hatch", is written over the typed name.

Henry J. Hatch
LTG, USA

CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution
in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia,
there is hereby officially recognized:*

540TH ENGINEER COMBAT REGIMENT

WHEREAS, the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment served with distinction in the European Theater from November 1942 until its deactivation in November 1945; and

WHEREAS, the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment participated in five major amphibious assault landings: North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, and southern France; and other operations, including the crossing of the Rhine into Germany; and

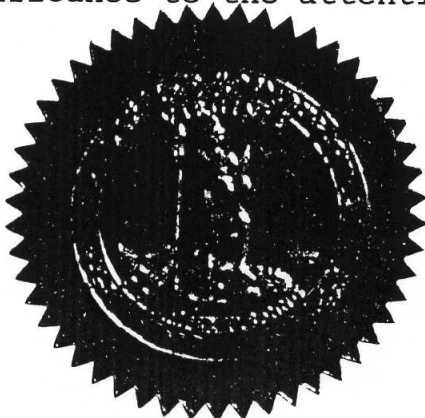
WHEREAS, the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment had one of the longest continuous records of service of any unit in World War II; and

WHEREAS, former members of the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment are meeting in reunion in Virginia Beach from October 3 to 7, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this reunion is to renew friendships among former members of the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment and to remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that recognition be accorded the memory of the 540th Engineer Combat Regiment and its former members, living and deceased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lawrence Douglas Wilder, Governor, do hereby recognize the **540TH ENGINEER COMBAT REGIMENT** and call its significance to the attention of all our citizens.



Lawrence Douglas Wilder
Governor