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I know I said in my last newsletter that I would be back in January 2003, but I just couldn't let the holidays pass with out wishing all of you Happy Holidays and my hope that you will all enjoy good health and happiness in the coming year. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Not much to report in this issue, but a couple of things that you might be interested in, so here goes.

ATTENTION 254TH INFANTRY VETERANS- AVAILABILITY OF A CERTIFICATE FOR THE FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE.

In view of the deactivation of the American Order of the French Croix de Guerre in the near future I have ordered ten (10) Diplome de Croix de Guerre avec Palme with the name : 254th Infantry Regiment entered in the name section.. I have asked that the citations appearing on these certificates be in English.

If you purchased these certificates from the American Order of the French Croix de Guerre the price would be \$25 each. I am paying \$20 each and will make them available on a first come- first served basis at the price of \$25. That will cover my expenses, plus postage. Anything left over I will send to the 63rd Infantry Division Treasury.

You can see an image of the certificate on [Newsletter # 8](#) although the image is not too clear. I am sure that you will be happy with the final product.

If interested in purchasing one of the ten(10) copies I have ordered please let me know as soon as possible. When I receive them I will let you know and you can send your \$25 at that time.

NEW BULLETIN BOARD ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Check out the following items on the Bulletin Board. They may be of interest to you.;

1. [63rd Infantry Division Association \(USAR\) Luncheon on 27 Apr 03 in Fullerton, Ca.](#)

2. [Citizen of Kleinblittersdorf, Germany is seeking information about the battles in that area during WWII.](#)

3. [Fireman from Maryland is looking for military items and pins.](#)

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION.

I have just completed placing 880 plus photos in my files on a CD titled "A Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division."

If you have ever wondered what it was like for the veterans of the 63rd Infantry Division during their training, combat and occupation duty you will be able to get a pretty good understanding by checking out these pictures. I have also included a Photo section covering all of the 63rd Infantry Division Memorials and one with a photo tour of Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. Here's the chance to see the luxurious quarters the 63rd Infantry Division troops enjoyed during their training at Camp Van Dorn.

We are still looking for photos to add to our collection so if you have them and want to include them in the next revision of the Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division, send your photos to me by e-mail attachment along with a caption for each photo submitted. You can also mail them to me, Fred Clinton 102 South Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. I will scan them and

FRENCH MEDALS FOR WORLD WAR II VETERANS.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned several Medals that have been authorized by the French Government for members of the US Forces that assisted in the liberation of France during World War II,

After checking around for a source for these medals I found that companies that did sell them are no longer in business. But, all is not lost. The American Order of the French Croix de Guerre has advised me that they will be closing their doors in the Summer of 2003 due to the lack of members. They are willing to sell their supply of medals, the first three listed in last month's newsletter, to anyone without regard to membership in the organization.

Their address is "American Order of the French Croix de Guerre, Inc, 18 East 41st Street, Suite 401, New York, NY 10017-6222.

So if you are interested in the three (3) medals they have, it appears that there is still a little time to order before they close their doors

The fourth medal "French First Army Commemorative Medal" is still only available from the Rhin et Danube Association. See the [Bulletin Board](#) for details about joining that organization and their mailing address.

return them to you.

The price for this new CD is \$12 and it can be ordered from the 63rd Infantry Division Historian, Bill Scott e-mail wjs631@attbi.com

The price includes postage and all funds over the cost of the postage go to the 63rd Infantry Division Association. There are no charges for materials or production of this CD or any other CD purchased from the Association Historian.

NATIONAL REUNION

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the month of August 2003 for the National 63rd Infantry Division Reunion in Columbus, OH from 13-17 August 2003. Please go to the [Reunion Page](#) for details.

US ARMED FORCES

I will close by expressing my support for our Armed Services and a special thank you to the hundreds of thousands of US Military Personnel who are on the front lines of democracy. We know how that is and I wish them all a safe return to their families and loved ones. GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

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