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I am back after my visit to Florida for the past 5 weeks. I think I came home just a little too early, based on the chill still in the air here in the Washington, D C area.

I am beginning the March Newsletter on 15 March, exactly 59 years to the day that the 63rd Infantry Division assaulted the German Siegfried Line. You are familiar with the old saying that "Time flies when you are having fun" but it seems that "time flies as you grow older". Does that mean we are having fun?

NEW PHOTOGRAPHS:

A number of new photographs have been added to the photo sections of the web site. You can access those sections by clicking on the following : [Miscellaneous Photos](#)- [Combat Photos](#) and [Occupation Photos](#).

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION HISTORICAL FILES:

As I have stated over and over again, I am still seeking photographs of 63rd Infantry Division personnel in training, combat and occupation duties to be added to the 63rd Infantry Division Historial files.

All photos received will be placed on the 63rd Infantry Division Web Site, on the Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division CD and on the History CD of units concerned.

Photos can be sent to me by e-mail as attachments or by regular mail. My mailing address is Fred Clinton 102 S. Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Please include captions for each photo where possible. All photos received by regular mail will be processed and returned to the sender.

ASSOCIATION "RHIN & DANUBE:

The American branch of the Rhin et Danube Association is making plans to discontinue its activities due to loss of members. In fact the French Association Rhin et Danube is proposing to discontinue their organization and expect that their 60th Anniversary recognition of the liberation of Colmar in Feb 2005 may be their last official function.

As I receive information about the Colmar activities I will include it in the newsletter and on the Web Site Bulletin board.

READ THE BULLETIN BOARD

Have you checked the [Bulletin Board](#) lately? If not take time to look it over, you might find that you are on [KP or Guard Duty](#) this week-end.

NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL DEDICATION:

As you know the dedication of the National WWII Memorial will be held on 29 May 2004 in Washington D C. While all events relating to the dedication are free, tickets are required and it appears that most of the available tickets have been allocated.

I will attend and have been fortunate enough to get tickets for the seating area immediately in front of the stage- that is in the area designated for the front area of the stage. Me and 49,998 others will be in that section and we are assured of seats that will be no further away from the stage than 200 yards. I guess I will make sure to take my binoculars to the dedication. It's going to be a wonderful event. Maybe I'll see some of you there.

In this connection, I have only recently been told by Anton Jarosik nephew of George Soper, 63rd Infantry Band, that he has over 100 photos of the Band and 63rd Infantry Division soldiers in Camp Van Dorn, Combat and on occupation duties. His photo collection includes photos of 63rd Infantry Division families who were living in the Centreville MS and surrounding area while we were training. He is currently scanning those photos and will send them to me within a few days. What a great addition to our historical files.

REUNIONS

Its not too late to make plans to attend the National 63rd Infantry Division Association Reunion to be held in Falls Church, VA during the period 11-16 August 2004. The Philadelphia Chapter of the Association is hosting the reunion and they have planned a lot of great activities for those in attendance to include a trip to the National WWII Memorial, a tour of Washington D C and visits to the Korean War, Vietnam War and Lincoln Memorials. Go to the [Reunions Page](#) for details.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION:

While checking a number of the individuals receiving this Newsletter, I noted that several who were veterans of the 63rd Infantry Division are not active members of the 63rd Infantry Division Association.

Why not rejoin your wartime buddies and become a part of the 63rd Infantry Division Association.

Details for joining the Association can be found on the [Membership](#) page of the web site.

MEMORABILIA ITEMS

Don't forget to review the list of [Memorabilia](#) Items available from the 63rd Infantry Division Historian.

Also available are the [Combat Business Cards](#) and [CIB and CMB certificates](#)

I'll be back with you in April- Thanks for your support

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