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



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2023 Washington D.C. Reunion Latest News

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

We invite you to join us for a reunion in the Crystal City area of our nation’s capital, Wednesday to Sunday, September 13-17, 2023.

The reunion is only one month away, and time is getting short for you to make your plans for the reunion. And there are a couple of time sensitive actions you need to take now for the reunion.

Reserve Your Room

Time has passed for our block of rooms, any rooms not reserved have been released for general sale. Any reservation requests are now based upon availability and at prevailing hotel rates (currently \$215 per night.)

Link for Hotel – The reunion hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel Crystal City-Washington, D.C, which is in Crystal City, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202, 703-416-1600. You can make your hotel reservations now, using the link below. The basic hotel rate is \$215 a night, with taxes and parking extra, for the four nights (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights with check out on Sunday).

https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/select-roomrate?qDest=1480%20Crystal%20Drive,%20Arlington,%20VA,%20US&qCiMy=82023&qCiD=13&qCoMy=82023&qCoD=17&qAdlt=1&qChld=0&qRms=1&qRtP=6CBARC&qIta=99801505&qGrpCd=VET&qSIH=WASNA&qAkamaiCC=US&qSrt=sBR&qBrs=re.ic.in.vn.cp.vx.hi.ex.rs.cv.sb.cw.ma.ul.ki.va.ii.sp.nd.ct.sx.we.lx&qAAR=6CBARC&qWch=0&qSmP=1&setPMCookies=true&qRad=30&qRdU=mi&srb_u=1&qSHBrC=CP&icdv=99801505

Sign Up for Activities Now – but no Later Than September 6

You know the drill – we must give final numbers for dinners and events in advance of the reunion. Just like weddings and conferences you have attended. If we get numbers wrong, we risk losing money for unused meals. (or worse – not having enough food or drink.)

Please make your plans and fill up and return your sign-up sheet as soon as you can, **but no later than September 6**. The sign-up sheet is below.

If you need to wait later to make your payment, that is fine. But please **send in your sign-up sheet as soon as you can** so that we can make our plans.

Return the registration form to Mike Streff by email or mail. streff79@comcast.net or 25 South Pointe Lane, Moneta, Virginia 24121, Phone 703-599-3723

Make Your Payment

You can make your payment either by check or cash, or several convenient payment methods, including:

Check, payable to "**Veteran of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments, Inc**". Mail to Mike Streff

PayPal <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/support-our-cause> You can pay using credit card through PayPal.

VENMO or Zelle – Contact Mike Streff for details.

Annual Meeting –

The annual meeting is during the reunion on Friday, September 15th at 5:00 pm Eastern time in the hotel. All veterans attending the reunion are invited to attend the Annual meeting. For those not attending the reunion, we invite you to join by Zoom, phone or by proxy. See the announcement attached to the SITREP for more information and Zoom instructions.

Join the Lottery

During the reunion, on Thursday, September 14th we will be visiting Arlington National Cemetery. We have been granted permission to do a wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Four lucky members will get to walk the wreath up to the tomb. The rest will be watching from the observation deck. If you have submitted your sign-up sheet by September 1, you will be automatically entered into a lottery to be one of the four people who will lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Thursday.

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>

“Uniform” for Thursday

We encourage you to wear a logo polo shirt, with slacks, khakis, or dress shorts for the visit to Arlington Cemetery on Thursday. Order them now, as the turn around is 2-3 weeks to get them.

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<https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/>



Figure 1 Left Sleeve

“Uniform” for Thursday

After Arlington, we go to the Army Museum in the afternoon for the Plaque dedication. For both of these events we want to show our unity and spirit de corps by standing above the crowd. This is the only event that will have a dress code.

Invite Your “Bamberg Babies” to the Banquet on Saturday

Several of us had children either born while we were stationed in Bamberg, or who lived with us while we were stationed in Bamberg, and who live close to the Washington DC area. We are planning to invite them to the banquet on Saturday. If you have a “Bamberg Baby”, please consider inviting them as your guest to the banquet on Saturday. Include them on your sign-up sheet.

Not Staying at the Hotel?

If you live locally in the National Capital Region, you can attend events on an a la carte basis, without staying in the hotel. We will provide detailed instructions on where and when to meet for certain events. However, given issues with access to Arlington Cemetery, we do recommend everyone ride the bus on Thursday when we visit the cemetery. But do plan on coming to the hotel to the hospitality suite when it is open.

Call a Buddy

Your reunion will be more memorable if your buddies are there with you. It is not too late to pass along the reunion information to a friend.

Other Information

Reunion Booklet – We will publish a reunion booklet after August 20th which will have detailed information about the reunion.

Details for Thursday – The reunion booklet will have additional information on Thursday’s activities – particularly for the visit to Arlington Cemetery and the museum. We continue to recommend that you ride the bus to these events. We will provide information on where and when to link up with us if you do not ride the bus.

Reunion Communications – We are developing a text-based communications system for us to provide information to you during the reunion. More to follow.

Silent Auction – During the reunion banquet, there will be a silent auction. You will be able to bid on items such as a Unit Coaster, Wine, and some memorabilia. More to follow on this in future SITREPS.

Other Information – Information is also available:

52nd Infantry Facebook Page

Web Site: <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/>

Details

Sign Up Sheet – See below.

Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry 2023 Reunion Registration Form

Please register by September 6, 2023. Return the registration form to Mike Streff by email or mail. streff79@comcast.net or 25 South Pointe Lane, Moneta, Virginia 24121, Phone 703-599-3723

Payment options include:

Check, payable to "Veteran of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments, Inc". Mail to Mike Streff

PayPal <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/support-our-cuase> You can pay using credit card through PayPal

VENMO or Zelle – Contact Mike Streff for details.

Your Name _____

Spouse / Guests Names _____

Name on Nametag You _____ Guest _____

Dates in Bamberg _____ 1/52 Inf? ____ 7/6th Inf? ____ Both? ____

Address Street _____

City / State / Zip _____

Contact # Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Special Dietary Requirement? _____

Events to Attend (please check which events you will attend and number attending)

Registration Fee*	Number Attending _____	\$15 per person.
Bus on Thursday	Number Attending _____	\$40 per person.
Box Lunch at Thursday	Number Attending _____	\$20 per person.
Ticket for Museum	Number Attending _____	No Cost – but ticket required.
Lunch German Restaurant	Number Attending _____	\$30 per person.
Reception Friday Night	Number Attending _____	\$20 per person.
Reception / Dinner Saturday	Number Attending _____	\$60 per person.
Additional donation to help pay for drinks	_____	
Total Included	_____	

Reunion Schedule

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

6 PM – Pre-reunion dinner – McCormick and Schmicks – Crystal City

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

12 noon to 11 PM – Hospitality suite opens / Registration.

2 PM – Recommended tour – DC Hop on Hop off bus

6 PM – Recommended dinner location – Ted’s Montana Grill

Thursday, September 14, 2023

8 AM – Breakfast at hotel / Donuts in hospitality suite

9 AM – Depart by bus

Tour Arlington National Cemetery

11 AM – View changing of the guard, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

11:15 AM – Wreath Laying – at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

12 noon - Travel by bus to National Museum of the United States Army

1 PM – Box lunch at museum

2 PM - Unit Tribute Plaque dedication at the museum

2 -4 PM - Tour Museum

4 PM – Buses return to hotel.

4 – 11 PM – Hospitality suite reopens / Registration.

6 PM – Recommended dinner location – Buffalo Wild Wings

Friday, September 15, 2023

8 AM – Breakfast at hotel / Donuts in hospitality suite

9 AM – 12 noon – Individual touring – recommendation – Old Town Alexandria

12 noon - Travel by Uber or Metro to Alexandria / Village Brauhaus

1 – 3 PM Lunch at German restaurant – Village Brauhaus,

710 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 888-1951

Crystal City Metro Station to King Street Metro Station

3 – 11 PM – Hospitality suite reopens / Registration.

5 PM – Annual Meeting (in hotel)

5:30 PM – President’s Reception (in hotel)

7 PM – Recommended dinner location – are you are still hungry?

Saturday, September 16, 2023

8 AM – Breakfast at hotel / Donuts in hospitality suite

8 AM – 11 PM – Hospitality suite reopens / Registration.

10 AM to 4 PM –Touring on your own.

5 PM – Reception (in hotel)

6:30 PM – Banquet (in hotel)

Sunday, September 17, 2023

8 AM – Hospitality suite reopens

Farewells

12 Noon – Hospitality suite closes / End of mission

Friday, September 15, 2023, Annual Meeting

*Notice of
A Meeting of the Members of the
Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments
Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc
A Virginia Nonstock Corporation*

To: All former soldiers and civilian employees of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 5 PM eastern daylight time during our 2023 reunion. The meeting is in the Arlington Ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel Crystal City-Washington, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

You may participate in this meeting in one of four ways:

- By attending in person at the hotel
- By electron media (Zoom meeting – see attached information for details)
- By phone (see attached information for details)
- By proxy (see attached proxy statement)¹

The agenda for the meeting is:

- Review activities during the past year.
- Review the financials for the corporation.
- Review plans for the coming year.
- Review plans for upcoming reunions.
- Conduct election of members of the board of directors.

If you have issues you would like addressed at the corporate meeting, or questions you would like answered please provide them to the undersigned by COB on September 14, 2023.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact the undersigned at lmjwrb@msn.com.

Date of Notice – August 15, 2023

William Burt
Secretary

¹ With a proxy, you appoint someone to represent you at the meeting if you cannot attend. They represent you and vote for you at the meeting. They help us achieve the quorum of members we need to conduct business.

Zoom Meeting Details

Meeting times

5 PM Eastern Daylight Time
4 PM Central Daylight Time
3 PM Mountain Daylight Time
2 PM Pacific Daylight Time
11 AM Hawaiian

Michael Streff is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Stationed in Bamberg Annual Meeting

Time: Sep 15, 2023 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82614344759?pwd=YlZXdk9JdnVnTlRDejdRTngxMlFRQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 1434 4759

Passcode: 830106

Phone in Details - To dial in to the meeting – phone call only:

Dial by your location

- +1 305 224 1968 US
- +1 309 205 3325 US
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 646 931 3860 US
- +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 719 359 4580 US
- +1 253 205 0468 US
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 360 209 5623 US
- +1 386 347 5053 US
- +1 507 473 4847 US
- +1 564 217 2000 US
- +1 669 444 9171 US
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 689 278 1000 US

Meeting ID: 826 1434 4759

Passcode: 830106

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k4bE7rRsj>

**Proxy Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors
For the 2022 Annual Meeting of
Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments
Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc**

The undersigned hereby appoints Lamar C. Crosby proxy to vote as designated below at the Annual Meeting of Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc, on September 15, 2023, with all powers that the undersigned would possess if personally present.

The nominating committee has nominated the following individuals as directors of the corporation, for the terms listed. There are two board positions up for election.

The incumbents were elected at the 2021 annual meeting for a term of one year. The term of the newly elected directors will be for three years. Board members elected on January 1, 2022 had staggered terms so that at each annual meeting, the terms of approximately one-third (1/3) of all members of the Board of Directors expire.

You may vote for two directors. Information on each nominee is attached, or you can write-in a candidate. Return the proxy statement by email to Lamar C. Crosby, lcrosby9@comcast.net, or mail to 2121 Winslow Cottage Circle, Marietta, GA 30062. The proxy must be received prior to the start of the meeting on September 15, 2022 at 5 PM eastern daylight time.

The Board of Directors Nominate the Following Individuals as Director of the Corporation

Director of the Corporation – for a term of three years from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026

G.M. Kozak _____ or Write-In _____

Director of the Corporation – for a term of three years from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026

William (Bill) Patterson _____ or Write-In _____

Your Name, Signature and Date _____

Information on Nominees

G.M. (Zak) Kozak – Prior to Bamberg, Zak was assigned to 46th Special Forces Company (Thailand). Zak was assigned to 1-52 Infantry from 1974-1977. He was a Rifle Platoon Leader (Co A), Scout Platoon Leader (CSC), and Executive Officer (Co B). While in Bamberg, he met Ms. Tommie Clifton, a first-grade teacher at the Muna School. They married at Bamberg's Rathaus. Zak's subsequent assignments were 1-10 Special Forces Group, Bad Tolz Germany; 9th Infantry Division and 1st Special Forces Group, Fort Lewis Washington; Readiness Group, Fort Sheridan Illinois; The Joint Staff, Pentagon; and USSOCOM, MacDill Air Force Base Florida. Following Army retirement, he ran Purdue University's North Central Campus Information Services; a DoD supercomputing technology transfer contract for the Ohio Supercomputer Center; and the Texas Advanced Computing Center. Since retiring from full time work, he has done part-time contract work in New York and New Delhi India, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and exercise writing for ARCENT in South Carolina, Virginia, Egypt, and Qatar. Zak is a past President of Special Forces Association Chapter 41, Austin Texas. He runs a free subscription email job announcement list for veterans with over 11,000 subscribers. He is an avid cyclist riding early every dry morning. Along with Dennis Barletta, he has worked to expand membership with 1970s era veterans of the battalion.

William (Bill) Patterson – Bill was stationed with 1-52 Infantry from 1985 to 1987 and 7-6 Infantry from 1988 to 1990. Bamberg was home. He was the battalion XO of 1-52 Infantry and a Battalion Commander of 7-6 Infantry. He served in the Army for 26 years at Fort Bragg, Cambodia, Ft Eustis and Fort Benning. He retired from the Army in 1996 and then worked for Raytheon Tucson on advanced missile programs for 23 years, a big change for a grunt. Maria was in partner for 50 years in these adventures. Their daughter was a battalion XO in Afghanistan, and their son is a program director at Raytheon Tucson. Bill enjoys Arizona life, travels, and still supports some missile programs when asked. Retirement is pretty busy and the 1-52 Association adds to the excitement. Bill was influential in including the 6th Infantry as part of the association instead of creating a separate group.

Corporate Purpose

Nonprofit Purpose

This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Specific Purpose

The corporation is a veteran's organization providing social and charitable opportunities for its members.

The specific purposes of this organization shall be:

- a. Conduct reunions of the veterans of the battalion.
- b. Support memorial activities of veterans of the battalion who have died.
- c. Aid veterans of the battalion who are in a crisis.
- d. Record the history of the battalion during the cold war era.

Directors of the Corporation - 2023

Dennis Barletta

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
- **Roles** – President / Nominating committee / Unit history committee

Dennis was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from August 1976 to October 1979, as the 1st Platoon Leader, Bravo Co, 1976 – 1977 and the Battalion S2 from 1977 to 1979. Subsequent assignments during his 26-year career included 3ID (Intelligence and Surveillance Company Commander, 103rd MI Bn; Assistant Secretary to the General Staff; S2 3rd Brigade; S3 103rd MI Bn; and, Deputy G2); NATO-Central Army Group G2 Executive Officer; the Army Staff (Army Operations Center Intelligence Watch Team Chief; and, Executive Officer, Director of Counterintelligence); Commander, 14th MI Battalion; I Corps, Deputy G2; and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (Executive Officer Science and Technology Directorate; Central Command Operations and Support Team Chief). Following his retirement, he worked for SAIC and BAE Systems as a contractor supporting geo-spatial intelligence programs. Along with Zak Kozak, he has worked to expand membership with 1970s era veterans of the battalion and is serving as the first president of our group.

William (Bill) Burt

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
- **Roles** – Secretary / Audit committee / Newsletters / Membership / Memorials

Bill was stationed with the 1-52 Infantry from 1984-1985. He served in a line platoon and was also the Delta Company's CO track and jeep driver. Upon leaving Bamberg, he served out his remaining time with the 3-502 at Ft. Campbell as a 60mm Mortar crew leader. After he left the service in 1987, he became a draftsman. For the last 23 years he has worked in the local school district, in Rochester, MN, helping to maintain the district's buildings. He is currently the head of construction services for the school district overseeing the design, construction, and maintenance of facilities. Bill likes traveling with his wife Lisa and cooking. Along with Robert Pruitt, they started the group in 2008 and held the first reunion in 2010. Bill maintains the roster, writes the newsletters, and keeps a record of those we have lost.

Robert (Bob) Domenici

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
- **Roles** – Fund raising committee / Finance committee / Website

Bob was stationed with 1-52 Infantry from 1984 to 1987, and was the 3rd Platoon Leader Delta Company, 1st Platoon Leader Echo Company and S-3/LNO BN Hq., HHC. He served in the Army (both Active and AGR National Guard) for over 22 years, including tours in Georgia, Germany, New Jersey, and New York. Bob was the lead member of a NY National Guard Think Tank that led the effort to develop the concept, implement and pass the required legislation at the National Level to approve the largest National Guard Anti-terrorism program; Civil Support (Anti-terrorism) WMD Team 1999 -2003. He commanded the 2nd WMD CST antiterrorism team at WTC and was responsible for FEMA region II (1999-2003). He retired in 2003 and went on to found three Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Companies, which provide resource management, procurement and IT support in Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey, Siapan and currently throughout New York State. He also served his local community for 16 years as a Volunteer on New York State Capital Region School Boards. Bob has attended the reunions held in Washington DC, Atlanta and Pittsburgh and his company donated the funds to start our operations.

G.M. (Zak) Kozak

- **Term** - Two years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023
- **Roles** – Finance Committee / Nominating committee / Unit history (succession) committee

Zak's 25 years service in the Army took him to Thailand, Bamberg and Bad Tolz, Germany, Washington state, Illinois, Washington DC, and finally Florida. Retiring in 1995, he then ran Purdue University's North Central Campus Information Services; a DoD supercomputing technology transfer contract for the Ohio Supercomputer Center and the Texas Advanced Computing Center. Retiring from full time work, he has done part-time contract work in New York and New Delhi India, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia. He was an exercise writer at ARCENT in South Carolina, Virginia, Egypt, and Qatar. He runs a free subscription email announcement list for veterans with over 11,000 subscribers. He is an avid cyclist riding early every dry morning. Along with Dennis Barletta, works to expand membership with 1970s era veterans of the battalion.

William (Bill) Patterson

- **Term** - Two years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023
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Bill was stationed with 1-52 Infantry from 1985 to 1987 and 7-6 Infantry from 1988 to 1990. Bamberg was home. He was the battalion XO of 1-52 and CO of 7-6. He served in the Army for 26 years at Fort Bragg, Cambodia, Ft Eustis, and Fort Benning. He retired from the Army in 1996 and then worked for Raytheon Tucson on advanced missile programs for 23 years, a big change for a grunt. His wife Maria was a partner for 50 years in these adventures. Their daughter was a battalion XO in Afghanistan, and our son is a program director at Raytheon Tucson. Bill enjoys Arizona life, travels, and still supports some missile programs when asked. Retirement is pretty busy and the 1-52 Association is adding to the excitement. Bill was influential in including the 6th Infantry as part of the association instead of creating a separate group.

Robert Pruitt

- **Term** - One year from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022
- **Roles** – Vice president / Finance committee

Robert was stationed in 1/52 Infantry 1984-1985, originally assigned to Bravo Company, moved to Delta Company when Delta Company activated in 1984. Assigned as Commo Platoon RTO 1st Platoon Delta Company under LT Sam Bailey. After military service he attended and graduated from college in California. He worked in aerospace as an accountant before transitioning into non-profit accounting. He volunteers and supports his local community organizations in any capacity or needs they require. These organizations are primarily those that involve at risk youth, seniors, and food banks in underserved communities. Along with Bill Burt, Robert was the original organizers of the group and planned our first reunion in Las Vegas. He serves as the vice president of the corporation.

Michael (Mike) Streff

- **Term** - One year from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022
- **Roles** – Treasurer / Finance committee / Reunion committee

Mike was stationed with 1-52 Infantry from 1984 to 1987, and was the battalion S1, and company commander of Delta and Headquarters companies. He served in the Army for over 21 years, including tours in Washington State, Georgia, Germany, California, Kansas, Colorado, and Virginia. He retired from the Army in 2000 and then worked in the defense industry in resource management roles in northern Virginia for an additional 18 years. He is now completely retired and lives on a lake in central Virginia, where he enjoys water skiing and hosts an annual Oktoberfest party. Mike has run three of our reunions, in Washington DC in 2012, Atlanta in 2019, San Antonio in 2021 and Washington DC in 2023, and helped form our group as a Virginia non-profit corporation. He serves as the treasurer of the corporation and leads the reunion committee.

6th Infantry Regimental Flag – Donations Needed

The 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry was redesignated as the 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry in 1987, and continued to serve in Bamberg until it deployed to the first Gulf War, and then was inactivated.

As we formed our veteran's organization, we included in our membership those who served in the battalion, either entirely in the 52nd Infantry, in both the 52nd Infantry and 6th Infantry as it redesignated, or only in the 6th Infantry after redesignation. This is why we named our veteran's organization "**Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc.**"

For the past few years, we have been in possession of the 52nd Infantry regimental flag which was donated to us by Lamar Crosby. The flag was a gift from the non-commissioned officers of the battalion when he relinquished command of the battalion. We have displayed the regimental flag at our past two reunions.

We would now like to have a 6th Infantry regimental flag to make this a matching set. Assuming no one has an extra full size 6th Infantry flag in their footlocker, we need to raise \$500 to buy the flag.

We need your help to raise the \$500 and are asking 20 veterans of the battalion to donate \$25 each to complete our mission to honor the 6th Infantry part of our history.

There are several ways you can donate – see below.

Here is a picture of the flag. Please help us reach this goal.



Ways to Donate

Check – Make out to “Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments” and mail to c/o Mike Streff, 25 South Pointe Lane, Moneta, Virginia 24121

PayPal – Go to our website to pay through PayPal <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/event-details/>

Credit Card – PayPal is our banker for credit cards. Go to our website and select “pay by credit card” in PayPal <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/event-details/>

Zelle – Contact Mike Streff, 703-599-3723 email streff79@comcast.net for information

VENMO - Contact Mike Streff, 703-599-3723 email streff79@comcast.net for information

Ways to Pay

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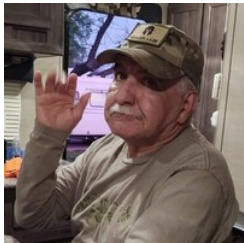
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Roll Call – John Volanos

<https://www.blaylockfuneralhome.com/obituary/john-volanos>



John Volaños, age 71 of Brownwood, passed away on Thursday, August 3, 2023.

Graveside service with military honors for John are scheduled for 1:00 pm Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene. Arrangements are under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Home of Brownwood.

John was born December 30, 1951, in Pasadena, California, to Manuel Volaños and Angela Botello Volaños. He was raised in Covina, California and was a Boy Scout for many years.

After a long career in the United States Army, John retired in 2000 and moved to Brownwood. He enjoyed working with his hands and woodcarving. John was a gun enthusiast, a big John Wayne and Hop-a-long Cassidy fan. John was also a Harley Davidson enthusiast and was part of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club. John loved hunting with his dogs, Jager and Angus. He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Brownwood.

John is survived by his children, John Volaños Jr. of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Elisha Volaños of Oregon; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren; his wife, Susan McFarland of Brownwood, and his brother, Rick Volaños and wife Kathy of Lubbock. John is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings Lidia, Irene, Erlinda, Angie, Margarita, Manuel Jr., and Anna.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to a favorite charity.

Updated Succession Roster

By Zak Kozak and Bill Burt

Look over the attached rosters, membership and succession rosters and help us add to it or correct mistakes. Keep the names coming! We have added a lot of names to the succession roster. The names in green on the attached Succession Roster have newly been added. This roster is getting bigger and better thanks to all of you!

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. Please see our current Succession Roster attached. We have made some progress on this roster, and we would like the momentum to continue.

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. 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.

3. Remember the soldiers next to you 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.

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:+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

[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.

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Information on how to submit job announcements for posting to the list can be found on the website

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

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