

## Special Feature - Bill Billet

Passionate motorcycle racer, United States Forces Austria member, successful businessman and by 1988 president of the USFA Veterans Association – these are just some milestones in the remarkable life of Bill Billet.

Blue Danube Network met Bill Billet, his wife Linda and some friends in Vienna on May 30, 2013 during their (almost) annual vacation in Austria – just a few days before they left for Normandy, joining the D-Day celebrations on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Narrating us about how he came to Austria, He had been with the 350<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment – a part of the [88<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division](#) – in Leghorn (Livorno), Italy.

He had been engaged in the headquarters with the “Military Intelligence (S2)” in Saalfelden (province of Salzburg) initially and then moved to “Camp Roeder” (named after Captain Robert E. Roeder) close to the City of Salzburg a bit later.



(Bill Billet as USFA member)

It had been in Austria, when Bill started pursuing his great passion for motorcycle racing again, a passion handed down to him by his father. Here in Austria he took part in road races. It was in Linz, where he contested in his first race. Bill raced twice in Salzburg, once on the autobahn and another time on inner city streets. He also raced in Innsbruck, Mattinghofen and the mountain races on the Gaisberg and Gmundenberg rennen.



