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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO ALL DURING THIS YEAR.

NOTE: I will be out of action from the end of January 2004 until about the first week in March 2004. So if you want to order [Combat Business Cards](#) or [CIB/CMB Certificates](#) and you want them before March please get your orders in before 25 January 2004. You can continue to order other Memorabilia Items from the 63rd Infantry Division Historian. See [Memorabilia Section](#) for details

VA SEEKS FORMER POWS FOR POSSIBLE BENEFIT AWARDS:

The Department of Veterans Affairs has advised that they are asking former prisoners of war not currently using VA benefits to contact VA to find out if they may be eligible for disability compensation and other services.

You can contact the VA by calling 1-800-827-1000. More information about VA services for former POWs is available at www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW/

DEDICATION OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D C

Plan to attend the four (4) day "Tribute to a Generation" dedication celebration planned by the American Battle Monuments Commission for May 27-May 30 2004.

You can get details about the celebration and what is required to attend the events by going to the ABMC web site at the following address: www.wwiimemorial.com

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REQUESTING MILITARY RECORDS ON LINE:

The Army Retirement Bulletin "Army Echoes" has advised me that you can now request military records from the National Personnel Records Center on line.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members can use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Others who need documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the web site.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Also because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

Veterans and next of kin may access this application at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Please note there is no "www" in the address.

Before contacting the NPRC for information you might consider contacting either Bill Scott, 63rd Infantry Division Association Historian at wjs631@comcast.net or myself at joyclint@comast.net to see if we have the records or orders you need.

63D INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

If you have ever wondered what is happening to the membership of the 63rd Infantry Division Association, go to associationmemberspage1 and scan through the membership lists.

For the past few months I have been deleting names from the list as we receive reports of death or

The 63rd Infantry Division Association USAR will hold a brunch on 18 April 2004 at the Fullerton California Four Points Hotel. If interested in attending you can contact Don Wirth at the following e-mail address: dlw4@juno.com

members fail to renew their membership for one reason or another.

When I have deleted a name I have not filled the vacant space as I usually did by moving names up or down. The vacant spaces are rapidly increasing in number as time goes by.

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