**LARRY W. HAIMERL**

Brick Location: A2

Back in 1966, my son-in-law, SSG Larry W. Haimerl was activated in the Army Reserves. He was stationed in Germany.

On leave, a few of his Army buddies decided to rent a van and do some touring. On their way back to their post they noticed that they were running low on fuel. They pulled into a base in Rome, Italy, to see if they could purchase fuel, as the economy gas station was closed.

The gate opened and they pulled their van inside. The gate closed and an Italian guard, who spoke no English, was trying to find out what they wanted. Nobody could understand the other. They motioned to the gas tank and jokingly gestured about swapping hats. As the two sides were exchanging laughs, a commander figure came out and quickly escorted the van and passengers to the outside of the gate. Away they went in search of an open economy gasoline station with memories to last a lifetime.

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