

Annual Report

Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc.

A Virginia Non-profit Corporation



For the Fiscal Year

1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

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Letter from the President

Our organization continued to grow in many ways in the past year. The Board of Directors voted to increase the size of the board, we added two new members, Dale Joyner and Mike Phaneuf. Our 2025 Reunion in Las Vegas also grew to a new record of attendees, spouses, and families. We welcomed many first-time attendees and hope to continue that trend in the future.

We hold dear our time and memories of the days in Bamberg. Many members have returned to visit Bamberg in 2025 and report on the Warner Barracks and the cities. We enjoy the photos that the travelers share with us.

Our succession roster has increased, perhaps not as quickly as we had hoped, but names are remembered and added. The research into our history is ongoing and well documented.

We continue to reach out to brothers in need. Sometimes a phone call and others perhaps a monetary gift. Keep the board informed of any situation involving a veteran of our organization.

We are financially sound but as costs rise the need for donations increases. Be watching for information on the 2026 Donation Drive.

Several initiatives are in motion for 2026. One involves designing and creating a grave marker for our veterans. The other is the purchase of a set of 7-6 Infantry Company Guidons.

I want to thank Robert Pruitt and Bill Burt for their efforts in making the 2025 Reunion Theme “Then and Now” as great success. There are several other members who’s behind the scenes work made the administrative and logistical pieces of the reunion go off flawlessly. One last word about the reunion, as the participants were enjoying drinks on the last evening, there was a group that was already starting to work on the 2027 Reunion. It does take two years to plan and coordinate the event, so be on the look-out for upcoming information on the 2027 Reunion.

A World War II 52nd Infantry Regiment Battlefield Tour is being discussed and preliminary planning has started. A possible tour concept would start at Normandy, tour Bastogne and St. Vith, visit the Remagen Bridge, and travel to Bamberg. There are numerous branches and sequels that have been discussed, but this seems to be the core tour agenda. Attendees would bear all the costs of the tour: transportation to and from Europe, hotels and meals, transportation to the battlefield sites. The planners are now trying to determine the level of interest among our members. Replying that you are interested in the tour is in no way a commitment, rather it will give the planners an idea on how they scope the event, dates for the tour, hotels that can accommodate the group, contracting of tour guides, and many other factors. If you have an interest in participating please respond to Mike Streff.

Finally, I want to thank everyone that has contributed to our organization this year. We could not do what we do without your support. I am honored to serve as the President of the Board of Directors and be surrounded by such a great group of veterans.

Dennis Barletta, President

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Mission + Metrics

To connect, support, honor, and when necessary, aid those who served in the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry Regiment and its reflagged successor battalion, the 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment in Bamberg, Germany during the Cold War period 1972 to 1990.

Major Programs

- Conduct reunions of the veterans of the battalion.
- Support memorial activities for deceased veterans of the battalion.
- Aid veterans of the battalion who are in a crisis.
- Record the history of the battalion during the Cold War era.



Our Programs

Conduct Reunions



Remember our Fallen



Aid our Brother in Crisis



Celebrate our History



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Conduct Reunions of the Veterans of the Battalion.

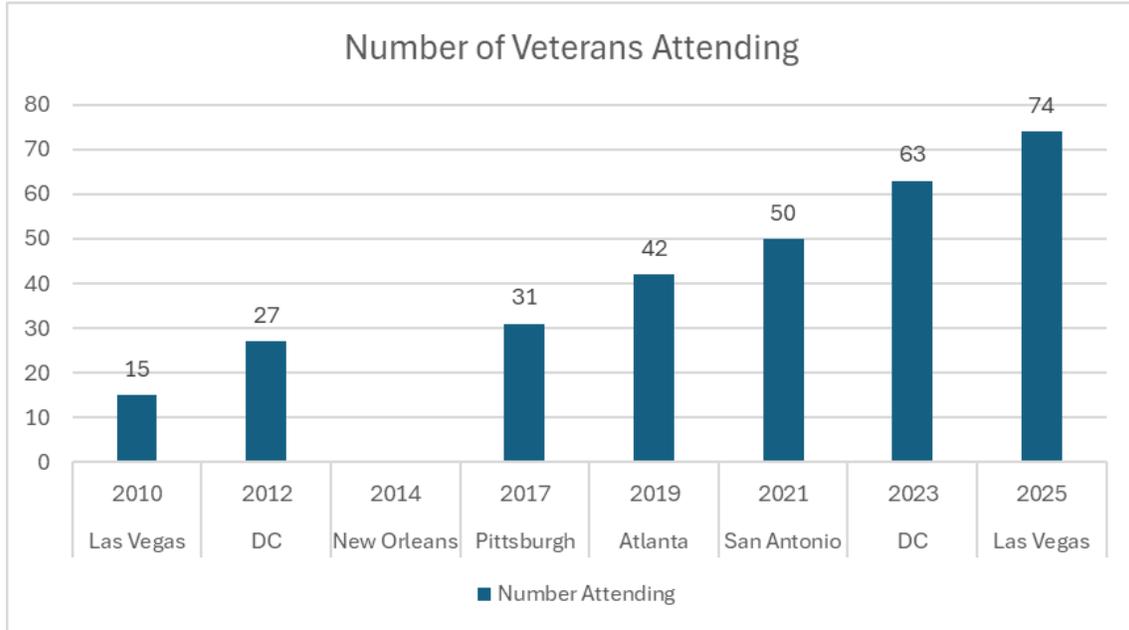
What we have accomplished. We have conducted nine reunions to date. They are our signature event.



- **2010 Reunion – Las Vegas.** June 16-20, 2010.
- **2011 Reunion – Minneapolis.** June 17-19, 2011.
- **2012 Reunion – Washington, DC.** September 27-30, 2012.
- **2014 Reunion – New Orleans.** October 2-5, 2014.
- **2017 Reunion – Pittsburg.** August 17-20, 2017.
- **2019 Reunion – Atlanta.** September 26-29, 2019.
- **2021 Reunion – San Antonio.** November 10-14, 2021.
- **2023 Reunion – Washington, DC.** September 13-17, 2023.
- **2025 Reunion – Las Vegas.** September 29 to October 3, 2025. Highlights included:
 - Display of the traveling museum.
 - Lunch at the Hofbräuhaus Las Vegas.
 - A memorial service to our fallen brothers
 - 75 veterans attended with 25 being first-time attendees. Our number of veterans attending continues to grow. See the graph below.
 - A good thing from the 2025 reunion is that it energized 7-6 Infantry soldiers to reach out to our brothers from later in the 1980s and we have a significant number of new contacts.¹

¹ Our organization is for 1-52 Infantry, reflagged to 7-6 Infantry during the Cold War in Bamberg. 7-6 Infantry later went to Desert Storm, and veterans of that time also gather – one of those gathering is this year in Washington DC on the 35th anniversary of Desert Storm.

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- **2025 Reunion – In Pictures** (Lots More Pictures in the SITREP!!)



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- **Traveling Museum.** We displayed our traveling museum for the first time at the 2025 reunion.
 - New to the 2025 reunion was our traveling museum, which we displayed for the first time at the reunion. The executive producers of this were Robert Pruitt and Bill Burt, with a big assist from Bob Domenici. It included collections of equipment, memorabilia, pictures, videos, and stories, all from our time in Bamberg, serving with this great battalion.
 - Especially noteworthy were a series of 10 short video presentations of pictures of our time in Germany. Here is the link for the videos.
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HpmWQiRHA5ugKPwpxbqFQDPxOOroTPKj>
 - Below are a couple of pictures of the museum, there is many more in the October and November SITREPs



- 1) Layla FV.mp4
- 2) End of Innocence FV.mp4
- 3) Like A Rock.mp4
- 4) ROCK N The USA FV2.mp4
- 5) She Sells FV.mp4
- 6) Dark Side FV.mp4
- 7) Pink Houses FV2.mp4
- 8) Against The Wind.mp4
- 9) Red Wine.mp4
- 10) In Memorium (Final V) 1.mp4



What we plan in 2026 and beyond.

- **2027 Reunion.** During the coming year, we will plan for our 2027 reunion in the fall of 2027.
 - Reunion in Nashville – Music City!²
 - Biggest ever – goal is 100 veterans with 35 attending for the first time.
 - Centrally located – easy to get to.
 - Reasonable costs.
- **Traveling Museum for 2027 Reunion.** We will improve our traveling museum and bring it to Nashville. It will include:
 - Even more memorabilia / collectables.
 - More stories / better display of stories.
 - Videos of family experiences in Bamberg.
 - More stories and pictures of 7-6 Infantry.
 - More audio / visual displays.



² This is the recommendation from the reunion committee. The Board of Directors will finalize this at their February board meeting.

Support Memorial Activities of Deceased Veterans of the Battalion.

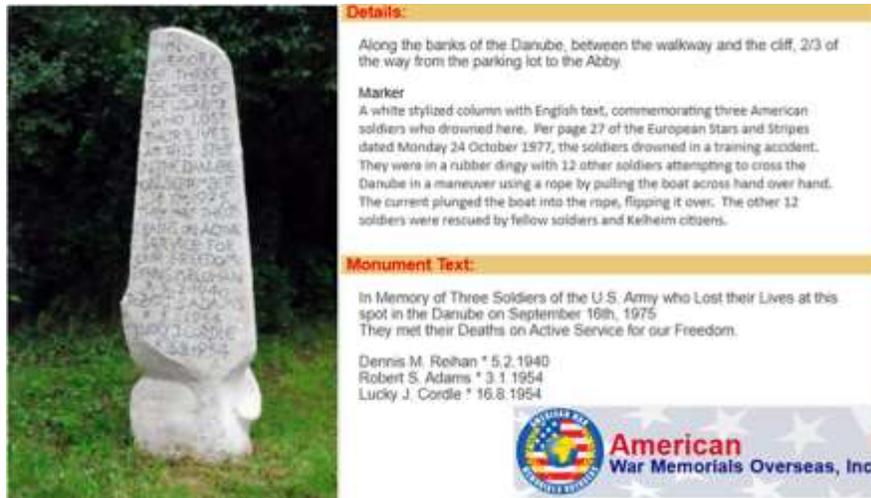
What we have accomplished.

- **Memorial Trees.** We planted 38 memorial tree groves this year for fallen members of the battalion, for a total of 93. Each grove has five trees.
- **Memorial Articles.** We have collected obituaries and developed memorial articles for 91 fallen members of the battalion. Memorial articles can be viewed in our Memorial Day (May) SITREP each year and soon will be placed on our website.
- **Memorial Video.** Robert Pruitt and his cousin Tracy Roby have created a memorial video for our fallen brothers. The video was shown during the memorial service at the 2025 reunion in Las Vegas and is available for you to view at this link. See item 10 at the link below.
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HpmWQjRHA5ugKPwpxbqFQDPxOOroTPkj>
- **Memorial Service.** At the reunion, we conducted a memorial service for our fallen brothers. Bryan Eddington, who lives near Bamberg, and is in the Erlangen post of the VFW helped organize the service. Below are pictures of this event.



What we plan in 2026 and beyond.

- **SITREP Article on the Tragedy at Kelheim.** In 1975, we lost three soldiers from the battalion during a river crossing operation of the Danube River. We will write an article about the accident and talk about the memorial that is at the site, and memorial activities this past year on the 50th anniversary of their deaths.
- **Kelheim Marker / Future Memorial Events.** We will donate to fundraising efforts to improve / maintain the Kelheim memorial and look at options to participate in future memorial events.



- **Database of Fallen Brothers.** We will develop a database of our fallen brothers and keep information about their service for our use, as we look to memorize more of our fallen brothers.
- **Grave Marker.** In the coming year, we plan to develop a 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry and 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry memorial medallion / grave marker that can be given to the families of our fallen veterans for them to place at the veteran's gravesite. We will model it after markers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Below is an example from a gravesite in South Dakota.



Aid Veterans of the Battalion Who Are in a Crisis.

What we have accomplished.

- **Assistance.** During the year we made an assistance payment to one of our veterans whose home was damaged during the hurricanes in the fall of 2024. Additionally, we helped one of our brothers who was in financial need due to job loss. In each case, the need was researched and confirmed as per our policies and procedures and the board voted to provide the assistance.
- **Links to Veterans Services.** In the SITREP we provide list of Department of Veterans Affairs contacts that can assist our veterans.

What we plan in 2026 and beyond.

- **Fundraising** We continue to raise funds to ensure we have resources available to support our veteran in crisis.
- **You Can Help** Most of our cases where we have been able to help our veterans in crisis have started with information from one of our members. Keep in touch with your buddies and let us know if there is someone who needs help.



Record the History of the Battalion During the Cold War Era.

What we have accomplished.

- **Unite Histories.** We have collected the histories of the 1-52 Infantry and the reflagged successor battalion 7-6 Infantry, have recorded and published historical summaries, and have placed them on our website. We are now focusing on compiling a detailed history of the Battalion during the Cold War. Research does not stop, and as new details and facts are discovered the history pages are updated.
- **Unit Tribute Plaques and Memorial Pavers.** To highlight the contributions of our veterans, we placed plaques at two military museums. These are a Unit Tribute Plaque at the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and a Memorial Paver at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia.



**Paver Stone at the
National Infantry Museum**



**Unit Tribute Plaque at the National
Museum of the United States Army**

- **Succession Rosters.** Starting at the 2021 Atlanta Reunion we set out to create a “Succession List” of those that served in the Battalion, both 1-52 Infantry and the reflagged successor battalion 7-6 Infantry. Our goal is to record the names of members of the Battalion, the Company they were assigned, and the position(s) they served in during their tenure.
- **Battalion Colors and Company Guidons.** We have acquired or purchased the battalion colors for 1-52 Infantry and 7-6 Infantry and the company guidons for the companies of 1-52 Infantry, along with bases and standards to display the colors and guidons. (The picture shows five of the seven 1-52 Infantry guidons – HHC, A, B, C, D, E, and CSC)

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- **52nd Infantry Regiment 81 years ago During World War II.** Starting with the completion of their training and movement overseas, we have a monthly article in the SITREP tracing the actions of our regiment as part of the 9th Armored Division in Europe 81 years ago.
- **Support for The Army Historical Foundation.** We continued to make donations to the Army Historical Foundation, which supports the National Museum of the United States Army.



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- **US Army 250th Birthday.** Starting with the birthday of our Army 250 years ago last spring, we are writing a monthly SITREP article describing the action of our Army (then called the Continental Army) in the months leading up to the Declaration of Independence in July 1776.



What we plan in 2026 and beyond.

- **Fundraiser to Purchase 7-6 Infantry Guidons.** In 2026 we will raise money to buy the guidons for the 7-6 Infantry companies along with their standards and bases for display.
- **Additional Memorial Plaques.** During the coming year, we will look for additional places where we can place memorial plaques highlighting the history of our battalion.
- **Kelheim Marker / Future Memorial Events.** We will donate to fundraising efforts to improve / maintain the Kelheim memorial and make plans to participate in the next memorial event.
- **2027 Trip to Trace the World War II Battles of the 52nd Infantry Regiment / 9th Armored Division.** We have started planning for a trip to Europe to revisit the battlefields of our regiment. The trip will focus on their arrival at Normandy in October 1944, movements in the Benelux, actions at St. Vith, Bastogne, Remagen, and other locations into Germany. We will include a stop at our 'home away from home' – Bamberg.
- **SITREP Articles on the Regiment During WWII and of the Army 250 Years Ago.** We will continue our series of articles that began last summer.
- **Book on the History of the 9th Armored Division During WWII.** We will acquire the book "Phantom Nine: The 9th Armored Division, 1942-1945" by Walter E. Reichelt to improve our understanding of our history.

Managing Our Organization

Our Leadership



Honoring Our Donors



Our Financials



Communication & Networking



Our Leadership

Colonel of the 52nd Infantry Regiment – Lamar C. Crosby^{3 4}

Colonel (Retired) Lamar C Crosby was designated as the Colonel of the 52nd Infantry Regiment at our 2025 reunion. Colonel Crosby served as the Battalion Commander of the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from June 1984 to June 1986. He led the reorganization of the battalion in the Division 86 – Army of Excellence concept, including forming Delta and Echo Companies, and then tested the unit in gunnery and maneuver exercises and participation in a major German exercise. He is remembered for his focus on training, his dynamic leadership, and the many family events he sponsored.



Sergeant Major of the 52nd Infantry Regiment – Kim Boyink



Command Sergeant Major (retired) Kim Boyink was designated as the Sergeant Major of the 52nd Infantry Regiment at our 2023 reunion.

As an Infantryman, he has held every leadership position from team leader through Command Sergeant Major in a variety of assignments.

His service in the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry was from 1983 through 1986. His initial assignment was as a squad leader in Charlie Company. After being selected for promotion, he was reassigned as a platoon sergeant in Bravo Company where he remained until his departure.

Advisory Council. The Board of Directors voted to establish an advisory council consisting of the Colonel of the Regiment, the Sergeant Major of the Regiment, and members-at-large. The purpose is to provide advice on the strategic direction of the organization; provide advice on fundraising; provide advice on donations and spending; and explore and address other subjects as determined by the Board of Directors. Members of the Advisory Council are:



Lamar Crosby



Kim Boyink



Bob Kay



Ron Spear

³ Since the 52nd Infantry does not currently have active units, we are able to work through the Infantry School to designate the Colonel and Sergeant Major of the Regiment. The 6th Infantry still has active units, so we are not able to do the same for it.

⁴ Our prior Colonel of the Regiment, Ted Gesulga who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and was unable to travel to the reunion, has request to “retire” from this position and move into emeritus status.

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Board of Directors



From left to right – Mike Streff, Bill Patterson, Zak Kozak, Dennis Barletta, Bill, Burt, Robert Pruitt, Bob Domenici and Mike Phaneuf. Not pictured – Dale Joyner

Dennis Barletta

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027
- **Roles** – President / Nominating Committee (Chair) / History Committee (Chair) / Assistance Committee

Dennis was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from August 1976 to October 1979, as the 1st Platoon Leader, Bravo Company, 1976 – 1977 and the Battalion S-2 from 1977 to 1979. He serves as the first President of the Board of Directors, chairs the unit history program, and along with Zak Kozak, he has worked to expand membership with 1970s era veterans of the battalion.

William (Bill) Burt

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027
- **Roles** – Secretary / Memorials Committee (Chair) / Reunion Committee / Finance Committee / Nominating Committee

Bill was stationed with the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from July 1984-December 1985. He served in a rifle platoon and was also the Delta Company's commander's track and jeep driver. Along with Robert Pruitt, he started our veterans group in 2008 and organized the first reunion in 2010. Bill has maintained the roster, written our newsletter (the SITREP), and kept a record of those we have lost.

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Robert (Bob) Domenici

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027
- **Roles** – Audit Committee (Chair) / Finance Committee (co-chair Fundraising) / Communications - Networking Committee (co-chair - Website) / Reunion Committee / Nominating Committee

Bob was stationed with 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from 1984 to 1987, and was the 3rd Platoon Leader Delta Company, 1st Platoon Leader Echo Company and assistant S-3 / Liasson Officer. His company donated the funds to start our operations as a non-profit organization and he raises corporate donations for our group. He has also contributed coins as reunion gifts, standards for our battalion colors, and items for the silent auction including a Remagen bridge print.

Dale Joyner

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
- **Roles** – Audit Committee / Nominating Committee / Assistance Committee / Communications - Networking Committee

Dale was with 1-52 Infantry in CSC, from May 1978 to May 1981. He had the privilege of working with a great bunch of mechanics in Bamberg who he calls his friends. He spent four tours in the states and four tours in Germany. His stateside tours included Fort Carson, Fort Knox and Fort Polk twice. Germany tours include Friedberg, Bamberg, Aschaffenburg and Baumholder. When he retired, he worked as a bus mechanic for 25 years. He has attended the Atlanta, San Antonio, and Washington, DC reunions with other members of the CSC maintenance team.

G.M. (Zak) Kozak

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026
- **Roles** – History Committee (co-chair) / Audit Committee / Memorial Committee

Zak was assigned to 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from 1974-1977. He was a Rifle Platoon Leader in Alpha Company, Scout Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer of Bravo Company. While there, he met Ms. Tommie Clifton, a first-grade teacher at Muna School. They married at the Bamberg Rathaus in June 1977. Along with Dennis Barletta, he works to expand membership with 1970s era battalion veterans.

Mike Phaneuf

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
- **Roles** – Nominating Committee / History Committee / Reunion Committee / Communications - Network Committee

Mike arrived in Bamberg in January 1988 after the battalion had reflagged to 7-6 Infantry. He served as a platoon leader in A and C Companies, and then as the support platoon leader. He deployed with the battalion to Desert Storm as the S4. Following Bamberg, he had tours in Korea, South Carolina, and in The Old Guard. He left active duty after 15 years, moved to Alabama, joined the reserves, and started a company, Glory Day Enterprises. Mike will help expand membership from veterans from the late 1980s.

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William (Bill) Patterson

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026
- **Roles** – Memorial Committee (Co-chair) / Finance Committee (Co-chair Investments) / Communications - Network Committee

Bill was stationed with the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from 1985 to 1987 and with the reflagged 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry from 1988 to 1990. Bamberg was home. He was the battalion executive officer of 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry and commanding officer of 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry. Bill was influential in including the 6th Infantry as part of the association instead of creating a separate group.

Robert Pruitt

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
- **Roles** – Vice President / Reunion Committee (Co-chair Museum) / Communications - Networking Committee (Co-chair Networking) / Audit Committee / Nominating Committee / History Committee

Robert was stationed in the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry 1984-1985. He was originally assigned to Bravo Company and then moved to Delta Company when Delta Company was activated in 1984. He was the Radio Telephone Operator under Lieutenant Sam Bailey. Along with Bill Burt, Robert was an original organizer of the group and planned our first reunion in Las Vegas. He serves as the vice president of the corporation.

Michael (Mike) Streff

- **Term** – Three years from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
- **Roles** – Treasurer / Reunion Committee (Chair) / Finance Committee (Chair) / Communications – Networking Committee (Chair and SITREP) / Memorial Committee / Nominating Committee / History Committee

Mike was stationed with the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from 1984 to 1987, and was the battalion S-1, and company commander of Delta and Headquarters companies. Mike has helped run five of our reunions and helped form our organization as a Virginia non-profit corporation. He serves as the treasurer of the corporation and is the editor of the SITREP.



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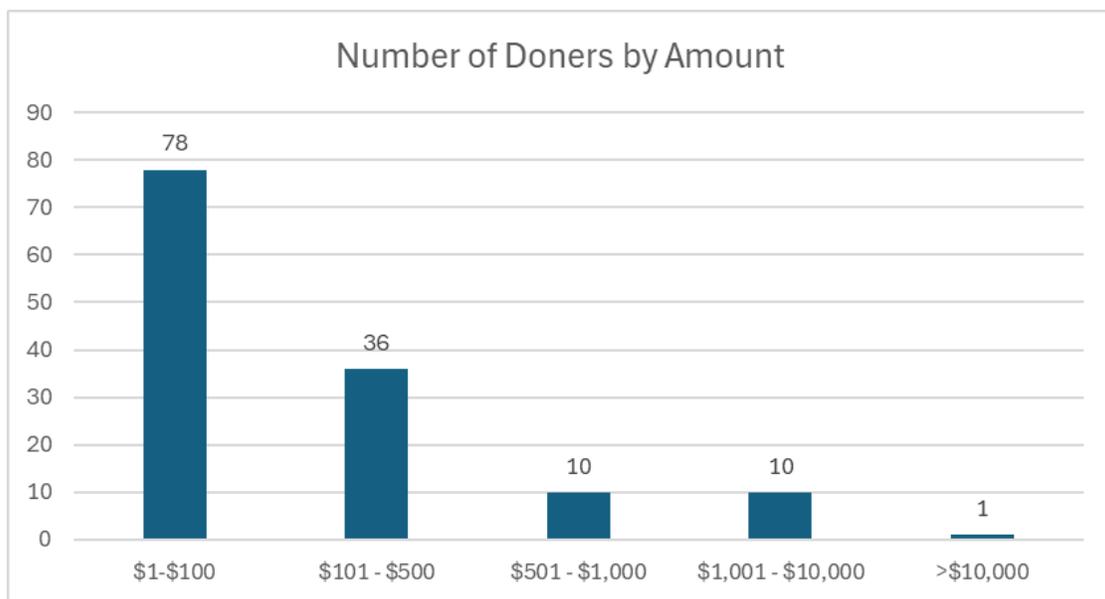
Honoring Our Donors.

The charitable and educational work we do is only possible through the support of our members. During our first five years, 135 of you contributed almost \$78k in cash and in-kind support for our charitable and educational programs and for our reunions. to support our work to date. Over \$16k of that has been in the past year.

Type Donation	2025	2021-2025
Cash Donation	\$5,031.20	\$50,197.22
Reunion Donations	\$4,633.00	\$16,327.92
In-Kind Donations*	\$6,761.76	\$11,361.07
Total	\$16,425.96	\$77,886.21
Total Donors	81	135

There have been many types of in-kind donations. They include:

- Printing / mailing expenses.
- Web hosting / development.
- Donations for silent auctions (framed prints, coasters, wine, steins, patches, crests etc).
- Donations for reunion gifts (coins, pins etc).
- Donations of equipment and memorabilia for our traveling museum.



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To recognize this support, and to thank those who have given so generously, we have developed a donor recognition program. Key components of this include

- Handwritten thank you notes for all donations.
- Donation letters for contributions.
- Donor recognition in the annual report
- Donor spotlight – a section in our annual report highlighting the leadership of donors.
- Donor recognition on our website that we are developing for rollout in the coming year.
- Special recognition for donors at the reunion.

Donor Spotlight – Honoring Bill Burt’s Enduring Legacy

Celebrating a Founder Behind Our Veterans Group’s Success

Each year, as we reflect on the achievements and enduring spirit of our veteran’s group, one name stands out for his unwavering dedication and generosity—Bill Burt. Bill’s vision and leadership have shaped our organization from its earliest days, providing the foundation upon which our group continues to grow. His connection to our group of former soldiers stationed in Germany during the Cold War runs deep, and his contributions have set a standard for service and support that inspire us all.



Foundational Role: Building Bonds from the Start

Bill Burt was instrumental in bringing together veterans who served together in Bamberg, Germany, recognizing the importance of our shared experience and camaraderie. His tireless efforts to identify, contact, and unite former soldiers laid the groundwork for the group’s formation. Bill’s commitment to fostering these connections helped ensure that every member felt valued and remembered, strengthening the bonds that remain at the heart of our service together in 1-52 and 7-6 Infantry.

Communication Efforts: Keeping the Community Connected

Understanding the power of communication, Bill took it upon himself to publish and distribute over 60 monthly newsletters that kept members informed. He invested countless hours and personal resources into collecting stories, sharing updates, and ensuring that the spirit of fellowship endured beyond the confines of geography. These newsletters became a lifeline for many, carrying both news and encouragement to veterans across the country.

(Picture – Bill Burt at the 2025 Reunion)

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Event Leadership: Organizing Reunions and Fostering Unity

Bill organized our group's first reunion with Robert Pruitt. From coordinating logistics to welcoming attendees, he created spaces where old friends could reconnect, share memories, and forge new bonds. These events fostered unity and strengthened the group's sense of purpose, thanks in large part to Bill's vision and planning.

Memorial Operations: Honoring Service and Sacrifice

Recognizing the importance of remembrance, Bill played a leading role in our memorial projects. He authored moving memorial articles and spearheaded efforts to establish memorial groves of trees that have been planted in honor to fallen brothers. Through these initiatives, Bill ensured that our group's legacy would honor both service and sacrifice, creating lasting tributes for future generations.

Financial Support: Sustaining Our Mission

Bill's generosity extended beyond his time and talents; his financial contributions have been critical to our organization's growth. From early seed funding to ongoing support, Bill's commitment has empowered us to expand our programs, improve outreach, and maintain vital services for our members.

In-Kind Donations: Sharing Treasures and Enriching Experiences

In addition to monetary support, Bill has enriched our group with meaningful in-kind donations. His gifts of military memorabilia have enhanced our museum's collection, preserving our history for all to see. Bill also regularly contributes unique items to our silent auctions, helping to raise funds and generate excitement at our events. Each donation reflects his deep appreciation for our shared heritage and his desire to give back.

A Legacy of Leadership and Generosity

Bill Burt's impact on our group cannot be overstated. Through his foundational role, tireless networking, communication, event leadership, memorial operations, financial support, and thoughtful in-kind donations, he has shaped the very core of our organization. We are profoundly grateful for his leadership and generosity, and we celebrate the legacy that Bill continues to build—one that honors the past, strengthens the present, and secures the future for all our members.



Wine bottles with 1-52 and 7-6 Infantry crests donated by Bill for the silent auction at the 2025 reunion.

Donor Spotlight – Bob Domenici

It is impossible to overstate the contributions that Bob has made as a donor and a fundraiser for our organization. He has leveraged his corporate points of contact to help us gain \$5,000 in corporate donations for our organization. Much of that money came to us when we were a newly formed corporation and it was critical for us to get off to a great start.

Additionally, Bob has made significant cash and in-kind contributions to our organization. The in-kind donations are critical to our operations and add a margin of excellence to all we do. The in-kind donations have included paying for our website domain and hosting and producing our website. Additionally, we occasionally receive legal help from his attorney friends. Additional donations have included challenge coins for our reunion, donations of framed prints and other memorabilia for our silent auctions, staffs and bases for the display of our colors and guidons, and many interesting and informative displays and posters for the traveling museum.

Bob is a valued member of our leadership team. As a member of the board of directors, he provides vast business experience and is a valued voice in our financial, fundraising, and compliance efforts. Additionally, he is just an all-around good guy – the kind of guy who makes working on our charitable, educational, and reunion projects enjoyable. The picture is of Bob Domenici (on left) with George Smith at the reunion.



Donor Spotlight – John Donatelli

There are a lot of different ways to make a difference in our organization, not all involve cash contributions. John is one of those guys. Although he has downplayed his contributions, he was able to help a couple of veterans make it to the past reunion who otherwise would not have been able to attend. John, we thank you for all you do for our organization. (John is on the left)



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Financials

We are exempt from federal taxes and have a letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501(c)(3) private foundation.

Stewardship of the resources you have trusted us with is important to the board. You have been very generous to give to our organization. And we take the task of stewardship of those funds seriously.

- All expenditure must be approved by our Board of Directors.
- And although not required, we conduct an annual audit of our books.
- Bob Domenici leads our audit committee, and over the past several years the committee has hired Lamar Crosby, who after his Army time was involved in county government in Georgia, to conduct the audit.

Additionally, although we are not required to, we publish this annual report, which goes into further detail about the management of our organization.

We are required to have an annual meeting of the membership, which we conducted at the 2025 reunion in Las Vegas, and by Zoom. Members could also participate by proxy.

All financial information of the corporation, including financial reports and tax documents are available for viewing by the membership, along with all our foundational documents (articles of incorporation, bylaws, and letter of determination), and meeting minutes for board meetings and annual meetings. They are located on our website at <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org>.

While we are exempt from federal taxes, we still must file a federal tax return. This is the way that the government and our members can know that we are using the funds we raise to meet our tax-exempt purposes. In January 2026 we filed our taxes for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. We are required to make these tax forms available for member inspection – they are on our website. <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/about-5>

And our expenses remain low as a percentage of our program expenses. This is due to the volunteer work by our members, and their in-kind donations to the organization. Our administrative expenses are less than 3% of our total income during the first five years of our existence.

Our cash at the end of the year \$5,000 lower than the previous year – this was due to decision by the board to pay for certain reunion expenses including museum expenses and the cost of breakfast at the memorial service out of corporation accounts.

Although an audit is not required for a non-profit of our size, to ensure transparency our financial statement was audited by Lamar Crosby, a non-board member, to ensure it accurately reflects our financial position. A copy of the financial statement and the audit opinion follow.

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FY 2025 Budget / Execution October 1, 2024 to October 30, 2025	
Cash as of 30 September 2024	\$34,518.33
Income	
2025 Reunion	\$18,429.39
Annual Donations	\$4,377.20
Major Doners	\$200.00
Memorabilia Fundraising	\$1,706.84
Coin Sale / Hat / Lapel Pin Sales	\$99.31
Interest	\$1,150.50
Total Income	\$25,963.24
Expenses	
2025 Reunion Expenses (Reunion Committee)	\$26,206.56
Assistance (Secretary)	\$1,000.00
Memorials (Secretary)	\$1,080.79
Education (History Committee)	\$250.00
Professional Services / Govt Fees (Treasurer)	\$574.00
Memorabilia (Treasurer)	\$1,706.84
Office Expenses (Treasurer)	\$149.93
Fundraising / Donor Recognition (Treasurer)	\$115.17
Total Expenses	\$31,083.29
Revenue	-\$5,120.05
Cash to FY 2025	\$29,398.28
Checking	\$3,273.63
Savings	\$11,124.65
CD	\$15,000.00

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Audit Opinion

8 January 2026

Board of Directors
Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990
25 South Pointe Lane
Moneta, Virginia 24121

I have audited the accompanying statement of the financial position and related documents of Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed at Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc., a Virginia Nonstock Corporation for the period October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the nonprofit organization. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on the audit.

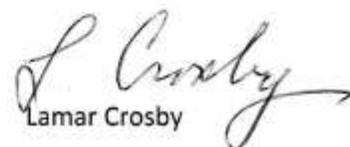
Independent audits are important for inspiring and maintaining donor trust because they demonstrate that the nonprofit organization is committed to financial transparency and accountability.

I conducted my audit in accordance with my understanding of auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. I performed the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements accurately reflected the financial position of the organization and that it was free of material misstatements. Additionally, I examined whether the financial operations followed the organization's by-laws and accounting principles. My audit included examining evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements on a test basis. I believe the audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

I found an issue that isn't a material weakness but should be reviewed. During the Reunion there were numerous cash transactions. The financial statements record all funds, but individual transaction receipts are unavailable. I recommend for future reunions a stronger procedure for cash transactions be established.

Reunions are usually held in the fall, near the fiscal year end. This has historically caused accounting difficulties. I recommend you consider changing the start of your fiscal year to January 1 of each year.

In my opinion, the statement represents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc., as of September 30, 2025.


Lamar Crosby

Communications and Networking

What we have accomplished.

- **Member Awareness / Communications.**
 - We publish a monthly SITREP newsletter to keep members informed. With Bill Burt having to step back from the newsletter, we started producing and distributing the newsletter using a commercial email provider – Constant Contact. The app also keeps our membership list, and gives us feedback on bad email addresses, and statistics on how many are opening and reading the SITREP. We also publish the SITREP to our Facebook page and website.
 - That feedback revealed that we had about 50 bad emails – so our membership has decrease from about 520 to first around 470, but now back up to 501.
 - Using the tools in Constant Contact, we have also developed a more modern format for the SITREP, which allows the reader to quickly scan topics, and then drill down if they would like more information. We have increased the number of pictures and have had more board members involved in the development of the SITREP's topics and articles.
 - At the reunion, we used the messaging app WhatsApp for communications. This overcame problems with Apple / Android phone text compatibility and provided a secure way for attendees to communicate. It was well received.

What we plan in 2026 and beyond.

- **Improve Networking.** We think that more than 500 of the maybe 15,000+ soldiers who served in the battalion during the Cold War would be interested in what we are doing. Our goal this year is to make sure every living member of our battalion is aware that we exist.
- **Recruitment.** We continue to use every means possible to reach out to our veterans. We plan to increase our membership to 750 during the coming year. We will use social media and old-fashioned networking to meet this goal.
- **WhatsApp.** We are going to create a WhatsApp group for members to use for communications, supplementing Facebook.



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Looking Forward

In 2026 we look forward to achieving several goals, to include:

- Increasing our membership to 750 by networking with 'battle-buddies' and comrades and using social media.
- Continue to research and add members to our Succession List.
- Conduct fund-raising drives with a goal of raising \$10,000 in 2026 to support our charitable work and educational missions.
- Purchase the 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry company guidons
- Expand our Cold War history documentation.
- Improve our social media interaction, to include our website as a single source for organizational documentation.
- Improve the methods and means to support veterans of our organization that are in need or in a time of crisis.
- Develop a 52nd Infantry graveside marker for fallen veterans.
- Improve administrative processes to ensure timely reporting and compliance with audits, reporting, taxes, and corporate filings at a reduced cost.
- Use the knowledge and experience of our Advisory Council to enhance the operation and outreach of our organization.
- Plan for the 2027 reunion.
- Plan a spring 2027 trip to Europe to retrace the WWII footsteps of the 52nd Infantry Regiment.

