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National Guard holds annual military banquet

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PLATTE, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard’s Detachment 2, 155th Engineer Company of Platte held their annual military banquet for Soldiers and retirees of the unit at the Platte Armory Feb. 4.

The annual event has been an important part of keeping retirees and past members connected to the current members of the National Guard. The unit invites all local retirees and any past members to come and enjoy a meal, socialize and hear a guest speaker.

“The Platte unit has been really busy this past year with four different rotations going to Suriname, as well as local projects the unit has been able to participate in and complete, to include the picnic shelters in Lennox and Pickstown,” said 2nd Lt. Tricia Eining, platoon leader for Det. 2, during the banquet.

Capt. Jason Thomson, a former platoon leader for Det. 2 and now administration officer for the 153rd Engineer Battalion, served as this year’s guest speaker.

“I was very happy I was able to come back to Platte and see all the old and many new faces that now make up the unit,” said Thomson. “With all of the changes happening in the National Guard, the 155th Engineer Company is a viable part of the engineer field.”

The 155th is a vertical engineer company capable of providing engineering support in the construction of base camps and internment facilities, as well as constructing, repairing and maintaining other vertical infrastructures within a brigade combat team, division or corps.

The unit as a whole contains a variety of military occupations specialties that include carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry services.

With more than 150 personnel assigned, the unit is split into four separate detachments with its Headquarters Company located in Rapid City, Detachment 1 in Winner, Detachment 2 in Platte and Detachment 3 in Wagner.

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PLATTE, S.D. – Capt. Jason Thomson from Huron, with the South Dakota Army National Guard’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 153rd Engineer Battalion, serves as the guest speaker for Detachment 2, 155th Engineer Company’s military banquet in Platte, Feb. 4, 2012. The annual event has been an important part of keeping retirees and past members connected to the current members of the National Guard. (SDNG photo by Staff Sgt. Tiphany Dvorak)

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