



READY RIFLES and the Regulars "SITREP"

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



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2023 Washington D.C. Reunion Schedule and Sign-up

By Bill Burt

The reunion is approaching! You can find the schedule and registration form on our website; <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/> You can also make your payments on-line now and do everything on one place. I will also include a sign-up sheet with the Sitrep.

Let's make this the biggest reunion yet! Invite your friends that you haven't seen in a long time to also join the reunion. Even though we do have activities there is PLENTY of time for just reconnecting and enjoying the company. See old friends and make some new ones!

Why Should I go to the Reunion?

Veterans who serve in the same unit forge a bond that is almost unbreakable. A reunion reinforces these connections and rekindles friendships. There are hundreds of soldiers that have crossed our individual paths as we were stationed in Bamberg from 1972 to 1990. When we started the Succession List, we estimated something on the order of 15,000 soldiers served in 1-52 and 7-6 Infantry in Bamberg.

Reunions are irreplaceable occasions for celebrating the past and present, honoring those that are no longer with us, and creating new memories. At the 2023 Reunion, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the reactivation of the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry and the assignment to Bamberg by dedication of our Unit Tribute Plaque at the National Museum of the Army. We will also honor those who have gone before us and gave their lives by laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.

So "why should I go to the reunion"? Your attendance will renew friendships, strengthen the bonds of our organization, share memories and recollections, and celebrate our unit history. Attending this reunion is also an opportunity to have fun and enjoy being in the brotherhood of fellow soldiers. These are the reasons why you should attend the 2023 Reunion. We look forward to seeing you in Washington!

Membership

We are an organization with a finite number of members. Only those that served in the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry or the 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry in Bamberg, Germany between the 1972 and 1990 are eligible to be members. We 'estimate' something like 15,000 soldiers served in 1-52 and 7-6 Infantry in Bamberg during this Cold War period. The number will never increase. As we age it's important to honor this service by identifying and adding the names of those who were there.

For any organization to thrive and grow, new members must be added. The only way for us to do that is to reach and find former members of the battalions who are not currently on the roster. You can help. Think of two or three soldiers that you served with, if their names are not on the roster, take a few minutes and "Google" them, reach out and reconnect, invite them to join the organization, tell them about the 2023 Reunion. Let's see how many more "Ready Rifles" and "Regulars" we can find and add to our organization this year.

Membership Donations

There is no membership fee to belong. We do ask 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 to be a member but would be greatly appreciated.

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

- PayPal – Go to our website to pay through PayPal

<https://www.152-76inf-oldwarvetsbamberg.org/support-our-cause>

- Credit Card –Go to our website and select “pay by credit card” in PayPal <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/support-our-cause>
- Zelle or VENMO Contact Mike Streff, 703-599-3723 email streff79@comcast.net for information.

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.

On our Facebook page we will have a thermometer chart that will show progress in helping us meet our goal.

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

Be one of the four to carry the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

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.

Register for the reunion before August 1st and you will be entered into a drawing to be one of the four group members to walk and carry the wreath at our ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Dress Code for Public Wreath Ceremonies and National Army Museum (Directions from the Old Guard)

Personal appearance and dress of persons participating in ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier should adhere to the standards expected of such dignified occasions.

The minimum standard is business casual, defined as:

A collared shirt (such as a dress shirt or polo shirt) and trousers (such as khakis or blue, green, brown or black trousers) with a belt and appropriate shoes. A blazer or business jacket and tie can be added.

All four of the wreath barriers will have identical Polo's with the Regimental Crest and Khakis

The ***following attire is considered not appropriate*** for wreath barriers participating in the ceremony:

- Blue jeans or denim pants
- Ripped clothing
- Athletic wear
- Patched pants
- Shorts of any kind
- Tee shirts
- Tank tops
- Halter tops
- Underwear as outerwear
- Shirts that expose the midriff
- Miniskirts
- Sneakers

For those watching the ceremony, polo shirt (with unit logo preferred), slacks, khakis or dress shorts.

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.

Coming Soon, Unit Crest Apparel

We have been working with a vendor that will supply us with an online store where you can purchase embroidered clothing with our unit crests and logos on them. Look for announcement on email and also the group's website <https://www.152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org/>

Friday, September 15, 2023, Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be at 5:00 pm Eastern time. All veterans attending the reunion are expected to attend the Annual meeting. For those not attending the reunion, we invite you to join by Zoom. Invitation will be sent out in both the Sitrep and separate email before the reunion. If you cannot attend the reunion or the meeting by Zoom, you can submit a proxy. More information and Zoom information to come.

Silent Auction

During the reunion banquet, there will be 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

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

- Locate former members of the battalion and increase the active membership.
- Provide remembrances and memorials for members that have passed.
- Expand the battalion succession roster; you can help by adding names and dates to the roster. More information is in this SITREP.
- 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 13 months away planning began back in 2021 before the San Antonio reunion had concluded. More information is in this SITREP

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

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.

Lost Contacts

Please read the list below. We at one time had contact information on them but recently their emails have been bouncing back as undeliverable. If you are in contact with them please have them reach out to me and update their contact info!

- J.P marinari
- Jerry Holdman
- Tom Herd
- Robert Zalimas
- Brian Whatlev
- Eric Schultze
- Richard Krigelman
- Roger Sheaks
- Michar R Castile

June Military Anniversaries & Observances

<https://veteran.com/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/>

- PTSD Awareness Month
- June 6, D-Day Observance
- June 12, Women Veterans Day
- June 14 Army Birthday

- June 14, Flag Day
- June 23, Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- June 27, PTSD Awareness Day
- June 28, Operation Red Wings Observance

US Army's Birthday

<https://www.asomf.org/the-creation-of-the-us-army/>

<https://www.military.com/history/history-of-us-army-birthday.html>

On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress passed the following resolution:

“Resolved, that six companies of expert riflemen [sic], be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia; ... [and] that each company, as soon as completed [sic], shall march and join the army near Boston, to be there employed as light infantry, under the command of the chief Officer in that army.”

With this resolution, the Continental Congress adopted the New England Army of Observation, making it a “continental” army (a united colonial fighting force) that could represent all 13 colonies with the addition of the troops from the three middle colonies. The Continental Army thus became America’s first national institution.

As a next step, George Washington was appointed Commander in Chief of Continental Army on June 19, 1775 because of his celebrated military record. Leaders also hoped that someone from Virginia could further unite the colonies.

Original Oath

The Congress even wrote an early oath of enlistment for the new recruits:

“I have, this day, voluntarily enlisted myself, as a soldier, in the American continental army, for one year, unless sooner discharged: And I do bind myself to conform, in all instances, to such rules and regulations, as are, or shall be, established for the government of the said Army.”

Basic Branch Birthdays

Infantry

14 June 1775



Ten companies of expert riflemen were authorized by a resolution of the Continental Congress on 14 June 1775. However, the oldest Regular Army infantry regiment, the 3d Infantry Regiment, was constituted on 3 June 1784, as the First American Regiment

Adjutant General's Corps

16 June 1775



The post of Adjutant General was established 16 June 1775, and has been continuously in operation since that time. The Adjutant General's Department, was established by the act of 3 March 1813. It became The Adjutant General's Corps per The Army Organization Act of 1950.

Corps of Engineers

16 June 1775



Continental Congress authority for a "Chief Engineer for the Army" dates from 16 June 1775. A Corps of Engineers for the United States was authorized by the Congress on 11 March 1779. The Corps of Engineers as it is known today came into being on 16 March 1802, when the President was authorized to "organize and establish a Corps of Engineers ... that the said Corps ... shall be stationed at West Point in the State of New York and shall constitute a Military Academy." A Corps of Topographical Engineers, authorized on 4 July 1838, was merged with the Corps of Engineers in March 1863.

Finance Corps

16 June 1775



The Finance Corps is the successor to the old Pay Department, which was created on 16 June 1775. The Finance Department was created by law on 1 July 1920. It became the Finance Corps with the passage of The Army Organization Act of 1950.



Quartermaster Corps

16 June 1775

The Quartermaster Corps, originally designated the Quartermaster Department, was established on 16 June 1775. While numerous additions, deletions, and changes of function have occurred, its basic supply and service support functions have continued in existence.



Air Defense Artillery (Coast)

17 November 1775

The Continental Congress unanimously elected Henry Knox "Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery" on 17 November 1775. The regiment formally entered service on 1 January 1776. Both Air Defense Artillery (previously Coast Artillery) and Field Artillery share this common heritage. At various times, all arms of artillery have been referred to as Artillery. This is still reflected in Title 10, United States Code, Section 3063(a)(3). On 14 June 1968 the Army established Air Defense Artillery as a separate branch and on 12 June 1969 directed that the Title 10 reference to "Artillery" will instead refer to "Field Artillery" pending formal change to the code. To date, this has not yet occurred. However, the Army made clear in 1969 that "for the purposes of lineage and history, Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery shall both be considered a continuation of Artillery."



Field Artillery

17 November 1775

The Continental Congress unanimously elected Henry Knox "Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery" on 17 November 1775. The regiment formally entered service on 1 January 1776. Both Air Defense Artillery (previously Coast Artillery) and Field Artillery share this common heritage. At various times, all arms of artillery have been referred to as Artillery. This is still reflected in Title 10, United States Code, Section 3063(a)(3). On 14 June 1968 the Army established Air Defense Artillery as a separate branch and on 12 June 1969 directed that the Title 10 reference to "Artillery" will instead refer to "Field Artillery" pending formal change to the code. To date, this has not yet occurred. However, the Army made clear in 1969 that "for the purposes of lineage and history, Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery shall both be considered a continuation of Artillery."



Armor (Cavalry)

12 December 1776

The Armor branch traces its origin to the Cavalry. A regiment of cavalry was authorized to be raised by the Continental Congress Resolve of 12 December 1776. Although mounted units were raised at various times after the Revolution, the oldest Regular Army cavalry units date to 1833. The Tank Service was formed on 5 March 1918. The Armored Force was formed on 10 July 1940. Armor became a permanent branch with the passage of The Army Organization Act of 1950.



Ordnance Corps

14 May 1812

The Ordnance Department was established by act of Congress on 14 May 1812. During the Revolutionary War, ordnance material was under supervision of the Board of War and Ordnance. Numerous shifts in duties and responsibilities have occurred in the Ordnance Corps since colonial times. It acquired its present with the passage of The Army Organization Act of 1950.



Signal Corps

21 June 1860

The Signal Corps became a branch of the Army by act of Congress on 3 March 1863. However, the Signal Corps dates its existence from 21 June 1860, when Congress authorized the appointment of one signal officer in the Army, and a War Department order carried the following assignment: "Signal Department--Assistant Surgeon Albert J. Myer to be Signal Officer, with the rank of Major, June 27, 1860, to fill an original vacancy."



Chemical Corps

28 June 1918

The Chemical Warfare Service was established on 28 June 1918, combining activities that until then had been dispersed among five separate agencies of Government. It was made a permanent

branch of the Regular Army by the National Defense Act of 1920. In 1945, it was redesignated the Chemical Corps.



Military Police Corps

26 September 1941

A Provost Marshal General's Office and Corps of Military Police were established in 1941. Prior to that time, except during the Civil War and World War I, there was no regularly appointed Provost Marshal General or regularly constituted Military Police Corps, although a "Provost Marshal" can be found as early as January 1776, and a "Provost Corps" in 1778.



Transportation Corps

31 July 1942

The historical background of the Transportation Corps starts with World War I. Prior to that time, transportation operations were chiefly the responsibility of the Quartermaster General. The Transportation Corps, essentially in its present form, was organized on 31 July 1942.



Civil Affairs

17 August 1955

The first Civil Affairs units in the Army were formed during World War II. Additional units saw service in subsequent conflicts. Civil Affairs/Military Government was established as an Army Reserve Branch on 17 August 1955. Subsequently redesignated as the Civil Affairs Branch on 2 October 1959, its members continued its mission to provide guidance to commanders on a broad spectrum of civil affairs activities. The expansion of Civil Affairs in the Regular Army led to Civil Affairs being established as a basic branch of the Army effective 16 October 2006 by Department of the Army General Orders (AGO) No. 29, 12 January 2007.



Military Intelligence

1 July 1962

Intelligence has been an essential element of Army operations during war as well as during periods of peace. In the past, requirements were met by personnel from the Army Intelligence and Army Security Reserve branches, two-year obligated tour officers, one-tour levies on the various branches, and Regular Army officers in the specialization programs. To meet the Army's increased requirement for national and tactical intelligence, an Intelligence and Security Branch was established in the Army effective 1 July 1962, by General Orders No. 38, dated 3 July 1962. On 1 July 1967, the branch was redesignated as Military Intelligence.



Aviation

12 April 1983

Following the establishment of the U.S. Air Force as a separate service in 1947, the Army began to develop further its own aviation assets (light planes and rotary wing aircraft) in support of ground operations. The Korean War gave this drive impetus, and the war in Vietnam saw its fruition, as Army aviation units performed a variety of missions, including reconnaissance, transport, and fire support. After the war in Vietnam, the role of armed helicopters as tank destroyers received new emphasis. In recognition of the growing importance of aviation in Army doctrine and operations, Aviation became a separate branch on 12 April 1983, and a full member of the Army's combined arms team.



Special Forces

9 April 1987

The first Special Forces unit in the Army was formed on 11 June 1952, when the 10th Special Forces Group was activated at Fort Bragg, NC. A major expansion occurred in the 1960s, with additional groups organized in the Regular Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard. As a result of renewed emphasis on special operations in the 1980s, the Special Forces branch was established as a basic branch of the Army effective 9 April 1987, by AGO No. 35, 19 June 1987.



Psychological Operations

16 October 2006

The first Psychological Operations units in the Army were formed during World War II. Additional units saw service in subsequent conflicts. Psychological Operations was established as a basic branch of the Army effective October 16, 2006 by AGO No. 30, January 12, 2007.



Logistics

1 January 2008

Logistics was established as a basic branch of the Army effective 1 January 2008 by General Orders No. 6, 27 November 2007.



Cyber

1 September 2014

Cyber was established as a basic branch of the Army effective 1 September 2014 by General Orders No. 63, 21 August 2014.

Special Branch Birthdays



Army Medical Department

27 July 1775

The Army Medical Department (AMEDD) consists of the Surgeon General, Assistant Surgeons General, and six separate corps (Medical, Army Nurse, Dental, Veterinary, Medical Service, and Army Medical Specialist). The Army Medical Department and the Medical Corps trace their origins to 27 July 1775, when the Continental Congress established the Army hospital headed by a "Director General and Chief Physician." Congress provided a medical organization of the Army only in time of war or emergency until 1818, which marked the inception of a permanent and continuous Medical Department. The Army Organization Act of 1950 renamed the Medical Department as the Army Medical Service. On 4 June 1968, the Army Medical Service was redesignated the Army Medical Department.

The anniversaries the corps which comprise the Army Medical Department are as follows (per AGO 19, dated 31 October 1978):

Army Nurse Corps: 2 February 1901

Dental Corps: 3 March 1911

Veterinary Corps: 3 June 1916

Medical Service Corps: 18 May 1917

Army Medical Specialist Corps: 16 April 1947



Chaplain

29 July 1775

The legal origin of the Chaplains is found in a resolution of the Continental Congress, adopted 29 July 1775, which made provision for the pay of chaplains. The Office of the Chief of Chaplains was created by the National Defense Act of 1920.



Judge Advocate General's Corps

29 July 1775

The Office of Judge Advocate of the Army may be deemed to have been created on 29 July 1775, and has generally paralleled the origin and development of the American system of military justice. The Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Department, by that name, was established in 1884. Its present designation as a corps was enacted in 1948.

The Department of the Army Seal and the Department of the Army Emblem

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seal_and_emblem_of_the_United_States_Department_of_the_Army
Seal and emblem of the United States Department of the Army

The **Department of the Army Seal** and the **Department of the Army Emblem** are, respectively, the official seal and emblem of the United States Department of the Army (formerly, of the War Department). The "War Office Seal" was created in 1778 and the Emblem was developed out of the seal and approved in 1947.

History

The Army Seal was used originally during the American Revolution to authenticate documents. It displayed the designation "War Office", which was synonymous with Headquarters of the Army, and the Roman date MDCCLXXVIII (1778) the first time it was used. It remained unchanged until 1947, when the War Office banner was replaced with "Department of the Army" and the date was changed to 1775, the year in which the Army was established. The seal embodies the Army's ideals of loyalty, vigilance, perseverance, truth, courage, zeal, fortitude, remembrance, determination, constancy, achievement, dignity, and honor. The changes were legislated by the National Security Act of 1947, and authorized by Section 3011, Title 10, United States Code.

Prior to the establishment of the "Department of the Army Emblem", there was no official display item to identify the Army. The Seal had traditionally been used to authenticate documents only and was not authorized for public display. In recognizing the need to provide a display item, the Secretary of the Army approved the emblem design as the official emblem to represent the Army on January 29, 1974.

Description

The Army Institute of Heraldry describes the War Office Seal as follows: In the center is a Roman cuirass below a vertical unsheathed sword, point up, the pommel resting on the neck opening of the cuirass and a Phrygian cap supported on the sword point, all between on the left an espartoon and on the right a musket with fixed bayonet crossed in saltire behind the cuirass and passing under the sword guard. To the left of the cuirass and espartoon is a national color of the Revolutionary War period with cords and tassels, on a flagstaff with spearhead, above a cannon barrel, the muzzle end slanting upward behind the cuirass, in front of the drum, with two drumsticks and the fly end of the flag draped over the drumhead; below, but partly in front of the cannon barrel, is a pile of three cannon balls. To the right of the cuirass and musket is a flag of unidentified designs with cords and tassels, on a flagstaff with spearhead, similarly arranged above a mortar on a carriage, the mortar facing inward and in front of the lower portion of the color and obscuring the lower part of it; below the mortar are two bomb shells placed side by side. Centered above the Phrygian cap is a rattlesnake holding in its mouth a scroll inscribed "This We'll Defend". Centered below the cuirass are the Roman numerals "MDCCLXXVIII".

Although the U.S. Department of the Army's emblem is derived from the Seal of the U.S. Department of the Army, it differs from the seal in several respects:

The emblem is displayed in color while the seal is not.

The emblem includes the inscription "Department of the Army" instead of the seal inscription "War Office"-

On the emblem, the U.S. flag is on its own right (observer's left) to reflect the current custom for display of flags. The flag of the United States Army pattern has been added in place of the opposing flag displayed on the seal. The Roman numerals "MDCCLXXVIII" which indicate the date the Seal was adopted, were replaced with the date "1775" to reflect the date the Continental Army was established.

Symbolism

The central element of the seal and emblem, the Roman cuirass, is a symbol of strength and defense. The sword, espartoon (a type of half-pike formerly used by subordinate officers), musket, bayonet, cannon, cannonballs, mortar, and mortar bombs are representative of Army implements. The drum and drumsticks are symbols of public notification of the Army's purpose and intent to serve the Nation and its people. The Phrygian cap (often called the "Cap of Liberty") supported on the point of an unsheathed sword and the motto "This We'll Defend" on a scroll held by the rattlesnake is a symbol depicted on some American colonial flags and signifies



Figure 1 The Department of the Army Seal. It was formerly known as the "War Office Seal".



Figure 2 The Department of the Army Emblem



Figure 3 "Military service mark" approved by the U.S. Department of Defense for usage by third parties to represent the U.S. Army in unofficial contexts.[1]

the Army's constant readiness to defend and preserve the United States. The symbolism for the elements of the emblem is the same as for the seal with the deviations and additions noted under "Description" above: The colors of the design elements are those traditionally associated with the ideals of the United States and of the U.S. Army. The flags are depicted in their approved colors. Blue is symbolic of loyalty, vigilance, perseverance, and truth. Red denotes courage, zeal, and fortitude. White alludes to deeds worthy of remembrance. Black is indicative of determination and constancy. Gold represents achievement, dignity, and honor.

Current usage

This "War Office Seal" continues to be used to this day when legal certification is necessary to authenticate as "official" documents and records of the Department of the Army.

Reproduction of the emblem is authorized in publications and other printed matter of an official or quasi-official nature in U.S. Army approved films and in official U.S. Army motion pictures or television programs. The design may not be modified in any manner. It may be reproduced in its proper colors, through the use of a one-color line process, or as a line drawing. The use of the emblem for any other purposes, including its incorporation in other items for commercial sale, will be only as authorized by the Institute of Heraldry.

Scooter in need of a Good Home



Chuck Paulson has approached the Board of Directors with a request. Chucks dad passed away earlier this year. His dad had a scooter that Chuck had 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 costs. Please let me, Bill Burt, know if you are in need or have any questions.

Helpful Tips – Staying healthy in smoky air exposure.

Taken from <https://news.va.gov/120890/staying-healthy-in-smoky-air-exposure/>

Guides for activities in bad air

June 8, 2023

By Hans Petersen

You can check the air quality where you are right now by entering your ZIP code on the AirNow web site.

Exposure to air pollutants in wildfire smoke can irritate the lungs, cause inflammation, alter immune function and increase susceptibility to respiratory infections, including COVID-19. Exposure can also impact chronic conditions like asthma, COPD and heart disease.

Here are recommendations for Veterans and their families:

- Reduce exposure to smoke/poor air quality
 - Stay inside Use air conditioning if available and ensure you have a clean filter Check your local air quality before going outside at EnviroFlash – Home Wear an N95 face mask if you have to go outside.
 - If you are in your car, set your air conditioning to recirculate.
- What to do if you have health concerns
 - Ensure you have an adequate supply of medications nearby.
 - If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Clinical Contact Center
 - Utilize Virtual Health options for care.

Useful resources

- CDC resources:
 - The CDC's wildfire website [Chronic Conditions and Wildfire Smoke | Air | CDC](#)
- American Lung Association resources:
 - [Wildfires and Lung Health | American Lung Association](#)

Here is helpful information on what to do when there is smoke in the air

Visit the AirNow "when smoke is in the air" website.

This EPA webpage provides guides, fact sheets, brochures, infographics, and web resources for use in learning about the health impacts of wildland fire smoke.

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:8778273702)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET.

National pension call center
[877-294-6380](tel:8772946380)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET
Support for SGLI or VGLI
[800-419-1473](tel:8004191473)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

All other VA life insurance programs
[800-669-8477](tel:8006698477)
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:8007498387)
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:8005351117)
Hours: Every day, 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET
Headstones and markers

Websites and Contact Info.

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

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

[800-697-6947](tel:8006976947)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

Other VA support

Women Veterans hotline
[855-829-6636](tel:8558296636)
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:8009830937)
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:8008270648)
Hours: Monday through Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

Vets Center call center
[877-927-8387](tel:8779278387)
Hours: 24/7

White House VA hotline
[855-948-2311](tel:8559482311)
Hours: 24/7

Veterans Crisis Line [800-273-8255](tel:8002738255), Select 1
Hours: 24/7

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.

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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

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

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