



# READY RIFLES and the Regulars "SITREP"

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

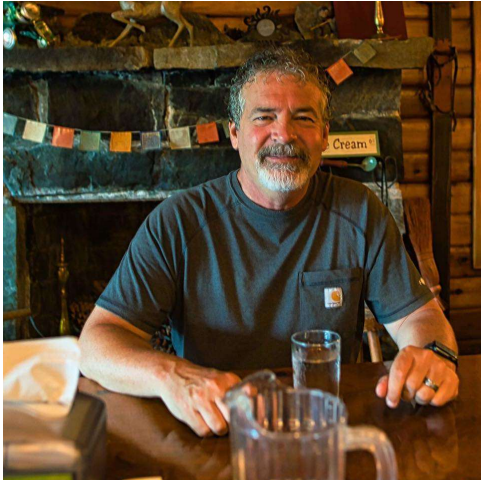


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## Sept. 17, 2022, Annual Meeting was a Success

We would like to thank everyone who participated either by zoom or by sending in a proxy. Please see attached meeting minutes.

## Roll Call – Mike Ferguson



I would like to thank Mike Ferguson for doing a bio for me. It is greatly appreciated.

SFC(R) Michael H. Ferguson

I like to stay humble... but Bill asked if I would post a bio as it's hard to get folks to do it, so here goes. Joined the Army (Infantry) from my native Northern NY in October 1980, first duty



assignment A Co 2/47 INF 9th ID Fort Lewis, WA, PCS'd to Germany June 1982 and assigned to A Co 1/52 INF 1st PLT, was a member of the 1983 BN Rifle Team and 1984 Nijmegen Team, as part of the Nijmegen Team I had to be reassigned to B Co (Kill or Die)1/52 INF 1st PLT. Promoted to SGT in 1985 and PCS'd back to Fort Lewis in June 1985 A Co

3/47 IN 9th ID. Came back to Germany and was assigned to 3/8 INF 8th ID Mainz from 1986-89. Stayed in country and PCS'd back to Bamberg A Co 7/6 INF 1st PLT, promoted to SSG, deployed to Desert Storm, proceeded to Baumholder B Co 3/12 INF 8th ID (reflagged to 1st AD) extended there for another year. PCS'd to Vilseck, Germany C Co 1/6 INF promoted to SFC, moved to D Co 1/6 INF (later reflagged 2/2 INF 1st ID). PCS's to Fort Benning December 1996 assigned to 1/29 INF Bradley Fighting Vehicle Instructional Company. Retired from the Army December 2000. Accepted a position with Raytheon Technical Services Company for Tactical Simulations Support with my assignment at Fort Drum, NY (back in my native Northern NY). Became an Army Civilian Employee (GS) in 2009 and have been Fort Drum's Army Emergency Relief Officer from 2015 to the present. I have 5 grown daughters, married and still love to travel. Plan to retire (a second time) from federal service in 2024. I attended the reunion in Pittsburgh and hope to attend in Washington.



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## 2023 Washington D.C. Reunion

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steven\\_F.\\_Udvar-Hazy\\_Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steven_F._Udvar-Hazy_Center)

Veterans of the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments Stationed Bamberg reunion will be held Wednesday through Sunday, September 13-17, 2023, in Washington DC area.

Our reunion hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel Crystal City-Washington, D.C, which is in Crystal City, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202. We will make an announcement when the hotel is ready to receive your reservations. The basic hotel rate is \$99 a night, with taxes extra

The **Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center**, also called the **Udvar-Hazy Center**, is the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM)'s annex at Washington Dulles International Airport in the Chantilly area of Fairfax County, Virginia, United States. It holds numerous exhibits, including the Space Shuttle *Discovery*, the *Enola Gay*, and the Boeing 367-80, the prototype for the popular Boeing 707 airliner.

The 760,000-square-foot facility was made possible by a \$65 million donation in October 1999 to the Smithsonian Institution by Steven F. Udvar-Házy, an immigrant from Hungary and co-founder of the International Lease Finance Corporation, an aircraft leasing corporation. The main NASM building, located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., had always contained more artifacts than could be displayed, and most of the collection had been stored, unavailable to visitors, at the Paul E. Garber Preservation, Restoration, and Storage Facility in Silver Hill, Maryland. A substantial addition to the center encompassing restoration, conservation and collection-storage facilities was completed in 2010. Restoration facilities and museum archives were moved from the museum's Garber facility to the new sections of the Udvar-Hazy Center. Designed by Hellmuth, Obata, and Kassabaum, who also designed the National Air and Space Museum building, the Center required 15 years of preparation and was built by Hensel Phelps Construction Co. The exhibition areas comprise two large hangars, the 293,707-square-foot Boeing Aviation Hangar and the 53,067-square-foot, James S. McDonnell Space Hangar. The Donald D. Engen Observation Tower provides a view of landing operations at adjacent Washington Dulles International Airport. The museum also contains an IMAX theater. A taxiway connects the museum to the airport.

An expansion of the Udvar-Hazy Center is dedicated to the behind-the-scenes care of the Smithsonian's collection of aircraft, spacecraft, related artifacts and archival materials. On December 2, 2008, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center received a gift of \$6 million for phase two from Airbus Americas Inc. — the largest corporate gift to the Smithsonian Institution in 2008.

The wing includes:

- The Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar — spacious enough to accommodate several aircraft at one time with a second-floor viewing area designed to give visitors a behind-the-scenes look.
- Archives — the foremost collection of documentary records of the history, science and technology of aeronautics and space flight will be housed in a single location for the first time, providing researchers with ample space and equipment.
- The Emil Buehler Conservation Laboratory — provides conservators much-needed space to develop and execute specialized preservation strategies for artifacts.
- Collections processing unit — a dedicated loading dock and specially designed secure area for initial inspection and analysis of artifacts.

A further expansion of the collections center was approved in December 2016. The addition will be made up of three additional storage modules on the south side of the building.



The center was opened on December 15, 2003. The Udvar-Hazy Center displays historic aviation and space artifacts, especially items too large for the National Air and Space Museum's building on the National Mall, including:

- The *Enola Gay*, the Boeing B-29 Superfortress which dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan
- The orbital spacecraft Space Shuttle *Space Shuttle Discovery* was put on public display in the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar on April 19, 2012, replacing the atmospheric test vehicle, *Space Shuttle Enterprise*.<sup>[11]</sup>
- The only surviving Bell XV-15 experimental tiltrotor craft
- The only surviving German Horten H.VI flying wing aircraft
- One of three surviving German Bachem Ba 349 *Natter* rocket-powered interceptors
- One of four surviving Northrop P-61 Black Widow night fighters
- One of two surviving Boeing P-26 Peashooter fighters
- A Japanese balloon bomb like the one that killed six U.S. civilians in Oregon during World War II
- Grumman F-14 Tomcat fighter involved in the Gulf of Sidra incident (1989).
- The primary special-effects miniature of the "Mothership" used in the filming of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*
- A Soviet Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-15 fighter

The center made its first media appearance in the 2009 film *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*. The center remained open while filming took place, although certain areas were closed. The SR-71 that is on display in the museum was used as Jetfire, a Decepticon who switches sides to become an Autobot, in the film. In the film, it is referred to simply as the National Air and Space Museum.

## Scooter in need of a Good Home



Chuck Paulson has approached the Board of Directors with request. Chucks dad passed away earlier this year. His dad had a scooter that Chuck has inherited. Chucks knows his dad would love it if his scooter went to a veteran. He would like to donate it to someone in the group that needs help getting around or has a scooter in need of a lot of repairs. The Board of Directors are willing to cover shipping cost. Please let me, Bill Burt, know if you are in need or have any questions.

## USS Constitution

Taken from: <https://www.military.com/history/4-things-know-pow-mia-recognition-day.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval\\_Act\\_of\\_1794](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval_Act_of_1794)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Constitution)

In August 1785, after the Revolutionary War ended, Congress had sold *Alliance*, the last ship remaining in the Continental Navy due to a lack of funds to maintain the ship or support a navy. From 1785 until 1797, the United States' only armed maritime service was the Revenue Marine, founded in 1790 at the prompting of Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton. In 1785, two American merchant ships had been captured by the Muslim state of Algiers, and then Minister to France Thomas Jefferson began to urge the need for an American naval force to protect their passage through the Mediterranean. Jefferson's recommendations were initially met with indifference. However, Congress in 1786, and the Senate in 1791, discussed various proposals for a naval



force, including estimates of costs for building frigates, but none were acted upon. Only in 1793, when Muslim pirates from Algiers had captured eleven additional merchant ships, was a proposal finally taken seriously.

A bill was presented to the House of Representatives on January 20, 1794, providing for the construction of four ships to carry forty-four guns each, and two ships to carry thirty-six guns each – by purchase or otherwise. The bill also provided pay and sustenance for naval officers, Marine officers, petty officers, sailors, and Marines, and outlined how each ship should be crewed to operate them. Opposition to the bill was strong and a clause was added that should peace be established with Algiers the construction of the ships was to cease.

Piracy had not been a problem when the American colonies were a part of the British Empire; the Royal Navy protected American vessels since they belonged to subjects of the British Crown. After the American Revolutionary War, however, that protection was lost, and many foreign powers found that they could harass American merchant ships with impunity. Indeed, once the French Revolution started, Britain also started interdicting American merchant ships and there was little the fledgling American government could do about it. This was a major philosophical shift for the young Republic, many of whose leaders felt that a Navy would be too expensive to raise and maintain, and would unnecessarily provoke the European powers, in particular Great Britain. In the end, however, it was felt necessary to protect American interests at sea.



In March 1796, as construction of the frigates slowly progressed, a peace accord was announced between the United States and Algiers. In accordance with clause nine of the Naval Act of 1794, a clause that specifically directed that construction of the frigates be discontinued if peace was established, construction on all six ships was halted. After some debate and prompting by President Washington, Congress passed an act on 20 April 1796, allowing the construction and funding to continue only on the three ships nearest to completion: *United States*, *Constellation* and *Constitution*.

By late 1798 however, France began to seize American merchant vessels and the attempt at a diplomatic resolution had resulted in the XYZ Affair, prompting Congress to approve funds for completion of the remaining three frigates: *President*, *Congress* and *Chesapeake*.

**USS *Constitution***, also known as ***Old Ironsides***, is a three-masted wooden-hulled heavy frigate of the United States Navy. She is the world's oldest ship still afloat. She was launched in 1797, one of six original frigates authorized for construction by the Naval Act of 1794 and the third constructed. The name "Constitution" was among ten names submitted to President George Washington by Secretary of War Timothy Pickering in March of 1795 for the frigates that were to be constructed. Joshua Humphreys designed the frigates to be the young Navy's capital ships, and so *Constitution* and her sister ships were larger and more heavily armed and built than standard frigates of the period. She was built at Edmund Hartt's shipyard in the North End of Boston, Massachusetts. Her first duties were to provide protection for American merchant shipping during the Quasi-War with France and to defeat the Barbary pirates in the First Barbary War.

*Constitution* is most noted for her actions during the War of 1812 against the United Kingdom, when she captured numerous merchant ships and defeated five smaller British warships: HMS *Guerriere*, *Java*, *Pictou*, *Cyane*, and *Levant*. The battle with *Guerriere* earned her the nickname "Old Ironsides" and public adoration that has repeatedly saved her from scrapping. She continued to serve as flagship in the Mediterranean and African squadrons, and she circled the world in the 1840s. During the American Civil War, she served as a training ship for the United States Naval Academy. She carried American artwork and industrial displays to the Paris Exposition of 1878.

*Constitution* was retired from active service in 1881 and served as a receiving ship until being designated a museum ship in 1907. In 1934, she completed a three-year, 90-port tour of the nation. She sailed under her own power for her 200th birthday in 1997, and again in August 2012 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of her victory over *Guerriere*.

<b>Name</b>	USS <i>Constitution</i>	<b>Namesake</b>	<a href="#">United States Constitution</a> <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Ordered</b>	1 March 1794	<b>Builder</b>	<a href="#">Edmund Hartt's Shipyard</a>
<b>Cost</b>	\$302,718	<b>Laid down</b>	1 November 1794
<b>Launched</b>	21 October 1797	<b>Maiden voyage</b>	22 July 1798 <sup>[4]</sup>
<b>Renamed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Old Constitution</i> 1917</li> <li>• <i>Constitution</i> 1925</li> </ul>	<b>Reclassified</b>	IX-21, 1941 No classification, 1 September 1975
<b>Homeport</b>	<a href="#">Charlestown Navy Yard</a> <sup>[3]</sup>	<b>Identification</b>	<a href="#">Code letters</a> : NAPJ  
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Old Ironsides</i>	<b>Status</b>	in active service
<b>Notes</b>	First commander: Captain <a href="#">Samuel Nicholson</a>		
<b>General characteristics (as built c. 1797)</b>			
<b>Type</b>	44-gun <i>United States</i> -class frigate	<b>Tonnage</b>	1,576 <sup>[5]</sup>
<b>Displacement</b>	2,200 tons <sup>[5]</sup>	<b>Length</b>	304 ft (93 m) bowsprit to spanker <sup>[6]</sup> 207 ft (63 m) billet head to taffrail <sup>[6]</sup> 175 ft (53 m) at waterline <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Beam</b>	43 ft 6 in (13.26 m)	<b>Height</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• foremast: 198 ft (60 m)</li> <li>• mainmast: 220 ft (67 m)</li> <li>• mizzenmast: 172.5 ft (52.6 m)<sup>[3]</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Draft</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 ft (6.4 m) forward</li> <li>• 23 ft (7.0 m) aft<sup>[5]</sup></li> </ul>	<b>Depth of hold</b>	14 ft 3 in (4.34 m) <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Decks</b>	<a href="#">Orlop</a> , Berth, Gun, Spar	<b>Propulsion</b>	Sail (three masts, ship rig)
<b>Sail plan</b>	• 42,710 sq ft (3,968 m <sup>2</sup> ) on three masts <sup>[3]</sup>	<b>Speed</b>	• 13 knots (24 km/h; 15 mph) <sup>[7]</sup>
<b>Boats &amp; landing craft carried</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 × 36 ft (11 m) longboat</li> <li>• 2 × 30 ft (9.1 m) cutters</li> <li>• 2 × 28 ft (8.5 m) whaleboats</li> <li>• 1 × 28 ft (8.5 m) gig</li> <li>• 1 × 22 ft (6.7 m) jolly boat</li> <li>• 1 × 14 ft (4.3 m) punt<sup>[3]</sup></li> </ul>	<b>Complement</b>	450 including 55 Marines and 30 boys (1797) <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Armament</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 × 24-pounder (11 kg) long gun</li> <li>• 20 × 32-pounder (15 kg) carronade</li> <li>• 2 × 24-pounder (11 kg) bow chasers<sup>[3]</sup></li> </ul>		

*Constitution's* stated mission today is to promote understanding of the Navy's role in war and peace through educational outreach, historical demonstration, and active participation in public events as part of the Naval History & Heritage Command. As she is a fully commissioned Navy ship, her crew of 75 officers and sailors participate in ceremonies, educational programs, and special events while keeping her open to visitors year round and providing free tours. The officers and crew are all active-duty Navy personnel, and the assignment is considered to be special duty. She is usually berthed at Pier 1 of the former Charlestown Navy Yard at one end of Boston's Freedom Trail.

## Succession List

By Zak Kozak

Background: The succession list became a project at the Atlanta reunion when several 70s era Ready Rifles got together and tried to remember who served in what capacity when. We brought what we had to the San Antonio reunion hoping others would weigh in and remember more of the soldiers next to them in

formation, on a vehicle with them, working with them in the motor pool, eating with them in the mess hall, or sharing pup tents or hot bagging sleeping bags.

Mission: Capture the names of as many as possible of the ~15,000 soldiers who served in 1-52 and 76 Inf in Bamberg during the Cold War.

The list is built as a MS Excel spreadsheet, then converted into a pdf file, so everyone can see it but can't change it for version control purposes. Please see attached sample.

How to Read the List: These are tabs/pages identified as the following: BN HQ, HHC, A, B, C, CSC, D, E, Lost Souls. The first column lists duty positions. The first-row lists years. In the grided section you will find the names of the soldiers we can place in a year, unit and position. Below the grided section you will find the names of soldiers on Bill Burt's roster with the year they served but no identification of the positions they held/served. The Lost Souls tab contains names of those soldiers where the only information we have are their names with no position or year.

What We Need:

1. We ask every soldier to look at the list and help us move names from below the grid into the grid. We also hope everyone will remember names we do not have and pass that to Bill Burt, along with whatever other information about their time in Bamberg, or their current contact information you might have.

2. About a third of the names on Bill Burt's roster do not identify the year or unit of service. As a result, we left those names of the succession list entirely. So, if you get a SITREP from Bill but your name isn't on the roster please let him know the years you served and what positions you held in sequence and the year so we can put your name where it belongs.

3. Try to remember two names of fellow soldiers in your squad/section/platoon and if they aren't already on the succession list send ir names to Bill Burt with as much information as you can recall. POC is: Bill Burt <bill.burt@152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org>

4. Look for copies of old promotion orders, assignment orders, training courses, other documents that have your name and that of fellow soldiers. maybe TMP drivers training, gunner qualification, Nijmegen March...etc. Anything you have that documents soldiers in the battalion will be useful

5. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help Bill track down the whereabouts of soldiers we identify.

## **The Purpose of our Nonprofit Organization Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990**

· Expand the battalion succession roster; you can help by adding names and dates to the roster. More information is in this SITREP.

· Locate former members of the battalion and increase the active membership.

· Provide remembrances and memorials for members that have passed.

· Gather information on the history of the battalion during the Cold War years. We are looking for Annual Historical Report(s) for the years 1972 to 1990 (so far, we have the one from 1978), look in your files, you might have a copy, as well as soliciting information on activities (exercises, competitions, trips) that involved members of the battalion during those years.

Funding. Nonprofit Organizations cannot operate without funds; we can all help by soliciting corporate donations, making individual annual donations, and suggesting fund raising opportunities.

September 2023 Reunion. Although the next reunion in the Washington, DC area is 14 months away planning began back in 2021 before the San Antonio reunion had concluded. More information is in this SITREP Annual Meeting. We will hold our annual meeting via Zoom in September 2022. Watch the July and August SITREPs for more on the date and time, as well as information on how to join.

Board Members:

Dennis Barletta - President

Robert Pruitt - Vice President

Mike Steff - Treasurer

Bill Burt - Secretary  
Bob Domenici - Board Member  
Bill Patterson - Board Member  
Zak Kozak - Board Member

## Sleep Well

[https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/HealthyLiving/SleepWell/142,HLM015\\_VA](https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/HealthyLiving/SleepWell/142,HLM015_VA)

Getting high quality sleep is key for good health. Sleeping well is just as important as exercise and eating wisely. If you are already getting quality sleep, you can find tips to help you continue to [Sleep Well](#).

Poor sleep is related to:

- Obesity
- Heart disease and stroke
- Diabetes
- Pain
- Depression, anxiety, and irritability
- Concentration and memory problems
- Accidents and impaired work performance

Want to know more?

One in 3 people have problems sleeping at some point in their lives. There's a big difference between one night of poor sleep and trouble that persists. If your sleep trouble goes on for months, you may have a sleep disorder. Concerned about your sleep? [VA's Sleep Check-up tool](#) can help you understand it.

The two most common sleep disorders are: insomnia disorder and obstructive sleep apnea disorder.

Insomnia symptoms include difficulty with:

- Falling asleep
- Staying asleep
- Waking too early

Obstructive sleep apnea is a sleep disorder caused by blocking of the airway during sleep. Symptoms can include:

- Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Loud snoring
- Observed episodes of stopped breathing during sleep
- Waking up gasping or choking
- Difficulty concentrating during the day

Effective treatments are available for both insomnia and sleep apnea. Talk with your healthcare team to learn about alternatives to sleep medicines, including remote insomnia treatment options.

## Membership Donations

There is no membership fee to belong. We do ask that if you can afford a \$10 annual donation. This goes straight to cover cost of printings and mailings of reunion information, annual cost to register the non-profit group and other organizational cost. Once again this is not a requirement of being a member but would be greatly appreciated.

As of right now the organization has not set up any electronic payment options, we can only accept checks. We are looking into that currently and will update you as I receive more information. If you care to send in a donation, please make checks payable to "**Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments**"

The address to send them to is:

**Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments**  
**25 South Pointe Lane**  
**Moneta, VA 24121**

## Battalion History Information Needed

We are looking for dates (specific or best guess) when companies went to ranges, REFORGERS, PCT training, Miesau guard duty, company trips, field problems, Celebration (Remagen Bridge Anniversaries), 100-mile marches, and anything else that one can remember. Please send anything you can think of nothing is to trivial. The more we collect the more others remember. Please send information to [LMJWRB@msn.com](mailto:LMJWRB@msn.com), reply to the email that the Sitrep came from or send Bill Burt a Facebook message.

## VA Information

### Helpful VA 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 2 websites, one on Facebook, search the groups for 1st Battalion 52nd Infantry Bamberg Germany. The other site is on the Ning network at <http://deltacompany-52nd-inf.ning.com/>. Each site 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 [1.52.cold.war.vets@gmail.com](mailto:1.52.cold.war.vets@gmail.com) or [LMJWRB@msn.com](mailto:LMJWRB@msn.com)

## **SpecOpsNet.org**

SpecOpsNet.org is a NO FEE job list announcing positions primarily in the defense industry. Most, but not all, positions require some form of clearance.

The list began in 1994 as an effort to help military special operators find work at the end of their military careers. Since then, the range of jobs announced has expanded to include positions in intelligence, information technology, logistics, transportation, aviation, medicine, training, program and project management and other work veterans of all services might find valuable. If a veteran conceivably would take the position, we generally launch it.

We keep no records. We do not have a position database. We 'fire and forget' announcements. They are launched FIFO - first in, first out. We use the following general convention for our announcements:

One announcement per message. The message subject is: the position title, the location, and any clearance requirement. For example: Communications Specialist (Afghanistan)(TS/SCI req'd).

The announcement is in the text of the message, not as attachment.

The POC information is clearly stated at either the beginning or end of the announcement.

If you see something of interest, forward a message directly to the POC listed in the message - not to me nor the list. We hire no one. We merely run the list. Delete all messages you don't care to read.

The list is my free-time, volunteer effort and that of my good friend who performs the system administration. We reiterate this is a NO FEE list. We charge no one. We ask for no compensation. Decisions on what gets sent to the list are entirely mine - for better or worse.

Additional list information can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions page at <http://www.specopsnet.org/faq.html>

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Information on how to submit job announcements for posting to the list can be found on the website at [http://www.specopsnet.org/posting\\_jobs.html](http://www.specopsnet.org/posting_jobs.html)

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If you have any questions, comments, or feedback please feel free to send email to [zak@specopsnet.org](mailto:zak@specopsnet.org). I'll attempt to answer it as quickly as I can.

Thank you. May God bless all those who serve and all those who care for them.  
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