

Veteran Helps Build VFW Community Overseas

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Blain Bertrand enlisted in 1989 out of a desire to serve his country. He spent four years in the Army and was stationed in Nuremberg, Germany.

Three decades later, the Texas native is #StillServing as the commander of VFW Post 3885 in Erlangen, Germany. Even before becoming their official leader, Bertrand offered guidance to Post members.

"Before I was commander, I spent two years as a service officer helping numerous veterans file claims," he said.

Bertrand also takes an active role in outreach efforts. For instance, he built and manages his Post's website and social media channels. He also provides support when the Post hosts benefit concerts and outdoor activities.

Recently, Bertrand started a chapter of the Veteran Golfers Association. Organizing golf tournaments for veterans and their families is one more way he's bringing the veteran community in Germany together.

"Golf is huge in the United States, but no one has started something in Germany. As a PGA Professional and Army combat veteran, this is a perfect way to help veterans in Germany come together and grow the VFW community."

The ways in which veterans across the country and abroad are #StillServing take many forms. Using their unique talents, Bertrand and others like him are finding creative ways — like managing their Post's online presence and organizing special events — to continue supporting communities everywhere.

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