



September 2024

# 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



Vol 11 Issue 09

## Table of Contents

<b>Annual Meeting – September 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1</b>
<b>My Visit to Normandy</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Succession Roster</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>A brief history of U.S. Army rations Frontier Army Museum Fort Leavenworth, Kansas</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Donations for 1-52 Infantry Guidons</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>September Dates of Interest</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Medal of Honor</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT KYLE J WHITE</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>VA News – Exercise to Help Your Kidneys</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Merchandise for Sale:</b>	<b>13</b>
Unit Crest Hats	13
Coins for Sale	14
Coasters for Sale	14
Purchase your 52 <sup>nd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Gear	14
<b>VA Information and Helpful Phone Numbers</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Websites and Contact Info.</b>	<b>16</b>

## Annual Meeting – September 28<sup>th</sup>

The notice for our annual meeting is attached to the SITREP.

We will conduct the meeting on a zoom call, and we encourage you to join us on this call to hear what your veteran's organization has accomplished in the past year, and our plans for the coming year.

If you are unable to attend on the zoom call, we ask that you participate by proxy. With the proxy document, you appoint a person to represent you and vote for you at the meeting. This allows us to have a quorum of our membership present so that we can conduct business.

You may complete the proxy document even if you plan to attend the meeting. Your scanned document or a photo of your document emailed to Lamar Crosby is acceptable.

There are ways for us to conduct business without this quorum, however having a quorum provides more legitimacy to our work and is consistent with our efforts to be transparent in everything we do in the organization. Including publishing an annual report, having an audit of our financial statements, and making records of the meetings available to the membership along with all our foundational documents. It is the right way to do business.

Please join us in one way or another at our annual meeting.

Note - On the proxy, you may vote for three directors – this is a change from the original version which stated you could vote for two.

# My Visit to Normandy

By Dennis Barletta

Many of you have had the opportunity to visit Normandy, France and tour the American Cemetery and the beaches of D-Day. For those of you who have not, as well as those that have, let me share a few thoughts from my recent visit.

This year was the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the June 6<sup>th</sup> invasion of the European continent. Although it has been eighty years, two to three generations later, the people of Normandie (French spelling) are still most grateful to the Allies for liberating them and their country during WW II. Wherever you travel in Normandie, the residents fly the flags of the Allied forces. When asked if this was due to the recent 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, we were told by the staff at the American Cemetery that this is how it is in Normandie, no one forgets the sacrifice the Allies made with the deaths of thousands of young men on the beaches and fields of Normandie and that flying the flags of the nations is a way to remember and honor those who gave so much. It was humbling to see the Stars and Stripes waving in the winds of Normandie.



Looking from the English Channel to the beaches, cliffs, and roadways that these young soldiers faced coming ashore, makes you wonder about the resolve that each of them had for their nations and their comrades to their right and left. This truly was “the greatest generation.”

There are numerous museums and displays in the various towns honoring the D-Day invasion, as well as American and British military cemeteries. Each one worthy of a visit.

We travelled to the Normandy American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, adjacent to Omaha Beach. This is one of the six cemeteries, and two memorials administered by the American Battlefield Monument Commission in France.

The Normandy American Cemetery is the only one in France in which a WW II member of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment’s 52<sup>nd</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion is buried.

Private Matt Saari, Service # 36409147, 52nd Infantry Battalion, 9th Armored Division died on April 28 1945, in a German POW Camp and was buried in Normandy. We visited the grave of Private Saari and placed an American Flag and a regimental crest.



## Succession Roster

All, we are going to try another approach to our Succession Roster. We have a lot of names “below the sheet”. These names need to be inserted “above into the sheet” in their correct platoon and job. Below is a list of names from year 1989. If you can recognize any names, please tell us 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.

1989

BN - Sylvester

HHC – Castro, Coleman, Eklund, LaChance, Mercer, Rednour, Sanchez, F.

Alpha Co. – Avila, Barczak, Deal, Eddington, Lange, Pritchett, Yabba

Bravo Co. – Aleman, Morse, Digilo, Peter, Petit, Gray, Watson

Charlie Co. – Davis, Giese, Johnson, Thomas.

Delta Co. – Depalo, Ford, Morin, Pantless, Lopez, McMillan, Nevin, Scott, Casserlv, DeLong, Young

Echo - Linder

## **A brief history of U.S. Army rations Frontier Army Museum Fort Leavenworth, Kansas**

[https://history.army.mil/museums/TRADOC/frontier-army-museum/docs/army-rations/Brief-History-of-US-Army-rations\\_Frontier-Army-Museum.pdf](https://history.army.mil/museums/TRADOC/frontier-army-museum/docs/army-rations/Brief-History-of-US-Army-rations_Frontier-Army-Museum.pdf)

One of the major hurdles for any military force is keeping soldiers fit and healthy in order to accomplish the mission. One of the main ways to keep a healthy force is through nutrition. Since the Continental Army, military rations have gone through numerous changes based on nutrition research, current technology, and available resources.

In 1775, the Continental Congress determined that enlisted soldiers should receive a ration that included: 1 lb pound of beef (or three-quarters of a pound of pork or one pound of salted fish) 1 lb flour or bread per day 3 lbs pounds of peas or beans per week 1 pint of milk per day 1 pint of rice per week 1 quart of spruce beer or cider per day a little molasses

At the time food preservation, particularly refrigeration, was not a perfect science and perishables were rarely available to soldiers in the field. The lack of fresh fruits and vegetables in the soldier's diet created health issues such as death or illness by certain nutrition deficiency illnesses, like scurvy.

### **Ration of 1812**

20 oz. beef .64 oz. salt 18 oz. flour .64 oz. soap 1 gill rum .24 oz. candle 1 gill vinegar Note: Gill is a measurement of liquid volume in the British Imperial United States Customary systems. In the United States it is defined as half a cup, or four U.S. fluid ounces

The ration of 1812 did not improve much over the ration available to the early Continental Army. Rum (one gill) was added, but other items such as peas, milk, and rice were removed. The meat and flour rations were increased, but only slightly. Overall the ration decreased in calorie count and nutrients. Although provided ample protein, calcium, thiamin, and niacin, the ration was deficient in vitamins A, riboflavin, and vitamin C. The ration of rum lasted until 1832 and was replaced by coffee and sugar. Coffee and sugar rations increased in 1838.

### **Civil War Rations**

20 oz. beef 2.4 oz. sugar 22 oz. flour .32 gill vinegar 7 oz. potatoes .64 oz. salt, .045 oz. yeast .04 oz. pepper 2.65 oz. dried beans .64 oz. soap 1.6 oz. green coffee .24 oz. candle

In 1860 and 1861 Congress passed acts that increased the variety of rations. Coffee, sugar, and flour were increased. Potatoes, yeast powder, and pepper were incorporated into the ration. The components went from nine to twelve items.

During the Civil War, medical director for the Army of the Potomac Major Jonathan Letterman became aware of serious medical issues plaguing Union troops. MAJ Letterman developed several big changes to the medical department including the introduction of a dedicated ambulance corps to transport the wounded, developing an evacuation system for the wounded, and addressing camp hygiene. One of the items within the camp hygiene initiative included bigger and more nutritious portions, better cooking methods, more hygienic handling of food, and an ensured breakfast

### **Civil War and Coffee**

For soldiers coffee served as a morale booster, a source of energy, and a comfort drink. Coffee was greatly esteemed and coveted during the Civil War. In 1887, soldier John D. Billings reminisced about coffee: "How often, after being completely jaded by a night march...have I had a wash, if there was water to be had, made and drunk my pint or so of coffee, and felt as fresh and invigorated as if just arisen from a night's sound sleep!" Union and Confederate troops both had coffee rations, but coffee rations were very limited in the south. Confederate soldiers tried to duplicate the strong, warm drink by using dandelions, chicory, corn, rye, okra seeds, sweet potatoes, acorns, and peanuts with disappointing results. Coffee rations during the Civil War were brought to camps in oat sacks by the quartermaster department. To divide the portions of coffee evenly throughout the companies a blanket was laid out on the ground and individual piles of coffee were spooned out on the blanket. Each soldier would take a pile. Soldiers generally made their own coffee to their taste, rather than the company cook making it in a large mess kettle and serving it to them.

Confederate Dandelion Coffee Recipe Dandelion roots – 2 tablespoons Cookie sheet Pot 1 cup of water Strainer Coffee cup Dig up dandelion roots, younger dandelion have better roots. Wash the roots and chop them

up into small pieces. Heat your oven to 200 degrees. Place the chopped pieces on a cookie sheet and bake at 200 degrees for 1-2 hours. Make sure to check on the roots and mix them around to get them fully dried out. Increase the oven to 350 degrees and roast the dried pieces. Bring a cup of water to a boil and add 2 tablespoons of the roasted dandelion root. Boil for 10 minutes and strain into a coffee cup. Enjoy

### **Hardtack Recipe: 1861**

These cracker-like squares were a staple ration for American soldiers on both sides of the Civil War. Though they are called different things in different cultures, this basic recipe has been a staple for militaries around the world for centuries. Made of flour and water, and sometimes a bit of salt or sugar, they are sturdy, filling, and will last a long time if kept dry. Indeed, some soldiers kept a few as souvenirs after the war, and they are commonly on display in Civil War museums over 150 years later. Recipe: 2 cups flour 1/2 tablespoon salt (optional) 1/2 to 3/4 cup water Preheat oven to 250 degrees F. Combine flour with salt in a mixing bowl. Add water and mix with hands until the dough comes together. Roll out on a table to about 1/3 inch thickness. Use a knife to cut 3×3 squares from the dough. Place on baking sheet, and use a dowel to make 16 evenly-spaced holes in each square. Bake for at least four hours, turning over once half-way through baking. Cool on a rack in a dry room.

### **World War I—Reserve Rations**

12 oz of bacon or 14 oz of meat (usually canned corned beef) two 8-oz cans of hard bread or hardtack biscuits packet of 1.16 ounces of pre-ground coffee packet of 2.4 ounces of granulated sugar packet of 0.16 ounces (4.5) of salt

In 1899 the sugar ration had increased. By 1908 butter or margarine, lard, and flavoring extract were added. When World War I began the U.S. ration contained seventeen items. It had a variety of foods and improved the soldier diet. By today's standards the WWI ration only lacked vitamin A.

### **World War II—K Rations**

Leading up to World War II, the U.S. Army recognized the need to modernize soldier rations. Armies became highly mobile with smaller units, which meant soldiers had to survive on combat rations for days at a time. In 1941 Ancel Keys, a University of Minnesota physiologist, was assigned by the U.S. War Department to develop a non-perishable, ready-to-eat meal that could fit in a soldier's pocket. Keys used items found at a local supermarket that were inexpensive but provided high calorie count such as hard biscuits, dry sausages, hard candy, and chocolate bars. Although the initial tests were deemed "better than nothing" by soldiers, they were successful in providing energy and relieving hunger. Although designed as emergency rations, Quartermaster Corps officials insisted on using the K-ration to satisfy all requirements of front-line troops until the end of the war.

The final version of the K-ration consisted of three meals: totaling 2,830 calories and 79 grams of protein. Breakfast Unit: canned entree(early version), canned chopped eggs(all subsequent versions), biscuits, malted milk(early version), dried fruit bar, pre-mixed cereal (late version), purification tablets, a four-pack of cigarettes, gum, coffee, a packet of paper, and sugar (granulated, cubed, or compressed). Dinner Unit: canned entree pork luncheon meat (early version), canned processed American cheese, Swiss and American cheese, or bacon and cheese (cheese entree all subsequent versions), biscuits, 15 Dextrose or malted milk tablets (early) or five caramels (late), sugar (granulated, cubed, or compressed), salt packet, a four-pack of cigarettes and a matchbook, chewing gum, and a powdered beverage packet (lemon (c.1940), orange (c. 1943), or grape (c. 1945) flavor). Supper Unit: canned meat, consisting of sausage (early version), either pork luncheon meat with carrot or apple (first issue), beef and pork loaf (second issue); biscuits; a 2-ounce (57 g) D ration emergency chocolate bar (early version), Tropical bar, or (in temperate climates) commercial sweet chocolate bar (late version), a packet of toilet paper tissues; a four-pack of cigarettes, chewing gum, and a bouillon packet (cube or powder).

### **MCIs: 1950s-1980s**

Each MCI included a "M" unit can (meat-based entree item), a "B"-unit (bread item) composed of the Crackers & Candy Can and the flat Spread Can, and a "D"-unit can (dessert item). Meat unit The "M" unit came in 12 basic varieties grouped in three menus of four different entrees (later supplemented by "alternative" variant entrees). Taking into account slight differences in preparation or meat, a total of 18 entrees were available over time:

Menu #	Items
M-1	Beefsteak, Chicken or Turkey Loaf, Chopped Ham & Eggs, or Ham Slices (Cooked in Juices or Fried).
M-1A	Tuna fish
M-2	Meat Chunks w/ Beans in Tomato Sauce, Ham & Lima Beans, Beef Slices w/ Potatoes in Gravy (Beef and Boulders), or Beans w/. Frankfurter Chunks in Tomato Sauce
M-2A	Spaghetti w/ Meatballs in Tomato Sauce
M-3	Beef in Spiced Sauce, Boned Chicken or Turkey, Chicken w/ Noodles in Broth, or Pork Steak Cooked in Juices
M-3A	Meat Loaf
B-1	Seven crackers and two chocolate discs, peanut Butter Spread
B-2	Four Hardtack Biscuits and a cookie sandwich or fudge disc, cheese Spread
B-3	Four Cookies and a packet of Cocoa powder. Jam Spread
D-1	(Fruit): Halved apricots, sliced peaches, quartered pears, or fruit cocktail
D-1A	(Fruit): Applesauce
D-2	(Cake): Pound Cake, Fruitcake, or Cinnamon Nut Roll
D-2A	(Cake): Date Pudding or Orange Nut Roll
D-3	(Bread): White bread

In 1958 the military introduced the Meal, Combat, Individual (MCI) ration. A wider variety of items were introduced in the MCI and encouraged a better daily nutrition intake. During the Vietnam War the MCI contained 1,200 calories through a can of meat (like ham or turkey loaf), a can of “bread” which could be crackers or hardtack or cookies, and a can of dessert, like applesauce, sliced peaches or pound cake. The MCI eventually phased out and was replaced with the Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) ration

#### **Today: Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)**

Meals Ready to Eat, or MREs, replaced the MCIs in 1981. The MRE has been in continuous development since its introduction. MREs were a vast improvement over previous rations because they are a lightweight, easily transportable meal. The meals can be consumed without heating if needed, however some of the MREs packages come with a manual heater. The number of entrees options has increased over the years. In 1996 there were 16 options, 1997 there were 20 options, and in 1998 there 24. Today there are 24 available entrees and more than 150 additional items. Each MRE provides an average of 1,250 calories (13 percent protein, 36 percent fat, and 51 percent carbohydrates) which is one-third of the Military Recommended Daily Allowance of vitamins and minerals. A full day's worth of meals would consist of three MREs.

**DID YOU KNOW?** • MREs must be capable of withstanding parachute drops from 1,250 feet and non-parachute drops of 100 feet. • The packaging is required to maintain a minimum shelf life of three and a half years at 80 degrees F or nine months at 100 degrees F.

<b>MRE Menus I (1981) – MRE V (1985)</b>		
Menu #	Items	Accessory Packet
Menu #1	Pork Pattie (Freeze Dried) 1.2 oz, Applesauce, Cookie (Choc Covered), Cheese spread, Crackers, Cocoa, Spoon, Acc Pkt D	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue, ketchup
Menu #2	Ham & Chicken Loaf 5 oz, Fruit (Freeze Dried), Pineapple Nut Cake, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Spoon, Acc Pkt A	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue
Menu #3	Beef Pattie (Freeze Dried) 1.2 oz, Beans 5 oz, Brownie, Choc Covered, Cheese spread, Crackers, Spoon, Acc Pkt B	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue, candy*, soup/gravy
Menu #4	Beef Slices in BBQ Sauce 5 oz, Fruit (Freeze Dried), Cookie Choc Covered, Peanut Butter,	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt,

	Crackers, Spoon, Acc Pkt C	gum, matches, tissue, candy*
Menu #5	Beef Stew 5 oz, Fruit (Freeze Dried), Cherry Nut Cake, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Cocoa, Spoon Acc Pkt A	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue
Menu #6	Frankfurters 4 oz, Beans 5 oz, Jelly, Crackers, Cocoa, Spoon, Acc Pkt E	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue, candy*, ketchup
Menu #7	Diced Turkey with Gravy 5 oz, Potato Pattie (Freeze Dried), Maple Nut Cake, Jelly, Crackers, Cocoa, Spoon, Acc Pkt A	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue
Menu #8	Diced Turkey with Gravy 5 oz, Potato Pattie (Freeze Dried), Maple Nut Cake, Jelly, Crackers, Cocoa, Spoon, Acc Pkt A	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue
Menu #9	Chicken Ala King 5 oz, Fruit Cake, Cheese spread, Crackers, Cocoa, Spoon, Acc Pkt A	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue
Menu #10	Meatballs & BBQ Sauce 5oz, Potato Pattie (Freeze Dried), Chocolate Nut Cake, Jelly, Crackers, Cocoa, Spoon, Acc Pkt A	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue
Menu #11	Ham Slice 4.3 oz, Fruit (Freeze Dried), Orange Nut Cake, Cheese spread, Crackers, Cocoa, Spoon Acc Pkt A	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue
Menu #12A	Ground Beef w/ Spiced Sauce 5 oz, Fruit (Freeze Dried), Cookie Choc Covered, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Spoon, Acc Pkt C	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue, candy*
Menu #12B	Chicken Loaf 5 oz, Fruit (Freeze Dried), Cookie Choc Covered, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Spoon Acc Pkt C	Coffee, cream sub, sugar, salt, gum, matches, tissue, candy*

\*Candy - vanilla caramels, choc toffee bar, choc fudge bar, vanilla fudge bar, starch jelly

<b>MRE Menus 2021</b>		
Menu #	Items	Accessories
Menu #1	Chili with Beans, Cheddar Cheese Spread Vegetable Crackers, Cornbread, Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Filled Crackers, Grape Beverage Powder Carb-Fortified. Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #2	Shredded Beef in Barbecue Sauce, Apple, Strawberry, and Carrot Fruit Puree Squeeze., Jalapeno Cheddar Cheese Spread, Tortillas, Cinnamon Bun, Chocolate Hazelnut Protein Drink Powder, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #3	Chicken, Egg Noodles, and Vegetables in Sauce Applesauce with Raspberry Puree, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Apple Jelly, Skittles, Tropical Punch Beverage Powder Carb-Fortified, Powdered Hot Sauce, Hot Beverage Bag,	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve,

	Accessory Packet A	and paperboard insert card
Menu #4	Spaghetti with Beef and Sauce, Chocolate Chip Toaster Pastry, Cheddar Cheese Spread, Italian Bread Sticks, Dried Raisins, Chocolate Hazelnut Protein Drink Powder, Lemonade Beverage Base Sugar-Free, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #5	Chicken Chunks, First Strike Bar, Apple-Cinnamon, Cheddar Cheese Spread, Tortillas, Toasted Corn Kernels, Barbecue Teriyaki Beef Sticks, Fruit Punch Beverage Powder Carb-Electrolyte, Barbecue Sauce, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #6	Beef Taco Filling, Santa Fe Rice and Beans, Cheddar Cheese Spread, Whole Grain Tortillas, Nut and Fruit Mix w/ M&Ms, Orange Beverage Base Sugar-Free, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #7	Beef Strips in Tomato Sauce, Chocolate Pudding, Peanut Butter, White Wheat Snack Bread, Blackberry Preserves, Peppermint Candy Rings, Tropical Blend Fruit and Vegetable Smoothie, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #8	Meatballs in Marinara Sauce, Cherry Blueberry Cobbler, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Jalapeno Cheddar Cheese Spread, Italian Bread Sticks, Teriyaki Beef Sticks, Orange Beverage Powder Carb-Electrolyte, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #9	Beef Stew, Vanilla Pound Cake Trans Fat Free, Multigrain Snack Bread, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Skittles, Sweet and Sour Lemon-Lime Beverage Powder Carb-Fortified, Hot Sauce, Extra Hot 4x, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #10	Chili and Macaroni, Lemon Poppy Seed Pound Cake Trans Fat Free, Jalapeno Cheddar Cheese Spread, Vegetable Crackers, Teriyaki Beef Sticks Cherry Twizzlers Bite Size, Orange Beverage Powder Carb-Electrolyte, Hot Sauce, Extra Hot 4x, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #11	Cheese Pizza Slice, Applesauce Carb-Enhanced, First Strike Bar Chocolate, Chunky Peanut Butter, Crackers, Jalapeno Cashews, Sugar-free Beverage Base, Crushed Red Pepper, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #12	Elbow Macaroni in Tomato Sauce, Barbecue Protein Puffs, Applesauce with Mango and Peach Puree, Peanut Butter, Strawberry	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet

	Preserves, Whole Wheat Bread Mini-Loaf, Chocolate Protein Drink Powder, Crushed Red Pepper, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #13	Cheese Tortellini in Tomato Sauce, Dry Roasted Peanuts, Chocolate Peanut Spread, Crackers Recovery Trail Mix, Lemon Lime Beverage Powder Carb-Electrolyte, Crushed Red Pepper, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #14	Mexican Rice and Bean Bowl, First Strike Bar Cran-Raspberry, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Pretzels Nuggets Honey Mustard and Onion, Chocolate Protein Drink Powder, Powdered Hot Sauce, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #15	Mexican Style Chicken Stew, Banana and Pumpkin Fruit Puree Squeeze, Cheddar Cheese Filled Pretzels, Jalapeno Cheddar Cheese Spread, Crackers, First Strike Bar Chocolate, Chocolate Hazelnut Protein Drink Powder, Spice Blend, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #16	Chicken Burrito Bowl (Chicken with Brown Rice, Beans and Vegetables), Recovery Trail Mix, Chocolate Chip Toaster Pastry, Tortillas Whole Grain, Cheddar Cheese Spread, Powdered Hot Sauce, Orange Beverage Powder Carb-Fortified Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #17	Maple Pork Sausage Patty, Hash Brown Potatoes with Bacon, Peppers and Onions, Granola with Milk and Blueberries, Maple Muffin Top Trans Fat Free, Smoked Almonds, Grape Beverage Powder Carb-Electrolyte, Maple Syrup, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #18	Beef Ravioli in Meat Sauce, Salted Caramel Marshmallow Crisp Bar, Cheddar Cheese Spread, Italian Bread Sticks, M&Ms, Plain Fruit Punch Beverage Powder Carb-Electrolyte, Hot Sauce, Extra Hot 4x, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #19	Jalapeno Pepper Jack Beef Patty Grilled, Au Gratin Potatoes, Chocolate Chunk Oatmeal Cookie, Bacon Cheddar Cheese Spread, Tortillas, Peanut M&Ms, Orange Beverage Base Sugar-Free, Barbecue Sauce, Mayonnaise Fat Free, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #20	Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions in Marinara Sauce, Recovery Trail Mix with Beef	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing



	Jerky, Dried Cranberries, Cheddar Cheese Spread, Crackers, Dry Roasted Peanuts, Orange Beverage Base Sugar-Free, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #21	Lemon Pepper Tuna, Marble Pound Cake Trans Fat Free, Cheddar Cheese Spread, Tortillas, Cheddar Baked Snack Crackers, Lemon-Lime Beverage Powder Carb-Fortified, Peanut Butter M&Ms, Mayonnaise Fat Free, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #22	Beef Goulash (Beef with Brown Rice, Spinach, Carrots, Tomatoes and Smoked Paprika), Applesauce Carb-Enhanced, Chunky Peanut Butter, Strawberry Preserves, Whole Wheat Bread mini-Loaf, Patriotic Sugar Cookies, Orange Beverage Powder Carb-Fortified, Accessory Packet B	Matches, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #23	Pepperoni Pizza Slice, Apples in Spiced Sauce, Jalapeno Cheddar Cheese Spread, Vegetable Crackers, Oatmeal Cookie, Chocolate Protein Drink Powder, Lemonade Sugar-free Beverage Base, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card
Menu #24	Southwest Style Beef and Black Beans with Sauce, Cherry Blueberry Cobbler, Applesauce Pound Cake Trans Fat Free, Teriyaki Beef Sticks, Cheddar Cheese Spread, Chipotle Tortillas, Sugar-free Beverage Base, Hot Beverage Bag, Accessory Packet A	Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, sugar free chewing gum, towelette, salt, toilet tissue, spoon, flameless ration heater, paperboard sleeve, and paperboard insert card

## Donations for 1-52 Infantry Guidons



End of Mission – we have exceeded our goal of raising money to purchase guidons for the 1-52 Infantry guidons.

Thanks to the twenty of you who contributed a total of \$1,458. We will use the extra money that was contributed to purchase display items for the guidons. Thanks for all you do to support our veterans' group.

### Fundraiser Details

We are conducting a special fundraising drive this fall – to purchase guidons for each of the 1-52nd companies. Seven total companies - HHC, A, B, C, D, E and CSC.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to purchase these guidons. They will be the standard size and colors of the guidons we all served with, purchased from a commercial vendor who produces these types of flags.

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

1-52 Infantry was organized under two separate types of infantry battalion organization 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.

In the future, we plan to obtain guidons for the 6th Infantry, and battle streamers for our regimental colors. We will display them at our reunions and other gatherings of our veterans.

Our special fundraiser is part of a program of fundraising events we conduct each year, including:

- Annual donations of \$10 from members.
- A major donor program where we solicitate larger donations from individuals and corporations.
- Directed donations for specific projects, such as the Unit Tribute Plaque at the National Museum of the United States Army, and the 6th Infantry Regimental Colors last year. This year we are working to purchase guidons for the 1-52 Infantry companies.
- Directed donations to lower the cost of our reunions to make it affordable for everyone to attend.
- Donations of property such as mobility equipment that we can give to veterans in crisis.

There are several ways that you can get us your annual membership donation. They include:

- 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. Use "Support our Cause" button – we will get money to the annual donation fund.
- VENMO. @Michael-Streff-1
- Zelle – Use phone number 703-599-3723
- If you have another preferred payment method, let me know and we will work to add it to our list.

Our annual donation campaign will run from August 20th until September 30th. You can tell us which company guidon you are making your donation for. You can track our progress using a thermometer chart that we will post on our Facebook page and website each week.

We take the stewardship of your donations very seriously. If you want more information on our programs, or how we manage our organization, we recommend that you start with our annual report. Our 2022 and 2023 annual reports are on our website. Our tax returns are also posted on our website - <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/about-5>.

Please be an active member of your veteran's organization and support our charitable and educational work. Contact Mike Streff at 703-599-3723, or [streff79@comcast.net](mailto:streff79@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

## September Dates of Interest

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

**September 2, 1752** - The British ended their use of the Julian calendar, switching instead to the Gregorian calendar, resulting in a major adjustment as Wednesday, September 2, was followed by Thursday, September 14. The correction resulted in rioting by people who felt cheated and demanded the missing eleven days back.

**September 2, 1789** - The third Presidential cabinet department, the U.S. Treasury, was established by Congress.

**September 2, 1945** - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

**September 3, 1783** - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

**September 4, 1609** - The island of Manhattan was discovered by navigator Henry Hudson.

**September 5, 1774** - The First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia with 56 delegates, representing every colony, except Georgia. Attendants included Patrick Henry, George Washington, Sam Adams and John Hancock.

**September 7, 1994** - The U.S. Army closed its headquarters in Berlin, ending the American military presence in the once-divided city after nearly half a century.

**September 8, 1883** - The Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S. was completed.

**September 9, 1776** - The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.

**September 9, 1943** - The invasion of Salerno began during World War II in Europe as Allied forces under General Mark Clark made amphibious landings along the western coast of Italy near Naples. Initial gains by the Allies met strong resistance from German forces.

**September 11, 2001** - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons. Four separate teams of Mideast terrorists, operating from inside the U.S., boarded the morning flights posing as passengers, then forcibly commandeered the aircraft. Two fully-fueled jumbo jets, American Airlines Flight 11 carrying 92 people and United Airlines Flight 175 carrying 65 people, had departed Boston for Los Angeles. Both jets were diverted by the hijackers to New York City where they were piloted into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The impact and subsequent fire caused both 110-story towers to collapse, killing 2,752 persons including hundreds of rescue workers and people employed in the towers. In addition, United Airlines Flight 93, which had departed Newark for San Francisco, and American Airlines Flight 77, which had departed Dulles (Virginia) for Los Angeles, were hijacked. Flight 77 with 64 people on board was diverted to Washington, D.C., then piloted into the Pentagon building, killing everyone on board and 125 military personnel inside the building. Flight 93 with 44 people on board was also diverted toward Washington but crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to overpower the terrorists on board.

**September 12, 1990** - A treaty was signed by East and West Germany and the Allies of World War II allowing for the restoration of sovereignty to a re-unified Germany.

**September 13, 1788** - The U.S. Congress chose New York as the Federal capital of the new American government.

**September 13, 1814** - The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

**September 15, 1916** - Tanks were first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of the Somme, in World War I.

**September 15, 1944** - The first entry of American troops into Hitler's Germany occurred as elements of the U.S. 7th and 5th Corps reached the southwestern frontier of Germany.

**September 16, 1620** - The *Mayflower* ship departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. The ship weathered dangerous Atlantic storms and reached Provincetown, Massachusetts on November 21st. The Pilgrims disembarked at Plymouth on December 26th.

**September 16, 1908** - General Motors was founded by entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant in Flint, Michigan.

**September 17, 1787** - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.

**September 17, 1908** - The first fatality involving powered flight occurred as a biplane piloted by Orville Wright fell from a height of 75 feet, killing Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, his 26-year-old passenger. A crowd of nearly 2,000 spectators at Fort Myer, Virginia, observed the crash of the plane which was being tested for possible military use. Wright himself was seriously injured.

**September 18, 1947** - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.

**September 19, 1676** - Jamestown, Virginia, was attacked and burned during a rebellion led by Nathaniel Bacon against the Royal Governor, Sir William Berkeley.

**September 19, 1994** - U.S. troops invaded Haiti, with the stated goal of restoring democracy.

**September 22, 1776** - During the American Revolution, Nathan Hale was executed without a trial after he was caught spying on British troops on Long Island, his last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

**September 25, 1690** - The first American newspaper was published. A single edition of *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick* appeared in Boston, Massachusetts. However, British authorities considered the newspaper offensive and ordered its immediate suppression.

**September 25, 1789** - The first U.S. Congress proposed 12 Amendments to the Constitution, ten of which, comprising the Bill of Rights, were ratified.

**September 26, 1918** - The last major battle of World War I, the Battle of the Argonne, began as a combined force of French and Americans attacked the Germans along a 40-mile front.

**September 26, 1960** - The first-ever televised presidential debate occurred between presidential candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. Many who watched were inclined to say Kennedy 'won' the debate, while those who listened only to the radio thought Nixon did better. Nixon, who declined to use makeup, appeared somewhat haggard looking on TV in contrast to Kennedy.

**September 29, 1789** - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers. Not to be confused with the Continental Congress creating the Continental Army on June 14, 1775.

**September 30, 1949** - The Berlin Airlift concluded after 277,264 flights carrying over 2 million tons of supplies to the people of West Berlin, who were blockaded by the Soviets.

## Medal of Honor

### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT KYLE J WHITE

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/kyle-j-white>



**Rank: Specialist (Highest Rank: Sergeant)**

**Conflict/Era: War on Terrorism (Afghanistan)**

**Unit: C Co, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade**

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

**Medal of Honor Action Date: November 9, 2007**

**Medal of Honor Action Place: Nuristan Province, Afghanistan**

#### Citation

Specialist Kyle J. White distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a radio telephone operator with Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade, during combat operations against an armed enemy in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan on November 9, 2007. On that day, Specialist White and his comrades were returning to Bella Outpost from a shura with Aranas Village elders. As the soldiers traversed a narrow path surrounded by mountainous, rocky terrain, they were ambushed by enemy forces from elevated positions. Pinned against a steep mountain face, Specialist White and his fellow soldiers were completely exposed to enemy fire. Specialist White returned fire and was briefly knocked unconscious when a rocket-propelled grenade impacted near him. When he regained consciousness, another round impacted near him, embedding small pieces of shrapnel in his face. Shaking off his wounds, Specialist White noticed one of his comrades lying wounded nearby. Without hesitation, Specialist White exposed himself to enemy fire in order to reach the soldier and provide medical aid. After applying a tourniquet, Specialist White moved to an injured Marine, similarly providing aid and comfort until the Marine succumbed to his wounds. Specialist White then returned to the soldier and discovered that he had been wounded again. Applying his own belt as an additional tourniquet, Specialist White was able to stem the flow of blood and save the soldier's life. Noticing that his and the other soldier's radios were inoperative, Specialist White exposed himself to enemy fire yet again in order to secure a radio from a deceased comrade. He then provided information and updates to friendly forces, allowing precision airstrikes to stifle the enemy's attack and ultimately permitting medical evacuation aircraft to rescue him, his fellow soldiers, Marines and Afghan Army soldiers. Specialist Kyle J. White's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade and the United States Army.

## VA News – Exercise to Help Your Kidneys

<https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/DiseasesConditions/Kidney/3,83142>

If you have kidney problems, or have in the past, or if you want to prevent problems with your kidneys, exercise is important. The human body needs regular physical activity to stay healthy. Many diseases, physical limitations, and mental health problems are affected by a lack of physical activity.

### Exercise choices

My healthcare provider suggests that I try these exercises:

- Stretching
- Swimming
- Walking
- Bicycling
- Taking a fitness class
- Taking a dance class

### How you benefit

When you exercise, your organs and tissues get more oxygen and nutrients from your blood. This gives you more energy. Exercise also makes your muscles stronger, which helps make your bones stronger. This is helpful because kidney disease sometimes weakens bones. Frequent aerobic exercise (any nonstop activity that makes your heart work harder) can also help lower high blood pressure. Exercise lowers your risk of getting diabetes. It can also help you control your diabetes if you already have it. The other known benefits of exercise are:

- A lower risk for heart attack and stroke
- Improved sense of well-being and less stress
- A lower risk for colon and breast cancer
- Prevention and improvement of joint pains (arthritis)
- Lower levels of blood fats (cholesterol)
- Better sleep
- A healthier weight

### Make exercise part of your life

It's best to exercise at least 3 times a week. Try to spread your exercise out over the week. Do it every other day, for example. Make it a goal to work out for 30 minutes each time. If you can't do 30 minutes at a time, you can break it up into smaller periods. For example, you could take a brisk 10-minute walk 3 times a day. Talk with your healthcare provider about the safest way to start.

### To be more active

All types of movement count. But if you have been ill, talk with your healthcare provider about what type of exercise is best for you. Also ask about how long, how often, and how hard you should work while exercising.

Try the tips below to help you get more active:

- Swim laps at a local pool.
- Go for a walk, mow the lawn, or wash the car.
- Take the stairs.
- Choose a parking spot farther away from your destination.
- Take dancing lessons or join a health club

Remember, find an activity you enjoy and you will be more likely to keep it up. Some people find that exercising with a friend helps them stick to regular exercise program.

## Merchandise for Sale:



### Unit Crest Hats

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 over from the 2021 San Antonio Reunion and the 2023 Washington DC reunion. See the pictures below.

## 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



Figure 1 Left Sleeve

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](#)

Hours: 24/7

Telecommunications Relay Services (using TTY)

[711](#)

Hours: 24/7

### **VA health care**

VA health benefits hotline

[877-222-8387](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

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

My HealtheVet help desk

[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](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

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

CHAMPVA Meds by Mail

[888-385-0235](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

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

[866-229-7389](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

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

Foreign Medical Program (FMP)

[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](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

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

MISSION Act

[800-698-2411](#), Select 1

Hours: 24/7

Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program

[888-820-1756](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

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

Caregiver support line

[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](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

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

GI Bill hotline

[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](#) 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](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET.

National pension call center

[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](#)

Hours: Monday through Friday,

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

All other VA life insurance programs

[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/>.