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The Stein and its Journey

By Dennis Barletta, The Stein and its Journey



December 1944

The 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion under the command of Lt. Col. Robert M. Booth, assigned to Combat Command Reserve (CCR) 9th Armored, was tasked with defending blocking positions east of Bastogne. German attacks on December 17th and 18th forced the withdrawal of the elements of the battalion toward Bastogne. During the withdrawal, Lt. Col. Booth was wounded and taken prisoner. Once in Bastogne, Major Eugene A. Watts, the Battalion Executive Officer, assumed command of the remnants of the battalion.

December 2024

While perusing the internet for 52nd Infantry memorabilia, I came across a listing for a regimental beer stein. Some of you might recall the coffee cups and beer steins that could be purchased from German vendors that were adorned with crests, names, and symbols. I recognized the 52nd Regimental Crest and zoomed in on the name on the stein: Lt. Col. Eugene A. Watts. A familiar name in 52nd Infantry Regimental history, Major Eugene A. Watts had assumed command prior to the Battle of the Bulge and commanded until January 1945.

He had not been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, so why the Lt. Col. on the stein? The logo on the stein dated it to the 1960's and 1970's. Could he have been reassigned to the 52nd during that time frame as a Lt. Col.? And how did the stein end up on eBay?

Back to the internet and another search produced his obituary as published in a Citadel newsletter. Included were the names of his surviving children. Next several letters were mailed off to these family members, describing the stein, and inquiring if Eugene Watts had come back to the 52nd as a Lieutenant Colonel during the 60's or 70's. A few weeks later a caller identified herself as Pam, Eugene Watts' daughter (one of four surviving children). We talked about her father, the stein, and memories of attending 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, WW II veteran's reunions. I sent her a picture of the stein and told her that I was going to place it in the Silent Auction at the 2025 Reunion upcoming in Las Vegas.

January 2025

While talking with Mike Steff, I mentioned the stein and the story that went with it. Mike stated that the something about the name sounded familiar and maybe Colonel Watts had come to talk the battalion after the Battalion Commander, LTC Lamar Cosby, had met him at a ceremony. He suggested I contact Lamar.

Fall 1984

Lamar recalled participation in a ceremony on the 40th Anniversary of the capture of the Remagen Bridge where he had led a contingent of soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry and the 1st Armored Division. There was also a group of WW II Veterans of the 9th Armored Division in attendance. After meeting Colonel Watts at the ceremony and discussing his history in the 52nd Infantry Regiment, he was invited to come to Bamberg and address the soldiers of the battalion.

February 2025

After learning of the existence of the stein, the four sisters had thought about it and asked if I would consider returning the stein, as they considered it a family keepsake. They promised to investigate their father's assignment history to try to determine the "why and when" of the stein. After much discussion, the surviving daughters deuced that one of their deceased brothers must have acquired the stein from their father and upon his passing it found its way to a seller on eBay.

I honored the family request and returned the stein to the family.

March 2025

As show of gratitude, the daughters of Eugene A. Watts donated \$200.00 to our organization along with this note to our organization: *"The family of Col. E.A. Watts sincerely "Thank You". The mug has brought us all some remarkable Daddy memories rich with laughter, humor, and joy"*

The stein, part of our regimental history, is now in good hands. The journey is over.

Below is a picture of Colonel Watts and his obituary.

Obituary for Colonel Watts

Col. Eugene Augustus Watts, 88, of Southern Pines, widower of Glenna Kathryn Jennings Watts, died Nov. 26, 2006.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006 at 3 p.m. at Boles Funeral Home Chapel in Southern Pines with the Rev. Dr. David Helms officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

Born Dec. 11, 1917, in Lake City, he was a son of the late Eugene and Effie Watts.

Col. Watts graduated from the Citadel in 1938 and entered the U.S. Army in 1941 to serve his country during World War II. He was a proud member of the 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, that was instrumental in the battles of Bastogne and the Ramagen Bridge and was part of the Battle of the Bulge.

During his 28-year military career he traveled the world, while serving in the Korean Conflict and three years in Germany. He earned his Masters Degree in Business Administration from Texas Christian University. After retiring from the U.S. Army he settled in Southern Pines in 1966. He was one of the first professors hired at the newly established Sandhills Community College. He later served as the business manager of the college as well as coach of the golf team and the faculty advisor of the Veterans Club. He retired from Sandhills at the age of 65. After retiring he spent 22 years as a volunteer at Moore Regional Hospital.

Col. Watts was an avid golfer, poker player, Boggle player extraordinaire, animal lover and a rabid UNC basketball fan. He had a life-long appreciation and love of nature and the outdoors. He was a fierce competitor

with a great passion for life, laughter and people. His Christian faith was unwavering and he practiced the teachings of Jesus daily in his acceptance of all people and his belief in a forgiving, loving God and the promise of Salvation.

He was devoted and very proud of his seven children, Eugene Watts, Pam Garty, Roger Watts, Dickie Watts, Marianne Nicholson, Kathy Reid and Lizzie Watts. Their families include Kathy Watts of Fayetteville, Mike Nicholson of Carrboro, Gregg Reid of Oro Valley, Ariz., and Greg Malcolm of Fayetteville, W.Va.. He took great delight in his eight grandchildren, Kathleen, Gene, Jennifer, Tom, Michael, Katy, Eric and Ashely and his great grandchild, Luke. He also loved and cherished numerous nieces and nephews. His capacity to love led him to include Kitty, Buddy, Keith, Marie and Penny in his family circle.

In addition to his wife of 59 years, he was predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Lt. Richard Roger Watts, killed in action in World War II, and William Robert (Bob) Watts of Union.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Gene and Katie Watts Scholarship Fund at Sandhills Community College, The Salvation Army, Humane Society or any organization that support military services.



2024 Annual Report for our Veterans Organization.

By Mike Streff

As you are aware, over three years ago we formed a non-profit corporation to manage our charitable, educational, and reunion activities.

We are pleased to announce that we have published our 2024 annual report.

You may view it in several places.

1. Our Facebook page
2. On our website. <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org>
3. In a Dropbox
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ovi0r0kqdqvc889nvg007/ABVviHotKpJ6ZkCspiTFh40?rlkey=ufnx0kumcluyvsvqi1tl5ctbs&st=umifdejr&dl=0>

The annual report and federal / state tax filings are available for viewing in the Dropbox.

Please contact Mike Streff if you have any questions on accessing these documents, or if you have any questions on the documents themselves.

2025 Reunion – Las Vegas.

Now is the time to begin making your plans to attend the Las Vegas reunion. Lots more information to follow, but here is the key information you need right now to make sure you are part of the fun in Las Vegas.

Reserve Your Room

Our reunion hotel is the Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E. Flamingo Road.

The hotel is offering a \$79 a night room rate (plus tax) for the four nights without additional resort, internet, or parking fees. With tax, the room rate is \$89.57 a night. This rate is available for reservation until August.

The hotel also offers favorable rates for the days before and after these dates if you want to extend your stay (these are called shoulder rates.) The rates are

Sunday, September 28th - \$79 a night

Friday, October 3rd - \$195 a night

Saturday, October 4th - \$195 a night

To reserve your room

Online -

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=16539&nights=1&checkin=9/28/2025&group=2025REUNION&lang=en-us>

Phone – call 702-893-8933 with the code: 2025REUNION

Plan Your Travel

Las Vegas has outstanding regular air service from most US cities to Harry Reid International Airport (LAS).

We selected our reunion dates (Monday to Friday, vs our traditional Wednesday to Sunday dates) because airline rates are cheaper during the week than on weekends to Las Vegas – by 20-30% - opposite of what it is in most places.

You probably don't need to rent a car in Las Vegas – the airport is a short taxi ride from the hotel, and the central location of our hotel means you can walk, take short taxi / Uber rides, or public transportation to get around.

If you drive, the reunion hotel offers free parking.

Call a Buddy

We will do everything we can through emails, our website, and social media to get folks to attend the reunion.

The best way to make sure your friends are at the reunion is for you to call them and ask them to join you in Las Vegas.

Do that today!

**The 2025 Reunion for the
Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Stationed in Bamberg**

**Monday to Friday
September 29th to October 3rd, 2025
In Fabulous Las Vegas!!**



Plan Your Travel

Reserve Your Room

Tell a Buddy

2025 Reunion Spot Report – Downtown Strip and Fremont Street Downtown Las Vegas

Last month The Las Vegas Strip was highlighted. I encourage you to look at YouTube and/or go online to check reviews further to find out more about the Strip and each Casino that you find interesting. You may have noticed that there were quite a few \$\$\$\$ listed restaurants. As mentioned prior you can find many bargains during your stay. Las Vegas has so many quality Steakhouses and who doesn't like a good steak. Just in case you want to spend a quiet dinner with your significant other or gather with your best Buddies from Germany, one of these locations will provide a memorable experience.

Downtown Las Vegas is a popular spot for many who decide they prefer spending time here rather than on the Las Vegas Strip. For one, you will not have to do as much walking once you get here, and another, many eateries maintain The Strip quality but has Downtown pricing. At night The Fremont Street Experience comes alive with Sights and Sounds.

To get to Downtown Las Vegas purchase a one or three day pass on the Deuce Bus or you can Uber or taxi.



The Plaza

- Miss Behave's Mavericks – Comedy, Circus, Burlesque Show
- Oscars Steak House \$\$\$
- Hash House a Go Go \$
- Pop Up Pizza \$
- The Sand Dollar – Free Entertainment

Circa

- Barry's Downtown Prime \$\$\$
- Saginaw's Delicatessen \$\$
- Project BBQ \$\$
- Victory Burgers and Wings \$
- World's largest Sportsbook with a 3 story screen
- Stadium Swim

Golden Nugget

- Gordie Brown – Comedy and Impersonations
- Artist – TBD
- Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse \$\$\$
- Chart House \$\$\$ - Steak and Seafood

- Saltgrass Steak House \$\$
- Cadillac Mexican Cuisine \$
- Shark Tank Aquarium
- Largest Gold Nugget on display

The D

- Andiamo Steak House \$\$\$
- American Coney Island \$

Four Queens

- Mike Hammer – Comedy and sleight of hand tricks
- Hypnosis Unleashed
- Hugo's Cellar\$\$\$ – Steakhouse
- Magnolia's Veranda \$\$ – American Fare
- Chicago Brewing Company \$\$

Fremont

- Tony Roma's (See January Las Vegas on a Budget)
- Steak & Shake \$\$

Binion's

- Top of Binion's Steakhouse \$\$\$ – located on 24th floor
- Benny's Smokin BBQ and Brews \$\$
- Whiskey Licker Bar \$\$ – rotating bar with American Fare
- Million Dollar Display

Golden Gate Casino

- Bar Prohibition – 100 year old Bar
- Pieces of Art – Memorabilia from the early days of Las Vegas

California – a favorite of Hawaiians

- Redwood Steakhouse \$\$\$
- Aloha Specialties \$\$
- California Noodle House \$\$

Main Street Station

- Garden Court \$\$ – All you can eat Buffet 8am -2pm
- Triple 7 Restaurant & Brewery \$\$
- Berlin Wall inside the Men's Restroom
- A scene from Casino filmed here (can you find it)

Downtown Grand (best bargain)

- Triple George Grill \$\$ - Steakhouse
- Freedom Beat - \$
- \$2 Beer and Hot Dog
- Some of the lowest table play minimums to game

El Cortez

- Siegals 1941 \$\$
- Sushi Ichiban \$\$ - All you can eat sushi

Fremont Street Experience

- Mob Museum – Fee - Don't forget to visit the Speakeasy
- Container Park – Shop, Drink, and Eat
- Atomic Liquor – Liquor License #00001 – Crowds would gather to watch atomic blast from its rooftop
- Neon Museum – Vintage Neon Signs from Las Vegas early days
- Heart Attack Grill – Large portions and hospital themed atmosphere
- Street Performers – (be mindful some expect tips with photos)
- Free Live Performances in Fremont Street Experience by Cover Bands

- Gold Spike – Former Casino, now a Bar and Game area with Bar Food
- Arts District

Places of interest

- Brewery Row
- Soul Belly BBQ \$\$



- Burlesque Hall of Fame
- Berlin Bar – beer, brats, and punk rock vibe circa 1980's Berlin
- Zak Bagins Haunted Museum
- Burlesque Hall of Fame
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To get to Arts District exit The Deuce at the Strat and take free Las Vegas Loop stop from the Strat (go thru Casino). Limited hours Sunday - Thursday

A few items below that were not included in the last feature. Sahara – Bazaar Meat \$\$\$\$ - moving to The Venetian at the end of 2025

Ahern – Boutique Luxury Hotel

- All You Need is Love – Beatles Tribute Show
- Joel's Chop House \$\$\$
- Mae Daly's Steakhouse \$\$\$\$ - North Strip – across from Strat
- Piero's – One of the oldest and best Italian Restaurants in Las Vegas – Scenes from movie "Casino" filmed inside
- Battista Hole in the Wall – near the Tuscany
- Best Bargain – strap on a mall cooler with sandwiches

and drinks and take photos as you explore all Las Vegas has to see and offer.

Our History - Traveling Museum

During our next Reunion in Las Vegas, we will be displaying the start of our Museum dedicated to the Men who served in the 1st Battalion 52nd Infantry along with the Men of the 7th Battalion 6th Infantry Regiments.

To the men and women who served overseas during the "Cold War" including their families we want to acknowledge a time that has been forgotten in history by many. We plan on presenting this time thru the lens of the soldiers who served in the 1/52 and 7/6 Infantry Battalions.

We will have displays of actual equipment and other artifacts from our time in Germany during the "Cold War". Also, we will have photo displays of weapons and vehicles during this era. Certain items will even be available to wear including gas mask and web gear. Finally, we will have recorded and written memories of those who were there.

This is an opportunity to share with families your experience as a soldier keeping West Germany safe from Armed Aggression while many American remained Stateside unaware of the many Faceless and Nameless individuals who served in the US Army while upholding its finest traditions.

To all old comrades the faces have names and the reward for our service was being able to return home, we still remember. Though our paths went different ways, some to start families and careers, others chose to stay in the Army, go to College, or get straight into the work force, and others may have had more difficult challenges we always be Brothers.

We'll see you in Las Vegas.

If you have an item you would like to display or have a question contact

Bill Burt at lmjwrb@msn.com

Or

Bob Dominici at rldomenici@gmail.com

If you have a memory you wish to share contact Robert Pruitt at robdarrylpruitt@yahoo.com

Annual Donations – End of Mission – Goal Exceeded!

Thank you to our membership for again responding to the call and helping us exceed our goal for our annual fundraising campaign.

We raised \$4,179 through the donations by 43 people, six of whom were first time givers. Thanks for your tremendous response!

We use these funds to support our charitable and educational work, and to support our reunion this year. You can read more about our work in our annual report which is on our website and on Facebook.

Contact Mike Streff at 703-599-3723, or streff79@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Annual Membership Donations

As of April 7, 2025



Veterans of the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry Regiment,
And its successor 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment
Stationed in Bamberg, Germany, 1972 to 1990

Mortar Grenades: How Two Medals of Honor Altered “Saving Private Ryan”

<https://www.thearmorylife.com/mortar-grenades-saving-private-ryan/>

Zak shared this article with me, and I found this interesting. I will admit I always wanted to know if the below scene from “Saving Private Ryan” was factual.

March 18th, 2025

By Capt. Dale Dye, USMC (Ret)

“That’s bovine excrement!” He was British and very polite. He was also wrong.

“Nope. Turns out during the war some G.I.s actually did use 60-millimeter mortar rounds as field expedient grenades.” The assistant armorer on *Saving Private Ryan* just squinted at me and shook his head.

“And that’s why,” I continued, “We are gonna need about a dozen dummy 60 mike-mike rounds scattered around this part of the set.”

I waved my hand across the area of the old Hatfield (UK) aerospace plant where our set designers had created a fictional French village called Ramelle that would play a vital part in the film’s final battle, which we were due to shoot the next week.

As the film's Senior Military Advisor, I had spent most of the previous week designing and diagramming that fight. It was a fairly straightforward David vs. Goliath combat action with a company of Panzer Grenadiers and a section of heavy tanks taking on a handful of U.S. Rangers and paratroopers defending a vital bridge.

Extensive briefings for Steven Spielberg, our director, the principal actors, a clutch of G.I. and German extras, tankers, camera operators and special effects wizards went well. It would be a fairly complex dance with dueling cameras and lots of dizzying action in every set-up.

A few players hit the brakes when I got to the part of the plan where Tom Hanks, as Ranger Captain Miller, and Matt Damon as the paratrooper Private Ryan, lob mortar rounds by hand in a last-ditch effort to defend the bridge. More than one skeptic wanted to know if that was a real thing, or just another Hollywood combat fantasy. We were, after all, in the midst of making a hyper-realistic war film.

As a trained mortarman early in my active duty Marine Corps time, I had heard tales about hand-lobbed mortar rounds in desperate close combat but generally passed them off as motivational sea stories. Later in my military and movie careers, I did some digging and discovered at least two documented instances of hand-tossed mortar rounds used in actions during World War II that resulted in the award of the Medal of Honor to soldiers involved. Reference to those historical events made believers of some doubters in the film business, but left me wondering why so few fans and even aficionados of the war movie genre know about such things.

Myth and Reality

Seems to me this is a handy venue to set some of the record straight about mortar rounds used in combat as field-expedient hand grenades. We should start with weapon designers in the Army Ordnance Corps during WWII who were hearing complaints about the mortar ammo being rushed to the front in Europe or the Pacific.

Much of the explosive and shrapnel effect of mortar fire was lost when the rounds buried themselves deep in mud, dirt or dense vegetation prior to detonating. Easy fix. The designers came up with a more sensitive point-detonating fuse that was designed to make the round explode immediately on impact with just about anything that provided sufficient resistance.

That could be a bit dicey for ham-handed mortar crews under combat pressures, so they built in a two-step safety system. First, crewmen had to physically remove a safety pin/wire from the round prior to dropping it down the tube.

Then, the fusing mechanism required an impact or set-back to cock and arm the detonator. In normal firing procedures, that arming step was provided by the impulse of propellant exploding to launch the round from the tube. Those are the basic mechanics.

Worth the Risk

Innovative G.I.s promptly realized, should push come to shove in combat, those mechanics could be duplicated by removing the fuse arming safety pin and striking the base of the round briskly on a hard surface such as wood, concrete or a nearby rock. That would simulate the impulse of actually launching the round from a mortar tube.

Now, they were holding onto what amounted to an armed grenade. Toss something like that and it would detonate against the first firm surface it encountered. It was not a recommended or common procedure, but G.I.s kept it in mind as something they could employ in a pinch.

Corporal Charles E. Kelly found himself in just such a pinch during bloody fighting around Altavilla, during Allied efforts to push the Nazis out of Italy's boot-heel in September 1943.

Kelly was advancing with the 3rd Battalion, 143rd Infantry of the 36th Infantry Division when his unit was stymied by a stiff German counterattack. The Pittsburgh native had already proved himself an outstanding soldier in helping to knock out several enemy machine gun positions and carrying vital reconnaissance information through a storm of enemy fire.

The situation turned desperate when he found himself out on a dangerous limb with just a handful of survivors holding a vital storehouse position on the battalion's flank. He'd fired his way through a ton of ammo for two BARs, when both weapons overheated and locked up tight.

Cpl. Charles E. Kelly, above, defended his battalion's flank with a pair of M1918 Browning Automatic Rifles and 60mm mortar rounds that he used as hand grenades. Image: NARA

There's a lot more to his heroics as described in Kelly's Medal of Honor citation, but here's the salient passage for our purposes. "At this critical point, with the enemy threatening to overrun the position, Cpl. Kelly picked up 60mm mortar shells, pulled the safety pins, and used the shells as grenades, killing at least five of the enemy." Corporal Kelly knew the 60mm mortar ammo drill and used it effectively.

As did Tech Sergeant Beaufort T. Anderson, fighting on the other side of the world two years later. Anderson was a Weapons Platoon NCO with 381st Infantry of the 96th Infantry Division fighting on Okinawa. At dawn of a morning in April 1945, Anderson's small unit of fire-support soldiers was hit by a ferocious Japanese attack. He ordered his men to cover and faced the onslaught alone armed only with a carbine. When it looked like a lost cause, Anderson innovated. Here's how his Medal of Honor citation describes what happened next.

"Securing a box of mortar shells, he extracted the safety pins, banged the bases upon a rock to arm them and proceeded alternately to hurl shells and fire his piece among the fanatical foe, finally forcing them to withdraw."

No question his innovation with hand-hurled mortar rounds was effective. Here's more from the citation. "TSgt. Anderson's intrepid conduct in the face of overwhelming odds accounted for 25 enemy killed and several machine guns and knee mortars destroyed, thus singlehandedly removing a serious threat to the company's flank."

During the fictitious Battle at Ramelle, actors portraying U.S. Army Rangers and 101st Airborne paratroopers used mortar rounds as hand grenades

The chronicles of those two courageous men have stifled more than one argument about the use of mortar rounds as field expedient hand grenades, but there's a deeper message beyond the technical details. Americans serving in military uniform — soldiers, sailors, Marines or airmen — have a knack for innovation. There have been myriad examples throughout the nation's military history. And often it's been this flair for try it on the fly and make it work against avowed purpose that has resulted in victories over long odds.

Closing Thoughts

Just to complete the picture for my two heroes, here's what eventually happened to them. Kelly was discharged after the war as a Tech Sergeant and returned to Pittsburgh. He spent most of his life in and out of a series of menial jobs and dodging financial problems. His health declined and he developed problems with alcohol as did so many WWII veterans. In late 1984, Kelly was admitted to Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh, suffering from kidney and liver failure. He died on 11 January at 64.

Beaufort Anderson fared a bit better in post-war life. He stayed with the U.S. Army Reserve for 10 years, during which he reached the rank of second lieutenant. He was eventually discharged in 1952 and returned to his native Wisconsin. Ultimately he moved to California where he served in political offices and ran a cattle ranch. He died in Salinas, California in 1996 at 74,

They're gone and the world is poorer for the loss. Still, they live on for me. I'll never watch the final scenes of *Saving Private Ryan* without thinking of Corporal Kelly and Tech Sergeant Anderson.

Medal of Honor

Beauford T. Anderson

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/beauford-t-anderson>



Rank: Technical Sergeant (Highest Rank: First Lieutenant)

Conflict/Era: World War II

Unit/Command:

**Weapons Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 381st Infantry,
96th Infantry Division**

Military Service Branch: U.S. Army

Medal of Honor Action Date: April 13, 1945

Medal of Honor Action Place: Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands

He displayed conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. When a powerfully conducted predawn Japanese counterattack struck his unit's flank, he ordered his men to take cover in an old tomb, and then, armed only with a carbine, faced the onslaught alone. After emptying one magazine at point-blank range into the screaming attackers, he seized an enemy mortar dud and threw it back among the charging Japs, killing several as it burst. Securing a box of mortar shells, he extracted the safety pins, banged the bases upon a rock to arm them and proceeded alternately to hurl shells and fire his piece among the fanatical foe, finally forcing them to withdraw. Despite the protests of his comrades, and bleeding profusely from a severe shrapnel wound, he made his way to his company commander to report the action. TSgt. Anderson's intrepid conduct in the face of overwhelming odds accounted for 25 enemy killed and several machine guns and knee mortars destroyed, thus singlehandedly removing a serious threat to the company's flank.

Additional Information:

Accredited to: Soldiers Grove, Crawford County, Wisconsin

Awarded Posthumously: No

Presentation Date & Details: June 14, 1946

The White House, Presented by Pres. Harry S. Truman

Born: July 6, 1922, Eagle, Waukesha County, WI, United States

Died: November 7, 1996, Salinas, CA, United States

Buried: Arlington National Cemetery (MH) (44-292); remains moved from Mission Memorial Park, Seaside, California, Arlington, VA, United States

Location of Medal: Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Madison, WI

Merchandise for Sale:

Unit Crest Hats, Coins, and Coasters for Sale



Hats \$20
Coins \$10
Coasters \$12.50



You can pay for them in several ways.

How to Pay

Check, payable to "Veteran of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments, Inc". Mail to Mike Streff 25 South Point Lane, Moneta, Virginia 24121 PayPal <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/support-our-cause> You can pay using credit card through PayPal or use PayPal to pay. Use "Support our Cause" button – and specify what items you are purchasing. All proceeds go into our general fund.

VENMO. @Michael-Streff-1
Zelle – Use phone number 703-599-3723

Purchase your 52nd and 6th Infantry Gear



Bill Burt has information on the purchase of 52nd and 6th Infantry logo clothing and hats.

Go to the web site: <https://the52and6infantry.qbstores.com/home> or a link is posted on the groups website: <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/>

VA Information and Helpful Phone Numbers

Find a VA location

Main VA phone numbers

MyVA411 main information line

[800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411)

Hours: 24/7

Telecommunications Relay Services (using TTY)

[711](tel:711)

Hours: 24/7

VA health care

VA health benefits hotline

[877-222-8387](tel:877-222-8387)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET

My HealtheVet help desk

[877-327-0022](tel:877-327-0022)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET

Civilian Health and Medical Program of the
Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)

[800-733-8387](tel:800-733-8387)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:05 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET

CHAMPVA Meds by Mail

[888-385-0235](tel:888-385-0235)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. MT

[866-229-7389](tel:866-229-7389)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET

Foreign Medical Program (FMP)

[877-345-8179](tel:877-345-8179)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:05 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. ET

Quit VET (get help from a counselor to stop
smoking)

[855-784-8838](tel:855-784-8838)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

MISSION Act

[800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411), Select 1

Hours: 24/7

Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program

[888-820-1756](tel:888-820-1756)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

Caregiver support line

[855-260-3274](tel:855-260-3274)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET, and

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

VA benefits

VA benefits hotline

[800-827-1000](tel:800-827-1000)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

GI Bill hotline

[888-442-4551](tel:888-442-4551)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

Students outside the U.S.

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[+1-918-781-5678](tel:+19187815678) This isn't toll-free.
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

VA loan guaranty service
[877-827-3702](tel:877-827-3702)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET.

National pension call center
[877-294-6380](tel:877-294-6380)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET
Support for SGLI or VGLI
[800-419-1473](tel:800-419-1473)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

All other VA life insurance programs
[800-669-8477](tel:800-669-8477)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET

Special issue hotline (Blue Water Navy Act, Gulf War, Agent Orange, and other information)
[800-749-8387](tel:800-749-8387)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

Burials and memorials

National Cemetery Scheduling Office
[800-535-1117](tel:800-535-1117)
Hours: Every day, 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET
Headstones and markers

Websites and Contact Info.

We have 3 websites. Our main website for distribution of information is <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/>. This is also the one that you can register for the reunion on. Also we are on Facebook, search the groups for 1st Battalion 52nd Infantry Bamberg Germany. The Facebook group is a public group. The other site is on the Ning network at <http://deltacompany-52nd-inf.ning.com/>, which is a private site where you need to have served in 1-52 to be able to enter. Please answer the question when requesting to enter these groups. My contact information is either by phone at 507-696-8429 or Email at Bill.Burt@152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org. You can also contact us through our main website <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/>.

[800-697-6947](tel:800-697-6947)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
Other VA support
Women Veterans hotline
[855-829-6636](tel:855-829-6636)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET, and
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET

eBenefits technical support
[800-983-0937](tel:800-983-0937)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET

Debt Management Center (collection of nonmedical debts)
[800-827-0648](tel:800-827-0648)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

Vets Center call center
[877-927-8387](tel:877-927-8387)
Hours: 24/7

White House VA hotline
[855-948-2311](tel:855-948-2311)
Hours: 24/7

Veterans Crisis Line
[800-273-8255](tel:800-273-8255), Select 1
Hours: 24/7