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Summer is just about over- the 63rd Infantry Division Association annual reunion in Columbus, Ohio in August 2003 has come to an end- I am still cranking away on the scanning and preparation of CD's to include the remainder of the divisional unit's Morning Reports- and we are still losing our soldiers and Marines in someplace call Iraq in the name of liberation and weapons of mass destruction. Somehow in all of this I am finding time to finally complete my "monthly" newsletter, which in this case is a quarterly newsletter. I will try to do better in the coming months.

Photos added to Web Site

Almost 200 photos have been added to the web site since my last newsletter in June 2003. Several 63d Infantry Division veterans and their families have entrusted their complete photo collection to me for processing. Fortunately I can say that as of this date we have yet to lose a single photo. So don't be bashful- preserve those WWII photos by sending them to me to be included in the historical files of the 63rd Infantry Division where we have well over 1000 photos of the 63rd Infantry Division and its soldiers taken during WWII.

Combat Business Cards:

If you recall, a number of months ago I offered Combat Business Cards to members of the 63rd Infantry Division Association. All funds received were donated to the 63rd Infantry Division Association Treasury. Well I am making that offer again, based on several request I had at the last reunion. So go to this page, [\(Combat Business Cards\)](#) take a look at



REUNION NEWS-OLD AND NEW

Old: The Columbus Ohio Reunion went well and although not attended by as many people as in the past the group was reasonably large. The exact figures escape me at the present time.

Several important decisions were made during the Executive Council Meeting at the reunion. They were:

1. Authorizing other than a veteran member of the Association to be the Secretary/Treasurer. (Note: This is nothing new, but merely an approval of past practice)
2. Establishment of specific policies for the conduct of Association business to include procedures for dissolving the Association at such time as it becomes necessary. Hopefully not for quite a few years.
3. The most far reaching decision was to raise dues and to establish a surcharge in order to receive the Association newsletter, The Blood and Fire. Dues for annual members were raised from \$5 a year to \$15(\$5 to be used for Blood and Fire publication expenses). A surcharge of \$5 will be applied to all current Life Members and no new Life Memberships will be made available after 30 November

the type of cards that are available, submit your order and you will then be a bonified, certified, designated Combat Veteran. The samples shown are just that. If you have another style you prefer, just let me know and I will see what I can do to meet your needs. You want the cards to be a surprise for your favorite veteran and you don't know if your favorite veteran won any medals? Well contact me and I will check our files for you before we complete the card and include a medal image along with the other images.

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT- LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:

I have recently applied for and received permission to act as a Veterans History Project Partner for the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project.

The Veterans History Project is designed to collect veterans' histories and record them for historical purposes in the Library of Congress. These personal histories can be collect by audio or video tape or in writing.

I am seeking individuals who would want to record their WWII experiences either on audio or video or would write out their experiences in the formats I would provide. I will supply the questions all you have to do is supply the answers.

Also I am seeking individuals who would like to conduct interviews of veterans in accordance with the program procedures and send those interviews to the Library of Congress through me.

If you are interested in providing your story for file in the Library of Congress or would like to conduct interviews of your own please let me know.

In this connection, the 63rd Infantry Division Association has already sent a complete set of Historical files CD's to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.

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Increased dues and surcharges were enacted to provide sufficient funds to pay for the publication and distribution of the Blood and Fire three times a year (costs are approximately \$10,000 annually), to provide a reasonable balance in the treasury in case we default on any contracts relating to reunions and the decreasing number of members in the Association due to non-payment of dues and deaths.

4. The membership elected to hold their annual reunion in Kansas City, MO in the year 2005.

New- The reunion for the year 2004 will be sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter and will be held in Falls Church, VA (a suburb of Washington D C.) I do not have the complete schedule of events for this reunion, but it promises to be one you should attend, if for no other reason, than to see the new WWII Memorial that will be dedicated by the time the reunion is held in August. I will publish the details as soon as they become available.

MORNING REPORT PROJECT

The processing of all combat months of unit morning reports is moving along quite well. I have finished all three regiments (253d, 254th and 255th) and am now working on Special Troops. Next on the schedule will be the Division Artillery and then the Support Battalions. At the rate I am processing the files at this time I expect all morning reports for the combat months to be completed by the first of next year.

Again, I must let you know that due to the condition of many of the report copies, the images produced are not the clearest in the world, but I have been using the Regimental Morning Report CDs to good advantage in looking up information about KIA, MIA and wounded personnel.

Morning Report CDs are available for sale by the Association Historian. Please go to the Memorabilia Pages for details.

NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

You can check out the new Association

Officers by going to the Association Officers
page of the web site.

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