



# READY RIFLES and the Regulars "SITREP"

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



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## 2025 Reunion Official Announcement

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

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



**Plan Your Travel**

**Reserve Your Room**

**Tell a Buddy**

The Veterans of the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg are pleased to announce our 2025 reunion.

We will gather in Las Vegas Monday to Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Our reunion hotel is the Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E. Flamingo Road. They are offering \$79 a night room rate (plus tax) for the four nights without additional resort, parking, or internet fees.

In this document, we provide the information that we have now – a year in advance of the reunion. We will continue to update this information as our plan develops.

You should do the following things now:

- Plan your trip to Las Vegas

- Reserve your room
- Call a buddy and ask him to join you in Las Vegas.

## Travel to Las Vegas

### Air Travel –

- Las Vegas has outstanding regular air service from many US cities to Harry Reid International Airport (LAS).
- We selected our reunion dates (Monday to Friday, vs our traditional Wednesday to Friday 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.

### Car Travel –

- If you drive, the reunion hotel offers free parking.

## Reunion Hotel

### Hotel Information

- We will gather in Las Vegas Monday to Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.
- Our reunion hotel is the Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E. Flamingo Road.
- They are offering a \$79 a night room rate (plus tax) for the four nights without additional resort, internet, or parking fees.
- The Clark County room tax is currently 13.38% - subject to change.
- 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 28<sup>th</sup> - \$79 a night
  - Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$195 a night
  - Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - \$195 a night

### Hotel Features

- We conducted our first reunion in 2010 in Las Vegas and we are pleased to return to the Tuscany Suites hotel, which we recently visited for a reunion recon.
- Our hotel rooms will be a 650 square-foot room, with a sofa, and eating area.
- Great location, two blocks from ground zero of the strip - Bellagio, Caesars Palace, Flamingo, and Horseshoe Casino, the High Roller observation wheel, and the Sphere.
- In hotel casino, pool, and great places to eat.
- And we will have a traditional hospitality suite where you can gather with your friends.

Hotel Sign Ups – You can sign up for your hotel room now.

- 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**

## Tentative Reunion Schedule

This is all still tentative, but here is a first good shot of our reunion schedule.

Costs of events are also estimates for now.

### Monday

12 Noon – 10 PM – Hospitality Suite Open – Check in – Rotating Exhibits

12 Noon - 5 PM – Individual Touring – Recommended - Big Bus Tour

5 PM – Happy Hour – Hospitality Suite

6 PM – Dinner on Your Own – Recommendation – Yard House

### Tuesday

8 AM - 10 PM – Hospitality Suite Open – Check in – Rotating Exhibits

8 AM – Breakfast Marilyns Café in Hotel or Donuts in Hospitality Suite

10 AM - 3 PM – Walking Tour – Las Vegas Strip / Lunch on Your Own

4 - 5 PM – Annual Meeting – Hotel

5 - 7 PM – President Reception – Hotel Ballroom – Cost \$35 pp  
7 PM – Dinner on Your Own – Recommendation Pub 365 in Hotel

### **Wednesday**

9 AM -12 Noon – Hotel Ballroom

Continental Breakfast - \$25 pp

Memorial Service

Battalion Exhibits and Videos

1 - 4 PM – Lunch – Hofbräuhaus - \$50 pp

4 - 10 PM – Hospitality Suite Open – Check in – Rotating Exhibits

5 PM – Happy Hour – Hospitality Suite

6 PM – Dinner on Your Own – Recommendation – Firefly Tapas Kitchen and Bar

### **Thursday**

8 AM - 6 PM – Hospitality Suite Open – Check in – Rotating Exhibits

8 AM – Breakfast Marilyns Café in Hotel or Donuts in Hospitality Suite

10 AM – Group Photo – Fountain at Bellagio Casino

10 AM - 3 PM – Walking Tour – Old Las Vegas / Lunch on Your Own

6 PM – Reception – Hotel Ballroom

7 PM – Banquet – Hotel Ballroom \$65 pp

### **Friday**

8 AM - 12 Noon – Hospitality Suite Open – Farewells

8 AM – Breakfast Marilyns Café in Hotel or Donuts in Hospitality Suite

### **Other Reunion Features**

- The reunion committee is already working hard to make this a memorable gathering, collecting memorabilia, pictures, and videos they will display at the reunion.
- Over the next year, using the reunion as motivation, our reunion committee wants to capture a more detailed history of the battalion during our time in Bamberg, focused on what it meant to be a soldier in 1-52 / 7-6 Infantry during the cold war.
- And then you want to be able to display that history at the reunion in a manner that brings that experience alive for both those who attend the reunion and for those who cannot.
- This is a yearlong project, and the reunion committee wants to involve many of you in gathering this history.

### **Reunion Costs**

- We are working to keep the costs of the reunion reasonable for maximum participation.
- Las Vegas is more expensive on the weekends, both for hotels and flights in and out. That is what we have chosen a Monday to Friday reunion vs our traditional Wednesday to Friday.
- We have a \$79 a night room rate (plus tax), which is \$20 cheaper than our previous cheapest room rate.
- Roundtrip airfare from many cities is currently \$200-300 for during the week travel to Las Vegas.
- We are working to keep the cost of dinners and receptions reasonable and offset costs of drinks and the Hofbräuhaus through our fundraising efforts.

### **More to Follow**

- Save the dates.
- Sign up for your hotel room and make your travel plans now.
- Event sign ups will come after the first of the year.
- More information to follow – including a complete reunion guide.
- If questions, contact Mike Streff, Bill Burt, or Robert Pruitt.

## Family Members Who Have Passed

### Cynthia Elaine Shumate

[https://www.dignitymemorial.com/fr-ca/obituaries/bartlett-tn/cynthia-shumate-12024072?fbclid=IwY2xjawGDxWJleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHRoeTzby5M1NWfuC9Wj7UVhg-uFdBLW57NCohcE1NfmKZG6N1\\_gP9UzDPA\\_aem\\_r0aKRx3Unyv5B4Y6qQJMLw](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/fr-ca/obituaries/bartlett-tn/cynthia-shumate-12024072?fbclid=IwY2xjawGDxWJleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHRoeTzby5M1NWfuC9Wj7UVhg-uFdBLW57NCohcE1NfmKZG6N1_gP9UzDPA_aem_r0aKRx3Unyv5B4Y6qQJMLw)



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cynthia Shumate, 63, of Collierville Tennessee. Cynthia passed away on 9 October 2024 after a long battle with infections from surgeries.

Cynthia was born on 23 August 1961 to Eugene and Rebecca James in Memphis, Tennessee. After Cynthia graduated from Elliston Academy in 1979 she started her first job at Holiday Inn River Mount as a night audit clerk.

In 1988, Cynthia met Jeffrey Shumate in Memphis and later married in June 1990. Cynthia and Jeffrey went on to have 3 children: May, Patrick and Zachary.

In 2017, Cynthia retired from the Collierville Town Hall and spent her time at home with her dogs and cats. She passed the time traveling and helping Jeffrey with home decorating and remodeling.

Cynthia was preceded by her Father-in-law, Jesse Shumate and her Mother-in-law, Wilma Shumate.

Cynthia is survived by father Eugene James, mother Rebecca James, husband Jeffrey Shumate, brother Daniel James, sister Renae Howell, sons Patrick and Zachary, and daughter May. She is survived by several loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

## 1-52 Infantry Guidons Have Arrived!



With the support of many of you, the 1-52 Infantry guidons have been delivered!!

As you might recall, we conducted a special fundraising drive late summer to purchase guidons for each of the 1-52<sup>nd</sup> companies. Seven total companies - HHC, A, B, C, D, E and CSC. <sup>1</sup>

We raised over \$1,500 to purchase these guidons. They are the standard size and colors of the guidons we all served with, purchased from a commercial vendor who produces these types of flags.

We purchased these guidons as part of our efforts to collect memorabilia from our time with the battalion. Previously we have obtained or purchased the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry regimental colors, and other various pictures, glassware, hats etc. with battalion crests on them.

We will display these at gatherings of our veterans such as our reunions.

If you are interested in purchasing a guidon for yourself, I have included the name of the supplier below along with the order information. We did not get any special pricing for either a bulk order or veteran discount from them, nor are we getting any kickback from the sale of them. And they are a little pricy. Let me know if you have any questions about the order.

Mike Streff

Flags Unlimited

[www.usflags.com](http://www.usflags.com)

421 Hobbs Street

Tampa, FL 33619

(800) 989-3524 or (813) 684-1782

(813) 654-4272 Fax

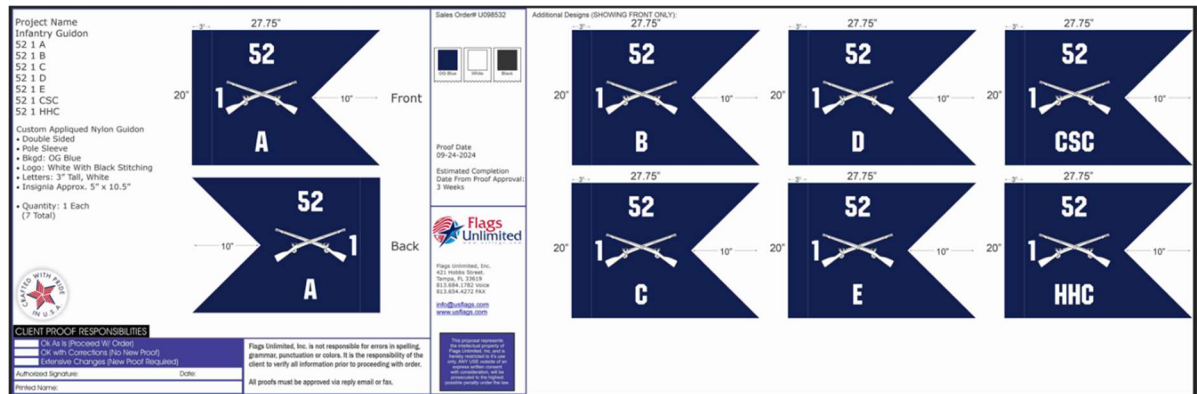
Mon-Fri 9 AM-4:30 PM

Reference Sales Order U098532

I dealt with Helen - [Helen@usflags.com](mailto:Helen@usflags.com)

For those of you who are interested in this sort of thing, 1-52 Infantry was organized under two separate types of infantry battalion organizations during our time in

Bamberg. One was called ROAD for Reorganization Objective Army Divisions, included HHC, A, B, C and Combat Support Company (CSC). Then after the mid-1980s we reorganized under the Army of Excellence – Division 86 concept which included HHC, A, B, C, D, and E companies. We will purchase 1-52 Infantry guidons for the combination of the two – HHC, A, B, C, D, E and CSC – seven in total.



## October Dates of Interest

<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/October.htm>

**October 1, 1908** - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

**October 3, 1863** - President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

**October 3, 1990** - After 45 years of Cold War division, East and West Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.

October 4

**October 6, 1949** - "Tokyo Rose" (Iva Toguri d'Aquino) was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years imprisonment and fined \$10,000 for treason. She had broadcast music and Japanese propaganda to American troops in the Pacific during World War II. She was pardoned by President Gerald Ford in 1977.

**October 7, 1765** - The Stamp Act Congress convened in New York City with representatives from nine colonies meeting in protest to the British Stamp Act which imposed the first direct tax by the British Crown upon the American colonies.

**October 8, 1871** - The Great Fire of Chicago erupted. According to legend, it started when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in her barn on DeKoven Street. Over 300 persons were killed and 90,000 were left homeless as the fire leveled 3.5 square miles, destroying 17,450 buildings. Financial losses totaled over \$200 million.

**October 8, 1918** - During World War I in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

**October 12, 1492** - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.'

**October 13, 1775** - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

**October 13, 1792** - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington. The building, located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, is three stories tall with over 100 rooms, and was designed by James Hoban. In November of 1800, President John Adams and his family moved in. The building was first known as the "Presidential Palace," but acquired the name "White House" about 10 years after its completion. It was burned by British troops in 1814, then reconstructed, refurbished and reoccupied in 1817.

**October 13, 1884** - Greenwich was established as the universal time from which standard times throughout the world are calculated.

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**October 14, 1912** - Former President Theodore Roosevelt was shot by a fanatic while campaigning in Milwaukee. Roosevelt was saved by his thick overcoat, a glasses case and a folded speech in his breast pocket, all of which slowed the bullet. Although wounded, he insisted on making the speech with the bullet lodged in his chest and did not go to the hospital until the meeting ended. Roosevelt, a rugged outdoorsman, fully recovered in two weeks.

**October 14, 1947** - U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier, flying in a rocket-powered research aircraft.

**October 16, 1859** - Fanatical abolitionist John Brown seized the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry with about 20 followers. Three days later, Brown was captured, and the insurrection was put down by U.S. Marines under the command of Col. Robert E. Lee. Brown was convicted by the Commonwealth of Virginia of treason, murder, and inciting slaves to rebellion, and was hanged on December 2, 1859.

**October 17, 1777** - During the American Revolutionary War, British General John Burgoyne and his entire army of 5,700 men surrendered to American General Horatio Gates after the Battle of Saratoga, the first big American victory.

**October 17-25, 1944** - The Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history, took place off the Philippine Islands, during World War II in the Pacific. The battle involved 216 U.S. warships and 64 Japanese ships and resulted in the destruction of the Japanese Navy including the Japanese Battleship *Musashi*, one of the largest ever built.

**October 19, 1960** - The U.S. embargo of Cuba began as the State Department prohibited shipment of all goods except medicine and food.

**October 20, 1818** - The U.S. and Britain agreed to set the U.S.- Canadian border at the 49th parallel. at Yanan, in northwest China, almost a year after fleeing Chiang Kai-shek's armies in the south.

**October 20, 1944** - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."

**October 21, 1879** - Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, keeping it lit for over 13 hours.

**October 21, 1915** - The first transatlantic radio voice message was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from Virginia to Paris.

**October 21, 1944** - During World War II in Europe, American troops captured Aachen in western Germany after a week of hard fighting. It was the first large German city taken by the Allies.

**October 22, 1962** - President John F. Kennedy appeared on television to inform Americans of the existence of Russian missiles in Cuba. The President demanded their removal and announced a naval "quarantine" of Cuba. Six days later, the Russians announced they would remove the weapons. In return, the U.S. later removed missiles from Turkey.

**October 23, 1983** - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, exploding it and killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

**October 24, 1861** - The first transcontinental telegram in America was sent from San Francisco to Washington, addressed to President Abraham Lincoln from the Chief Justice of California.

**October 25-30, 1983** - The Caribbean Island of Grenada was invaded by the U.S. to restore "order and democracy." Over 2,000 Marines and Army Rangers seized control after a political coup the previous week had made the island a "Soviet-Cuban colony," according to President Ronald Reagan.

**October 26, 1881** - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families. Wyatt Earp, two of his brothers and "Doc" Holliday gunned down two Clantons and two others.

**October 26, 1825** - The Erie Canal opened as the first major man-made waterway in America, linking Lake Erie with the Hudson River, bypassing the British-controlled lower St. Lawrence. The canal cost over \$7 million and took eight years to complete.

**October 27, 1787** - The first of 85 Federalist Papers appeared in print in a New York City newspaper. The essays argued for the adoption of the new U.S. Constitution. They were written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay.



**October 28, 1636** - Harvard University, the oldest institution of higher learning in America, was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was named after John Harvard, a Puritan who donated his library and half of his estate. Distinguished alumni include Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Henry James, and NAACP founder W.E.B. Du Bois.

**October 28, 1886** - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French American alliance during the American Revolutionary War. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the entire structure stands 300 feet (92.9 meters) tall. The pedestal contains the words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

**October 28, 1962** - The Cuban Missile Crisis ended with the announcement by Soviet Russia's leader Nikita Khrushchev that his Soviet government was halting construction of missile bases in Cuba and would remove the offensive missiles. President Kennedy immediately accepted the offer then lifted the U.S. naval blockade of Cuba.

**October 31, 1941** - Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. The memorial contains 60-foot-tall sculptures of the heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt - representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion and conservation.

**October 31, 1952** - The U.S. detonated its first hydrogen bomb at the Elugelab Atoll in the Eniwetok Proving Grounds in the Pacific Marshall Islands.

**October 31, 1968** - During the Vietnam War, President Lyndon Johnson ordered a halt of American bombing of North Vietnam.

## Medal of Honor

### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT ARTHUR FREDERICK DEFRANZO

<https://www.cmoahs.org/recipients/arthur-f-defranzo>



**Rank: Staff Sergeant**

**Conflict/Era: World War II**

**Unit: 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division**

**Military Service Branch: U.S. Army**

**Medal of Honor Action Date: 10 June, 1944**

**Medal of Honor Action Place: Near Vaubadon, France**

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on 10 June 1944, near Vaubadon, France. As scouts were advancing across an open field, the enemy suddenly opened fire with several machine guns and hit one of the men. SSgt. DeFranzo courageously moved out in the open to the aid of the wounded scout and was himself wounded but brought the man to safety. Refusing aid, SSgt. DeFranzo reentered the open field and led the advance upon the enemy. There were always at least two machine-guns bringing unrelenting fire upon him, but SSgt. DeFranzo kept going forward, firing into the enemy and one by one the enemy emplacements became silent. While advancing he was again wounded, but continued on until he was within 100 yards of the enemy position and even as he fell, he kept firing his rifle and waving his men forward. When his company came up behind him, SSgt. DeFranzo, despite his many severe wounds, suddenly raised himself and once more moved forward in the lead of his men until he was again hit by enemy fire. In a final gesture of indomitable courage, he threw several grenades at the enemy machine-gun position and completely destroyed the gun. In this action SSgt. DeFranzo lost his life, but by bearing the brunt of the enemy fire in leading the attack, he prevented a delay in the assault which would have been of considerable benefit to the foe, and he made possible his company's advance with a minimum of casualties. The extraordinary heroism and magnificent devotion to duty displayed by SSgt. DeFranzo was a great inspiration to all about him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

## VA News – Delirium

[https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/DiseasesConditions/AgingVeterans/142,41417\\_VA\\_Delirium?](https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/DiseasesConditions/AgingVeterans/142,41417_VA_Delirium?)

Delirium is a sudden change in a person's mental state that varies over short periods of time. It can cause a person to have a hard time paying attention or have a conversation. Their thinking and speech may not make sense and be random. A person's mental state may change from being restless and alert to slow and sleepy. At times, the person can be confused, argue, and see or hear things that you don't.

Delirium is a medical emergency. If it's not diagnosed and treated, it can lead to lasting problems or death. If you think a person has delirium, get medical help right away. If the person is at home, call 911. If they're in the hospital, tell a health care provider right away.

### Who is at risk?

Delirium most often affects older adults. People are also at greater risk if they have existing brain problems, such as a past stroke. Delirium can happen when a person is in an unfamiliar place, such as a hospital. It's common after surgery or during a serious illness. Drug use or withdrawal from drug or alcohol use can cause it. Some medicines can cause it. And toxins and infections can cause it. A disease that affects the kidneys or liver can cause toxins to build up in the body. This can cause delirium. Not enough oxygen due to lung disease can cause it.

In most cases, something triggers the delirium. Often it may be the first sign that a person has dementia. But dementia is a different condition. It's permanent and usually gets worse over months or years.

Delirium can be upsetting for family and friends to see. But steps can be taken to help manage it. These can help ensure your loved one's safety and comfort.

### What are the signs of delirium?

The signs of delirium can come and go over hours or days. A person may:

- Seem sleepy and quiet
- Be confused\*
- Have trouble paying attention and focusing\*
- Not know where they are\*
- See or hear things that others can't see or hear (hallucinations)
- Believe things that aren't known to be true (delusions)
- Think that people want to harm the person (paranoia)
- Have trouble remembering things that just happened\*
- Change the subject too often while talking
- Talk about things that may not make sense\*
- Seem restless and alert
- Become violent\*
- Have less interest in eating\*
- Seem to be depressed and not interested in doing things\*
- Have quick emotional changes such as anxiety or sadness, or strong moods of joy and excitement (euphoria)
- Be unsteady while walking\*
- Have twitching or stiff movement in the arms, legs, or neck\*

\*These symptoms can also happen with dementia and other health problems. Talk with a health care provider if a person has these.



## Merchandise for Sale:

### Unit Crest Hats



over from the 2021 San Antonio Reunion and Washington DC reunion. See the pictures below.

We still have hats from the reunion, for sale. Contact me if you are interested. The cost is \$20.00 We have 6 left, but more can be ordered.

### Coins for Sale



We have a several coins for sale. They are left the 2023

### Coasters for Sale

We also have sets of coasters. A set comes with one 1<sup>st</sup> Armor Division patch and one 52-unit crest. We do have some 6<sup>th</sup> infantry crests on a few if you want one of those instead on a 52-unit crest. The cost is \$12.50 for a pair. More coasters can be ordered.



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 52<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Gear



Bill Burt has information on the purchase of 52<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

[+1-918-781-5678](tel:+1-918-781-5678) 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

[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

## **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](mailto:Bill.Burt@152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org). You can also contact us through our main website <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/>.