



# 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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## Just Beeing me

By Glenn Ricard

Bee keeping came as an accident for me in the mid-90s. It started with a bee tree I discovered while on my daily walk in the cemetery next door. I watched them entering and exiting the tree through a hole about 30 ft up. One day after a bad windstorm I found the tree had blown down. My father-in-law had been a keeper many years ago so I contacted him, and we dressed in what we could to harvest the honey before someone else did. Our bee suits amounted to a set of insulated Carhartt coveralls with the sleeves and leg openings taped up. Our head nets were hunting head gear (full face masks). After a few stings we had our honey. Over the years I had many ideas of getting into the hobby and one day discovered a hive started in one of my old truck beds toolboxes this and a local seller of bee packages started my hive management that has lasted till now.

My biggest summer of harvesting was 450 lbs. of honey from 16 hives. This hive slowly dwindled down to 2 hives from natural loss. (About 1/3 of the hives die out each year from natural occurring loss.

My equipment is minimal. A full body suit, a smoker to calm them when I open the hives and an extractor used to spin the frames of their honey content. It’s important to use the protective equipment properly. One day I neglected to pull the Velcro over the intersection where the suit zipper meets the head cover zipper, and I had bees inside my head net from little hole. I was stung 18 times in the head and neck area. I’m not

allergic but I did go sit at the local hospital just in case. My head did swell at every sting point, but I survived. My hive consists of 2 deep bodies and 1 medium body. Each body hold 10 frames the bees use to make their comb. The frames are what the bees form the comb on to cap their honey. Each little cell they make the shape is exactly the same. every frame has thousands of cells.

In the spring the deep bodies are filled with new brood and food (honey) for the colony and once filled I add the medium bodies on top for the overflow of honey. As long as the flowers continue to blossom, they continue to make honey. As the season moves on and colder weather comes, they go into winter prep. All the male bees (called drones) get kicked out of the hive to die. The male bees are only used to breed the queen and other than that are useless. The many worker bees in a hive are all girls and they caretake the hive for their queen. They will take turns flapping their wings and continue to rotate around the queen all winter and keep the inside of the winter hive at a constant 92 deg.

My equipment consists of the hives (2 deep bodies, 1 medium body a bottom board and a top board. Extra medium bodies (honey supers) for adding when honey is being stored. I use a ventilated full body suit to keep the bees from stinging and an electric extractor for spinning the honey out of the frames after the honey supers have been removed.

I had a local beekeeper to talk with when I was getting started who had many hives scattered about the community and had been a keeper of bees for many years. He has since passed on and his family gave his hives and equipment to other keepers in the area. This gentleman was a great storyteller with a wealth of information on the subject. Bee keeping is funky sometimes. You can do everything correct and sometimes they just up and leave or **suddenly collapse**.

I'm planning to keep at least a couple hives going yearly as many of my friends and the woman in charge of the house depends on my girls for sweetening their morning tea.

## 52nd Infantry Unit Tribute Plaque at the National Museum of the United States Army – Donations Needed

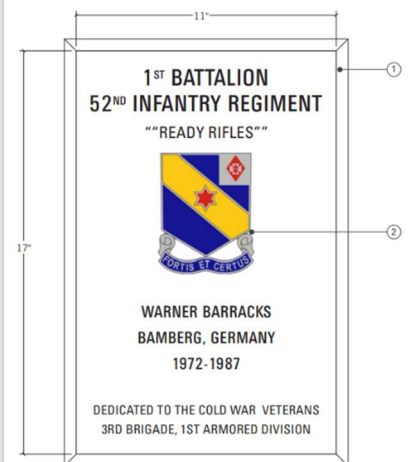
We are excited to announce that we will have a 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry unit tribute plaque in place at the National Museum of the United States Army in time for our 2023 reunion Wednesday to Sunday, September 13-17, 2023.



Unit tributes line the Path of Remembrance leading up to the Museum. The 12”x 18” plaques honor individual Army units of any size and period. The plaques are engraved in polished Mesabi Black granite. Below is a picture of some of these plaques.

We have ordered our plaque, and it will be in place by September for our reunion. During our visit to the reunion, we will gather at the unit tribute and honor those who served with our unit. Here is a copy of the design. (tentative design as of March 12, 2023 – design could still change some)

So far, we have raised \$4,000 of the \$5,000 dollar cost of the unit tribute plaque. We need your help to raise the additional \$1,000 and are asking 40 veterans of the battalion to donate \$25 each to complete our mission to honor our unit. When you are standing next to the plaque



during your visit, you will want to say that you helped contribute to making it happen.

Soon we will have an online way for you to donate to the unit tribute plaque. In the meantime, please send your checks to the address below. Make them out to Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Stationed in Bamberg. (or as much of it that will fit). Add Unit Tribute Plaque to the memo line.

Mail to:

Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Stationed in Bamberg

C/O Mike Streff

25 South Pointe Lane

Moneta, Virginia 24121

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

## 2023 Washington D.C. Reunion

By Mike Streff

Please start to make your plans to attend the 2023 reunion of veterans of 52<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry stationed in Bamber 1972 to 1990 in the Washington DC area this fall.

Our reunion will be in the Washington DC / Crystal City area, Wednesday to Sunday, September 13-17, 2023.

Even though the reunion is months away, there are three things you should do now to ensure you have the best possible reunion experience.

### **Plan Your Travel Reserve Your Room Tell a Buddy About the Reunion**

A few details.

**Plan your travel.** You should make your travel plans now, especially if you are going to fly. As you are probably aware, as people have begun to travel again, flight availability is more limited, and costs can be higher. We recommend you make your flight plans early to ensure availability. There are three Washington area airports you can use. Our reunion hotel is in Crystal City, which is next to the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) for ease of travel. Other local airports are Dulles International Airport (IAD), which is now accessible the Metro, and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) which is accessible by train. If you travel by air, we do not think that you will have to rent a car for the reunion, given the reunion buses/Metro for certain reunion events, the central location of our reunion hotel, and local transportation network (Metro and bus)

**Reserve Your Room.** 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 \$99 a night, with taxes and parking extra, for the four nights (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights with check out on Sunday). Our contract with the hotel allows you to come early or stay later at the same rate (although you must call the hotel directly to ask for the reunion rate for what they call “shoulder” stay days). The rate is guaranteed for a set number of rooms – so the rate is first come first served.

[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&qSlH=WASNA&qAkamaiCC=US&qSrt=sBR&qBrs=re.ic.in.vn.ep.vx.hi.ex.rs.cv.sb.cw.ma.ul.ki.va.ii.sp.nd.ct.sx.w.e.lx&qAAR=6CBARC&qWch=0&qSmP=1&setPMCookies=true&qRad=30&qRdU=mi&srb\\_u=1&qSHBrC=CP&icdv=99801505](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&qSlH=WASNA&qAkamaiCC=US&qSrt=sBR&qBrs=re.ic.in.vn.ep.vx.hi.ex.rs.cv.sb.cw.ma.ul.ki.va.ii.sp.nd.ct.sx.w.e.lx&qAAR=6CBARC&qWch=0&qSmP=1&setPMCookies=true&qRad=30&qRdU=mi&srb_u=1&qSHBrC=CP&icdv=99801505)

**Call or email Jennifer to extend your hotel dates. It's very easy and she responds quickly.**

**Jennifer Shelton-Dabbs**

**Office: 703-310-8999 | Mobile: 703.772.3503**

**Email: Jennifer.Shelton-Dabbs@bfsaul.com**

**Call a Buddy and Ask Him to Join You at the Reunion.** This is a call for action for you to help us get the word out about the reunion.

We will spend a lot of time and money to publicize the reunion, using mailings, Facebook, emails, notices in Veteran's magazines, and any other way we can think of. None of this will be as effective as picking up the phone or texting your buddies you served with in Bamberg and asking them to join you at the reunion. Please help us make sure everyone is aware of our reunion.

**Day-by-Day Events Coming Soon.** More details about the day-by-day events and event signups will come out in April. We are still working details with Arlington Cemetery about the details of our visit there and will not finalize them until March. Other reunion events will include a trip to the Army Museum, a trip the Air and Space Museum, Washington DC tours, and a banquet. We will have a hospitality suite at the hotel which will be open throughout the reunion, and of course all events are designed to maximize your time with those you served with.

Please make your plans now to attend the reunion. We look forward to seeing you in Washington DC in September!

## Refer a Buddy

I will attach a copy of our Roster. Look it over and reach out to someone you haven't talked to for a while. Look at the names and see if you know someone not on the roster that we can reach out to. We were a family back then and that has never stopped. It is a great feeling talking to an old buddy. You will pick up right where you left off.

So, if you are in contact with anyone else, forward them to me or send them my contact information and let's get them in the group. Let's keep growing our reunions attendance.

## George Washington's Revolutionary St. Patrick's Day

*Taken from: <https://www.history.com/news/george-washingtons-revolutionary-st-patricks-day>*

Written by: Christopher Klein, Updated September 1, 2018, Original March 15, 2013

When General George Washington needed to boost sagging patriot morale, he enlisted a rarely celebrated holiday—St. Patrick's Day—to the cause.

The Continental Army that encamped in Morristown, New Jersey, shivered through the brutal winter of 1779-1780. It was hard for them to believe that conditions could be any harsher than they had been at Valley Forge two years prior, but these were truly the cruelest days of the American Revolution. Twenty-eight separate snowstorms struck the encampment, burying it under as much as 6 feet of snow, between November 1779 and April 1, 1780. Through the coldest winter in recorded history, patriot foot soldiers slept on straw and huddled together for warmth in rudimentary log huts. The weather made it difficult to obtain supplies, and men went days without food. Some even resorted to eating the bark off twigs for nourishment.

Needless to say, frivolity was at a severe premium. George Washington knew he needed to buoy the spirits of his forces, so he did what a good boss would do: he gave them a day off. The general granted his troops just a single holiday that winter in Morristown, and it wasn't Christmas. It was a holiday rarely observed in America—St. Patrick's Day.

The Irish represented the largest immigrant group to arrive in the colonies in the 1700s. The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in Colonial America dated back to 1737 in Boston, but commemorations of the feast day of Ireland's patron saint were limited by the time of the American Revolution. The Irish who had immigrated to Colonial America were mainly Presbyterians from the northern province of Ulster. (Irish Catholics would not begin to arrive in large numbers until the Great Famine of the 1840s.) These "Scotch-Irish," driven from Ireland by British oppression in the first place, were predisposed to support the rebellion against the crown. Estimates are that one-quarter or more of the Continental Army was Irish by birth or ancestry, and regiments from Pennsylvania and Maryland were nearly half-Irish. Generals born in Ireland or who had Irish parents commanded seven of the eleven brigades wintering in Morristown.

Back in Ireland—which, like America, was striving for independence from the yoke of the British Empire—the populace was naturally sympathetic to the patriot cause during the American Revolution. The Irish in Ulster were so open in their support that the lord lieutenant of Ireland complained to London that the Irish

Presbyterians were “in their hearts” Americans who were “talking in all companies in such a way that if they are not rebels, it is hard to find a name for them.”

So, in an effort to give his men a badly needed break, to recognize the heritage of many of his soldiers and to express solidarity with the “brave and generous” people of Ireland, Washington issued general orders on March 16, 1780, proclaiming St. Patrick’s Day a holiday for his troops. It was the first day of rest for the Continental Army in more than a year. “The General directs that all fatigue and working parties cease for tomorrow the SEVENTEENTH instant,” read the orders, “a day held in particular regard by the people of [Ireland].”

Washington also told his troops that he expected “that the celebration of the day will not be attended with the least rioting or disorder.” While not all St. Patrick’s Day celebrations are well-behaved affairs, it appears that this one was. Soldiers may not have quaffed green tankards of ale, but the men of the Pennsylvania Division at least enjoyed a hogshead of rum that had been purchased by their commander. In appreciation of his actions, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, a relief organization for Irish immigrants, named Washington an honorary member in 1782.

The date of St. Patrick’s Day already held special significance for Washington. Four years prior, on March 17, 1776, the British evacuated Boston, and the general had his first major strategic victory since assuming the command of the Continental Army in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in July 1775. Nearly 9,000 Redcoats and more than 1,000 Loyalists boarded 120 ships in Boston Harbor on that St. Patrick’s Day morning, and the enormous flotilla set sail for Halifax, Nova Scotia. Legend has it that Washington selected “Boston” as the password for the first troops to re-enter the town that day, and, in honor of Ireland’s patron saint, “St. Patrick” was the proper response.

March 17 is today a civic holiday in Boston, ostensibly to commemorate “Evacuation Day.” But much like Washington’s army holed up in Morrystown, most Bostonians spend the day celebrating all things Irish—with or without a hogshead of rum.

## **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



## Scooter in need of a Good Home



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

## What Did You do While in the 1/52 or the 7/6

We are looking for what you did as a squad, platoon, company, or battalion. Things like rifle team, Nijmegen Team, dates (specific or best guess) when companies went to ranges, REFORGERS, PCT training, Miesau guard duty, company trips, field problems, Celebration (Remagen Bridge Anniversaries), 100-mile marches, and anything else that one can remember. Please send anything you can think of nothing is too trivial. The more we collect the more others remember. Please send information to [Bill.Burt@152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org](mailto:Bill.Burt@152-76inf-coldwarvetsbamberg.org), reply to the email that the Sitrep came from or send Bill Burt a Facebook message.

## Who Served in your squad/ platoons/company.

By Zak Kozak and Bill Burt

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.

## In Search of

Please read it and if you can tell me any other information or their location. The littlest thing could be the one thing that locates them. Also, if there is someone that is not on the roster, let me know so that we can start the search for them.

- **Ryan Gust**, A Co, 1985
- **Cecil Dykes**, 1972
- **Lawrence Nielson**, Battalion 1972-73
- **Phillips, Jerry W.**, A Co, 1984-87 possibly from Modesto CA

- **Prevett J. “the colonel”,** D Co 84-85
- **Rhea, Frank,** 85-88

## Helpful Tips – Be Tobacco Free

[https://www.prevention.va.gov/Healthy\\_Living/Be\\_Tobacco\\_Free.asp](https://www.prevention.va.gov/Healthy_Living/Be_Tobacco_Free.asp)

Be tobacco free! Don't use tobacco in any form. If you are using tobacco, the VA can help you quit. Avoid secondhand smoke. If you are pregnant, both you and your baby will benefit when you quit using tobacco.

### What's Important to Know?

Quitting tobacco use is the single most important thing you can do to improve your health and protect your family's health. If you quit smoking or other forms of tobacco, you and your family will experience short and long-term health benefits. It's never too late to quit—your health will improve at any age after quitting tobacco! All forms of tobacco use—including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, snus, chewing tobacco and more—are harmful. Tobacco use harms nearly every organ of the body and causes:

- Cancers
- Heart disease and stroke
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other lung/breathing problems
- Complications in those who are pregnant

Secondhand smoke is the smoke released from a burning cigarette, cigar or pipe, as well as the smoke exhaled by the smoker. There is no safe level of secondhand smoke. It can cause harmful effects on non-smokers' health and can increase their risk of heart disease, lung cancer, and other health problems by 20-30%.

Tobacco use is the largest cause of preventable illness and death in the United States. Tobacco and secondhand smoke kill approximately 480,000 people in the U.S. each year.

Many good things happen as soon as you quit. You'll breathe easier, save money, smell better, and have more energy. If you're pregnant, your baby will be healthier. You'll also be protecting your health and protecting your family and friends from secondhand smoke.

### Want to Know More?

Talk with your VA health care team about help with quitting tobacco. Your team can help you in several different ways. They can provide medications, tips, tools, behavioral counseling, and support. They can also help you join other Veterans in a class led by a VA expert in quitting tobacco.

### Resources

- **VA Tobacco and Health**
- **VHA National Tobacco Cessation Quitline for Veterans:** 1-855-QUIT VET (1-855-784-8838). Counseling is available Monday through Friday from 9 am to 9 pm ET.
- **SmokefreeVET:** Text the word 'VET' to **47848** from your mobile phone or visit <https://veterans.smokefree.gov/> to sign up for the SmokefreeVET text messaging system.
- **SmokefreeVET en español** — Envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra "VETESP" al 47848 desde su teléfono móvil o visite <https://veterans.smokefree.gov/tools-tips-vet/smokefreevetesp> para acceder al sistema de mensajes de texto SmokefreeVET.
- **Stay Quit Coach**—a free mobile app to support quitting smoking and staying quit. Available at: <https://mobilehealth.va.gov/app/stay-quit-coach>
- **Stress Management Support Resources**
- **Veterans' Health Library:** <https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/>

## Membership Donations

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

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

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

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

[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

## SpecOpsNet.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We do not sell or share the subscriber list nor will we every sell or share the list. Our only interest is hearing of successes from employers who find employees and list members who find work. Knowing this list connects people and jobs is sufficient.

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

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

De Oppresso Liber.

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