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



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

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

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

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 3 PM eastern daylight time. There will be no in-person – this meeting will be held electronically.

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

- By electron media (Zoom meeting – see attached information for details)
- By phone (see attached information for details)
- By proxy (see attached proxy statement)¹

The agenda for the meeting is:

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

If you have issues you would like addressed at the corporate meeting, or questions you would like answered please provide them to the undersigned by COB on September 27, 2024.

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

Date of Notice – 14 August 2024

William Burt
Secretary

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

Zoom Meeting Details

Meeting times

3 PM Eastern Daylight Time
2 PM Central Daylight Time
1 PM Mountain Daylight Time
12 noon PM Pacific Daylight Time
9 AM Hawaiian

Michael Streff is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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

Time: Sep 28, 2024 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87205378470?pwd=rXfJbSOAzEugwHWvCsUftN4D7pXhG4.1>

Meeting ID: 872 0537 8470

Passcode: 000555

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

Dial by your location

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

Meeting ID: 872 0537 8470

Passcode: 000555

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kjQDh8PmT>

**Proxy Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors
For the 2024 Annual Meeting of
Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments
Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc**

The undersigned hereby appoints Lamar C. Crosby proxy to vote as designated below at the Annual Meeting of Veterans of the 52nd and 6th Infantry Regiments Stationed in Bamberg Germany 1972 to 1990, Inc, on September 28, 2024, with all powers that the undersigned would possess if personally present.

The nominating committee has nominated the following individuals as directors of the corporation, for the terms listed. There are three board positions up for election. The incumbents were elected at the 2022 annual meeting for a term of three years. The term of the newly elected directors will be for three years. Board members elected on January 1, 2022 had staggered terms so that at each annual meeting, the terms of approximately one-third (1/3) of all members of the Board of Directors expire.

You may vote for three directors. Information on each nominee is attached, or you can write-in a candidate. Return the proxy statement by email to Lamar C. Crosby, lcrosby9@comcast.net, or mail to 2121 Winslow Cottage Circle, Marietta, GA 30062 The proxy must be received prior to the start of the meeting on September 28, 2024 at 3 PM eastern daylight time.

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

Director of the Corporation – for a term of three years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027

Dennis Barletta _____ or Write-In _____

Director of the Corporation – for a term of three years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027

William (Bill) Burt _____ or Write-In _____

Director of the Corporation – for a term of three years from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027

Robert (Bob) Domenici _____ or Write-In _____

Your Name, Signature and Date _____

Information on Nominees

Dennis Barletta

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

William (Bill) Burt

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

Robert (Bob) Domenici

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

Corporate Purpose

Nonprofit Purpose

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

Specific Purpose

The corporation is a veteran's organization providing social and charitable opportunities for its members. The specific purposes of this organization shall be:

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

Directors of the Corporation – 2024

Dennis Barletta

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

Dennis was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry from August 1976 to October 1979, as the 1st Platoon Leader, Bravo Co, 1976 – 1977 and the Battalion S2 from 1977 to 1979. He served as an Intelligence Watch Team Chief in the Army Operations Center and as the Executive Officer to the Director of Counterintelligence, Army Staff, The Pentagon. He was the S2, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Commander of the Intelligence and Surveillance Company, 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion, and the Assistant to the Secretary of the General Staff, 3ID. Following graduation from the Army Command and General Staff College and the Armed Forces Staff College he was assigned as the Executive Officer to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Central Army Group, NATO. He returned to the 3ID to serve as the S3 of the 103rd MI BN and then as the Deputy G2. He was assigned to Joint Task Force Provide Promise as the Deputy J2. While assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington he formed and lead the Analysis and Control Element, and then served as the Deputy Corps G2. He commanded the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion. Following graduation from the Naval War College he was assigned to the National Imagery and Mapping Agency as the Chief of Staff of the Science and Technology Directorate and later as the Chief of the US Central Command Support Team. Following his 26-year military career he worked for SAIC and BAE Systems supporting geo-spatial intelligence programs at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. He serves as the first President of the Board of Directors, chairs the unit history program, and along with Zak Kozak, he has worked to expand membership with 1970s era veterans of the battalion.

William (Bill) Burt

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
- **Roles** – Secretary / Newsletters / Membership / Memorials and assistance (chair)

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

Robert (Bob) Domenici

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
 - **Roles** – Fund raising committee (chair) / Audit committee (chair) / Investment committee (chair) / Website
- Bob was stationed with 1-52 Infantry from 1984 to 1987, and was the 3rd Platoon Leader Delta Company, 1st Platoon Leader Echo Company and S-3/LNO BN Hq., HHC. He served in the Army (both Active and AGR National Guard) for over 22 years, including tours in Georgia, Germany, New Jersey, and New York. Bob was the lead member of a NY National Guard Think Tank that led the effort to develop the concept, implement and pass the required legislation at the National Level to approve the largest National Guard Anti-terrorism program; Civil Support (Anti-terrorism) WMD Team 1999 -2003. He commanded the 2nd WMD CST antiterrorism team at WTC and was responsible for FEMA region II (1999-2003). He retired in 2003 and went on to found three Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Companies, which provide resource management, procurement and IT support in Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey, Siapan and currently throughout New York State. He also served his local community for 16 years as a Volunteer on New York State Capital Region School Boards. Bob has attended the reunions held in Washington, DC, Atlanta and Pittsburgh and his company donated the funds to start our operations.

G.M. (Zak) Kozak

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026
- **Roles** – Audit committee / Nominating committee / Unit history (succession) committee

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

William (Bill) Patterson

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026
- **Roles** – Nominating committee / Investment committee

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

Robert Pruitt

- **Term** - Three years from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025
- **Roles** – Vice president / Audit committee / Nominating committee / Reunion committee

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

Michael (Mike) Streff

- **Term** – Three years from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025
- **Roles** – Treasurer / Reunion committee (Chair) / Fundraising committee / Nominating committee (Chair) / Investment Committee / Memorials and assistance.

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

Family Members Who Have Passed

Sheryl Luman



September 12, 1958 — April 19, 2024

MINERAL RIDGE - Sheryl Luman, 65, died unexpectedly at home on April 19, 2024.

Sheryl was born Sept. 12, 1958, in Youngstown, the daughter of Orval and Alberta Ringleman Richie.

She was a 1976 graduate of Austintown Fitch High School and earned her nursing degree in 1986. Sheryl worked as a Registered Nurse for St. Elizabeth Hospital and most recently Guardian Health until retiring.

She was an active member of Crossway Family Church.

Sheryl is survived by her husband, Timothy Luman, whom she married Jan. 16, 2021; and son Michael Scarneckia.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Cynthia Cirelli Magallon.

Family and friends may gather Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 10 am to 11 am at the Crossway Family Church, 5000 Warren Sharon Rd. Vienna, OH 44473, where a memorial service will follow at 11 am.

[https://www.higgins-reardon.com/obituaries/sheryl-](https://www.higgins-reardon.com/obituaries/sheryl-luman?fbclid=IwY2xjawEiVgllHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHsn4gK43R67NGjEhIAF2o5c4V5abvcZBUKkjEPWsvpQsHyC3wdLOVlhd7w_aem_7tmpicBJzvcSlwXt9zbag)

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Virginia H. Rubino

COLONIE – Virginia “Babe” H. Rubino, 88, of Colonie, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 4, 2024 at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.



She was born in Brooklyn and was the daughter of the late John and Elsie Bambauer.

Virginia was predeceased by her husband Andrew and her son Rocky.

She was a talented Merrow Sewing machine operator for several Knitting Mills in New York City. Virginia was an extraordinary cook and fed everyone she knew. Every Sunday and all holidays were her staple feasts for all. Virginia was a devout catholic with a special devotion to the Blessed Mother.

She is the cherished mother of Lisa (Joe) Furlano and Ginny (Bob) Domenici. Virginia is the loving Gram of Audrey (Dominic) Scialdone, Megan (Brian) Serowick, Rob (Genni) Domenici, Mary (Frank) DeGraw, Mikey (Cait) Bourke and Nick Domenici. She is the sister of Joan Stuhler. Virginia is also survived by 10 (soon to be 11) great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Virginia’s family on Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm at Cannon Funeral Home, 2020 Central Ave., Colonie. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 11:00 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville. Interment will follow at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, (www.stjude.org) To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit www.CannonFuneral.com

[https://www.cannonfuneral.com/obituary/Virginia-](https://www.cannonfuneral.com/obituary/Virginia-Rubino?fbclid=IwY2xjawEhAphleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHd2lFKdQpjItP9iG2x6ypyST3JYCyla8SusVAKoAzKJqBwjagNd3SyqSNA_aem_ngazVzh7Z_ET56_Aw1EbbA)

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Dan Gomulak

October 14, 1947 - July 25, 2024



Daniel W. Gomulak passed away peacefully on July 25, 2024 at his family farm in Danbury, Wisconsin. He was 76 years of age and was surrounded by his family.

Dan was born on October 14, 1947, to Mike and Tracy Gomulak. He died in the same homestead where he had been raised with his five siblings.

Dan attended Webster High School where his affinity for running made him a track star. Even though he had broken his leg in an accident as a child, it never seemed to slow him down. After multiple regional championships, Dan made it to the state track meet his

senior year. His best event was a mile.

After graduating from high school in 1965, Dan planned on attending welding school in Superior but instead received a letter from the draft board, calling him up to serve in the US Army. He spent time at Fort Sill in Oklahoma and then at Fort Knox Kentucky before being deployed to Vietnam from December 1967 to July 1969. He had many stories of close encounters and harrowing adventures from his travels abroad. Upon returning home Dan completed a degree in Agriculture, married Diane Sears, took over the family farm, and raised six children. Over the years Dan expanded the dairy, raised beef cattle, and contributed to the building repair of many cabins and homes in the area. He was often called upon by older farmers in the area to help them out whenever and whatever he was needed for. Dan also worked for Phillip Plastics in New Richmond until he retired in 2008 and came back home to the farm.

On September 10, 2015, Dan met his sweetheart and fiancé Jan Hansen on a blind date. They have been inseparable ever since.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents Mike and Tracy Gomulak, Diane Sears as well as his great-granddaughter Claire DePover. He is survived by his fiancé Jan Hansen; his five siblings, Mike (Fern) Gomulak, Judy (Rod) Hopkins, Kate (Jim) Lucas, Steve (Peggy) Gomulak, and Maria (John) Kinneman; his six children, Daniel J. Gomulak, Heather Quist, Matt (Shelly) Gomulak, Mary (Ron) Meyer, Annie (Chris) Shutt, and Michele Fowler; as well as 21 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; along with nieces and nephews and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 AM on August 6, 2024 at St. John's Catholic Church in Webster, Wisconsin.

At 2PM Dan's remains will be committed and a final blessing will take place at Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Spooner. All family and friends are welcome to participate. In lieu of flowers, donations to DOVR "Dairyland Outdoor Veterans Retreat", in Dan Gomulak's Honor would be appreciated.

Donations for 1-52nd Infantry Guidons

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. 1

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.

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 solicit 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

1 For those of you who are interested in this sort of thing, 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.

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 1974. 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.

1975

HHC – Bill Hendrickson, Birdsong, Bursky, Clifford Lind, Elizer Ortiz, Fletcher Stitzle, Roger Somerville and B. Strieber

Alpha Co. - Christensen, Coleman, Dozier, Gary Bome, Ortiz, Schultz, Scott Vandall, D. Smith, T. Smith and Wyrick

Bravo Co. – Emerson, Fuller, Larry Wallace, Pentecost and Stave Siebert

Charlie Co. - R. Brown, Christensen, Duke, Dunn, Lynch, Mayer, McMullen, Rene Bouchard, Timothy Fives, Tom Ferguson and Tracy Morris.

CSC – Alton, Banks, Byrd, Curran, Dennis, Juncer, Florry, Hudson, Medin, Michalenko, Moore, Stuck and Vic Moore

Asking for Help is Part of Your Strength

A little boy was trying to lift a rock. His father was there watching the little fellow trying to move the rock. His dad heard him grunting and straining to roll the rock over. He asked the boy, “Are you using all your strength?” He answered, “Yes daddy I am using all my strength.” The dad said, “No you’re not.” The little boy replied, a bit angrily, “Yes I am!”. The dad replied, “No you’re not, you haven’t asked me to help you. Son I am part of your strength.”

It may be one of the hardest things to do, but asking for help is part of your strength.

Some History

August Dates of Interest

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

August 1, 1944 - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. “[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world.” Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

August 1, 1944 - The Warsaw Uprising began as the Polish Home Army, numbering about 40,000 Polish patriots, began shooting at German troops in the streets. The Nazis then sent eight divisions to battle the Poles, who had hoped for, but did not receive, assistance from the Allies. Two months later, the rebellion was quashed.

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 2, 1939 - Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning the possibility of atomic weapons. "A single bomb of this type carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the

whole port together with some of the surrounding territory." Six years later, on August 6, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb, developed by the U.S., was dropped on the Japanese port of Hiroshima.

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

August 6-10, 1787 - The Great Debate occurred during the Constitutional Convention. Outcomes included the establishment of a four-year term of office for the President, granting Congress the right to regulate foreign trade and interstate commerce, and the appointment of a committee to prepare a final draft of the Constitution.

August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber *Enola Gay*. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died as a result of radiation effects.

August 7, 1964 - Following an attack on two U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin off North Vietnam, the U.S. Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, granting President Lyndon B. Johnson authority "to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression."

August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.

August 9, 1945 - The second Atomic bombing of Japan occurred as an American B-29 bomber headed for the city of Kokura, but because of poor visibility then chose a secondary target, Nagasaki. About noon, the bomb detonated killing an estimated 70,000 persons and destroying about half the city.

August 13, 1961 - The Berlin Wall came into existence after the East German government closed the border between east and west sectors of Berlin with barbed wire to discourage emigration to the West. The barbed wire was replaced by a 12 foot-high concrete wall eventually extending 103 miles (166 km) around the perimeter of West Berlin. The wall included electrified fences, fortifications, and guard posts. It became a notorious symbol of the Cold War. Presidents Kennedy and Reagan made notable appearances at the wall accompanied by speeches denouncing Communism. The wall was finally opened by an East German governmental decree in November 1989 and torn down by the end of 1990.

August 14, 1941 - After three days of secret meetings aboard warships off the coast of Newfoundland, the Atlantic Charter was issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Charter, a foundation stone for the later establishment of the United Nations, set forth eight goals for the nations of the world, including; the renunciation of all aggression, right to self-government, access to raw materials, freedom from want and fear, freedom of the seas, and disarmament of aggressor nations. By September, fifteen anti-Axis nations signed the Charter.

August 14, 1945 - Following the two Atomic Bomb drops and believing that continuation of the war would only result in further loss of Japanese lives, delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms originally issued at Potsdam on July 26, 1945, with the exception that the Japanese Emperor's sovereignty would be maintained. Japanese Emperor Hirohito, who had never spoken on radio, then recorded an announcement admitting Japan's surrender, without actually using the word. The announcement was broadcast via radio to the Japanese people at noon the next day. The formal surrender ceremony occurred later, on September 2, 1945, on board the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

August 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies.

August 16, 1777 - During the American Revolutionary War, the Battle of Bennington, Vermont, occurred as militiamen from Vermont, aided by Massachusetts troops, wiped out a detachment of 800 German-Hessians sent by British General Burgoyne to seize horses.

August 16, 1896 - Gold was discovered in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Alaska, resulting in the Great Klondike Gold Rush.

August 17, 1943 - During World War II in Europe, the Allies completed the conquest of the island of Sicily after just 38 days. This gave the Allies control of the Mediterranean and also led to the downfall of Benito Mussolini and Italy's eventual withdrawal from the war. However, the Germans managed to evacuate 39,569 troops, 47 tanks, 94 heavy guns, over 9,000 vehicles and 2,000 tons of ammunition back to the Italian mainland from Sicily.

August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 24-25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

Medal of Honor

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT JAMES LEROY BONDSTEEL

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/james-l-bondsteel>

Rank: Staff Sergeant (Highest Rank: Master Sergeant)



Conflict/Era: Vietnam War

Unit/Command: Company A, 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry, 1st Infantry Division

Military Service Branch: U.S. Army

Medal of Honor Action Date: May 24, 1969

Medal of Honor Action Place: near the village of Lang Sau, An Loc Province, Republic of Vietnam

Awarded Posthumously: No

Presentation Date & Details: October 15, 1973, The White House, presented by Pres. Richard M. Nixon

Born: July 18, 1947, Jackson, Jackson County, MI, United States

Died: April 9, 1987, Anchorage (Kinik River Bridge), AK, United States

Buried: Fort Richardson National Cemetery (MH) (H-19), Fort Richardson, AK, United States

Citation

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. S/Sgt. Bondsteel distinguished himself while serving as a platoon sergeant with Company A, near the village of Lang Sau. Company A was directed to assist a friendly unit which was endangered by intense fire from a North Vietnamese battalion located in a heavily fortified base camp. S/Sgt. Bondsteel quickly organized the men of his platoon into effective combat teams and spearheaded the attack by destroying four enemy-occupied bunkers. He then raced some 200 meters under heavy enemy fire to reach an adjoining platoon which had begun to falter. After rallying this unit and assisting their wounded, S/Sgt. Bondsteel returned to his own sector with critically needed munitions. Without pausing he moved to the forefront and destroyed four enemy-occupied bunkers and a machine gun which had threatened his advancing platoon. Although painfully wounded by an enemy grenade, S/Sgt. Bondsteel refused medical attention and continued his assault by neutralizing two more enemy bunkers nearby. While searching one of these emplacements, S/Sgt. Bondsteel narrowly escaped death when an enemy soldier detonated a grenade at close range. Shortly thereafter, he ran to the aid of a seriously wounded officer and struck down an enemy soldier who was threatening the officer's life. S/Sgt. Bondsteel then continued to rally his men and lead them through the entrenched enemy until his company was relieved. His exemplary leadership and great personal courage throughout the four-hour battle ensured the success of his own and nearby units, and resulted in the saving of numerous lives of his fellow soldiers. By individual acts of bravery he destroyed 10 enemy bunkers and accounted for a large toll of the enemy, including two key enemy commanders. His extraordinary heroism at the risk of his life was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon him, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

VA News – Abdominal Pain

<https://www.veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov/DiseasesConditions/Digestive/3,40384>

Abdominal Pain

Abdominal pain means pain in the stomach or belly area. Everyone has this kind of pain from time to time. In many cases, it goes away on its own. Some types of abdominal pain can be from a serious problem. One example is appendicitis. So it's important to know when to get help.

Causes of abdominal pain

There are many causes of abdominal pain. Common causes in adults include:

- Constipation, diarrhea, or gas
- Stomach and intestine inflammation from a virus or bacteria (gastroenteritis)
- Stomach acid flowing back up into the esophagus (acid reflux)
- Severe acid reflux, called gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- A sore in the lining of the stomach or small intestine (peptic ulcer)
- Inflammation of the gallbladder, liver, or pancreas
- Gallstones or kidney stones
- Appendicitis
- Intestinal blockage
- An internal organ pushing through a muscle or other tissue (hernia)
- Urinary tract infections
- Menstrual cramps
- Fibroids in the uterus
- Ovarian cysts
- Pelvic inflammatory disease in women
- Endometriosis
- Crohn's disease
- Ulcerative colitis
- Irritable bowel syndrome

Diagnosing the cause of abdominal pain

Your healthcare provider will give you a physical exam. This is to help find the cause of your pain. If needed, you'll have tests. Belly pain has many possible causes. So it may take a little time to find the reason for your pain. Give details about the type of pain you feel. Tell your healthcare provider if it's sharp or dull. Tell them where and when you feel the pain. Tell them what makes it better or worse. And tell them if you have other symptoms such as:

- Fever
- Tiredness
- Upset stomach (nausea)
- Vomiting
- Changes in bathroom habits
- Blood in the stool or black, tarry stool
- Unexpected weight loss

Tell your healthcare provider:

- If you have a family history of stomach or intestinal problems or cancer
- About your alcohol use and any illegal drug use
- All medicines you take, both prescription and over-the-counter
- What vitamins, herbs, and other supplements you take

Treating abdominal pain

Some causes of pain need emergency medical care right away. These include appendicitis or a bowel blockage. Other problems can be treated with rest, fluids, or medicines. Your healthcare provider can give you instructions. You may need treatment or self-care based on what's causing your pain.

If you have vomiting or diarrhea, sip water or other clear fluids. When you're ready to eat solid foods again, start lightly. Eat small amounts of easy-to-digest, low-fat foods. These include applesauce, toast, or crackers.

Call 911

Call 911 right away if you:

- Can't pass stool and are vomiting
- Are vomiting blood
- Have bloody diarrhea or black, tarry diarrhea
- Have chest, neck, or shoulder pain
- Feel like you might pass out (faint)
- Have pain in your shoulder blades and nausea
- Have sudden, severe belly pain
- Have new, severe pain unlike any you've felt before
- Have a belly that is rigid, hard, and hurts to touch

When to call the healthcare provider

Call your healthcare provider or seek medical care right away if you have any of these:

- Pain that's worse or not getting better
- Bloating that's worse or not getting better
- Diarrhea that's worse or not getting better
- Fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher, or as advised
- Weight loss for no reason
- Continued lack of appetite
- Blood in your stool

How to prevent abdominal pain

Here are some tips to help prevent abdominal pain:

- Eat smaller amounts of food at each meal.
- >Don't eat greasy, fried, or other high-fat foods.
- Don't eat foods that give you gas.
- Exercise regularly.
- Drink plenty of fluids.

To help prevent GERD symptoms:

- Quit smoking.
- Reduce alcohol and foods that increase stomach acid.
- Don't use aspirin or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).
- Lose excess weight.
- Finish eating at least 2 hours before you go to bed or lie down.
- Raise the head of your bed.

Merchandise for Sale:

Unit Crest Hats



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

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 the 2023

Coasters for Sale

We also have sets of coasters. A set comes with one 1st Armor Division patch and one 52-unit crest. We do have some 6th 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 52nd and 6th Infantry Gear



Figure 1 Left Sleeve

Bill Burt has information on the purchase of 52nd and 6th Infantry logo clothing and hats.

Go to the web site: <https://the52and6infantry.qbstores.com/home> 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](tel:800-698-2411)

Hours: 24/7

Telecommunications Relay Services (using TTY)

[711](tel:711)

Hours: 24/7

VA health care

VA health benefits hotline

[877-222-8387](tel:877-222-8387)

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

My HealtheVet help desk

[877-327-0022](tel:877-327-0022)

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

Civilian Health and Medical Program of the
Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)
[800-733-8387](tel:800-733-8387)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:05 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET

CHAMPVA Meds by Mail
[888-385-0235](tel:888-385-0235)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. MT

[866-229-7389](tel:866-229-7389)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET

Foreign Medical Program (FMP)
[877-345-8179](tel:877-345-8179)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:05 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. ET

Quit VET (get help from a counselor to stop
smoking)

[855-784-8838](tel:855-784-8838)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

MISSION Act

[800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411), Select 1

Hours: 24/7

Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program
[888-820-1756](tel:888-820-1756)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

Caregiver support line

[855-260-3274](tel:855-260-3274)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET, and
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

VA benefits

VA benefits hotline

[800-827-1000](tel:800-827-1000)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

GI Bill hotline

[888-442-4551](tel:888-442-4551)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

Students outside the U.S.
[+1-918-781-5678](tel:+1-918-781-5678) This isn't toll-free.

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

VA loan guaranty service
[877-827-3702](tel:877-827-3702)

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

National pension call center

[877-294-6380](tel:877-294-6380)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET

Support for SGLI or VGLI

[800-419-1473](tel:800-419-1473)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

All other VA life insurance programs

[800-669-8477](tel:800-669-8477)

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

Special issue hotline (Blue Water Navy Act, Gulf
War, Agent Orange, and other information)

[800-749-8387](tel:800-749-8387)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET

Burials and memorials

National Cemetery Scheduling Office

[800-535-1117](tel:800-535-1117)

Hours: Every day, 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET

Headstones and markers

[800-697-6947](tel:800-697-6947)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

Other VA support

Women Veterans hotline

[855-829-6636](tel:855-829-6636)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET, and
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET

eBenefits technical support

[800-983-0937](tel:800-983-0937)

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

Debt Management Center (collection of nonmedical debts)

[800-827-0648](tel:800-827-0648)

Hours: Monday through Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

Vets Center call center

[877-927-8387](tel:877-927-8387)

Hours: 24/7

White House VA hotline

[855-948-2311](tel:855-948-2311)

Hours: 24/7

Veterans Crisis Line

[800-273-8255](tel:800-273-8255), Select 1

Hours: 24/7

Websites and Contact Info.

We have 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/>.