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Patriot of the Month

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Thomas W. Biehl

United States Army

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Mr. Thomas W. Biehl enlisted in the United States Army in January 1965 when he was 18 years old. He completed basic training in Missouri and advanced artillery training in Hercules Guided Missiles in Ft Bliss, Texas and White Sands, New Mexico from March to July of 1965. From there, he deployed by a troop carrier ship to Pforzheim in Southwest Germany. This is considered the “Gateway to the Black Forest” with the 7th Army, 71st Artillery, Battery D, where Thomas served his entire tour of service. Mr. Biehl served alongside NATO Forces and guarded what was then known as the Czechoslovakian border.



The best advice he received in the US Army was, “never volunteer, keep your mouth shut, do what you are told, and keep your boots shined!”

One day Mr. Biehl was at a swimming pool and saw this beautiful young girl and asked, “Do you Sprechen Sie English?” She turned around and said, “I speak perfect English!” That was the beginning of a two-year courtship before marriage. Anne Anderson is of Scottish descent from Inverkeithing on the South East Coast of Scotland. She was working for Timex-Laco in Pforzheim, Germany. They had two ceremonies because Germany requires a Justice of the Peace first followed by a church wedding. They have one lovely daughter and two beautiful grandchildren and are celebrating 57 years of marriage.

Mr. Biehl attained the rank of Spec 5 before he returned home to St Louis, Missouri where he settled his family. During his enlistment, Thomas received an Expert Marksman award.

After Thomas’ Army service, he worked for Edison Brothers Shoes while taking advantage of his GI Bill. He trained in carpentry, locksmithing, and welding. He worked at Saint Louis University for seven years in the maintenance department. He then moved to Washington University where he retired after 33 years in maintenance operations. Thomas has been retired for 13 years.

Today, Mr. Biehl and his wife Anne live in their retirement home in Sainte Genevieve, MO where he does construction jobs for neighbors and volunteers for the community. Mr. Biehl is a well-respected member of his community.

Sainte Genevieve Settlement Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Thomas W. Biehl as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.