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Well a new year is upon us-2009. A new administration, new hope, new higher unemployment figures, new higher deficit

figures and new wars. Seems like about everything is new, but at the same time old.

Just like this web site.-- a lot of new photographs but the same old request "Send me more!!!"

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Just when I thought the well had run dry on photographs I was surprised to receive a number of new ones from odd places. One group came in with the estate papers of one of our deceased 63rd Infantry Division veterans- another group from a historian in Europe- while others came from family members and once in awhile from one of our veterans.

So, that means if you have the time you can take a look at the new photos usually located at the last few pages of a Photo Section.

The point of this is to again ask and beg you to take the time to look through your old files, papers and photographs to see if there is anything at all relating to the 63rd Infantry Division that would be a nice

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE:

Friends and family members of honorably discharged deceased veterans are eligible to receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) expressing the nation's gratitude in memory of their service. The PMC is an engraved paper certificate signed by the current President to honor the memory of the departed loved one.

Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for the certificate in person at any VA regional office, by U.S. Mail or toll-free fax.

By mail or fax you will need a copy of VA Form 40-0247, which you can pick up at VA offices around the country or on the VA website WWW.va.gov and a copy of the veteran's DD214 or discharge papers.

Mailing address:

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41A1C)
5109 Russell Rd
Quantico, VA 22134-3903
Toll free FAX Number- 800-455-7143

NEW PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR A BRONZE STAR MEDAL BASED ON YOUR RECEIPT OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN OR COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE.

addition to our historical files.

Again, not only do the photos and images appear on the 63rd Infantry Division web site, but they also appear on the Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division CD and on the History CD of the unit concerned. Copies of these discs are provided to the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project and to several museums and libraries for research purposes. So become a part of history and send in those photos and other memorabilia images before they end up in the trash after your death.

REUNION:

It's not too early to make your plans to attend the 61st Annual Reunion of the 63rd Infantry Division Division Association in Boston , MA 12 August thru 16 August 2009.

If you have questions about the reunion you can contact the Association President, Robert Capasso at 781-762-0751.

Details about the reunion will be posted on the Web site in the "[Reunion](#)" Section as soon as I receive them.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND MEMOIRS:

If, like me, you have written about your personal experiences while in the 63rd Infantry Division as a means of preserving them for your family members and would like to include them in our historical files

Effective 1 July 2008, new procedures to apply for the award of a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service based on your receipt of the Combat Infantryman or Combat Medical Badge were established. You can review those new procedures at the following address: www.63rdinfdiv.com/bulletinboardpage2.html

Once you make your application you can expect to wait several months before receiving the medal and orders..

If you have difficulty in finding the proper documentation to make your application you can contact your Webmaster at joyclint@comcast.net or telephone 703-751-7548 and I will see if I can come up with the documentation required.

CHALLENGE COINS:

Several years ago I arranged to have two challenge coins made:- One for the 254th Infantry Regiment(my WWII unit) and one for 63rd Infantry Division. Click on "[Details of Coins](#)" to see what they look like.

These two coins are now offered by the 63rd Infantry Division Association Historian for \$15 each.

From time to time veterans of the 253d and 255th Infantry Regiments have asked to buy coins showing their regimental crests, but because of the initial cost of making dies for these coins the History Officers have not moved in that direction. In this regard, the Historian has made a request that anyone interested in these two regimental coins

you can do so by sending a copy to me :

Fred Clinton 102 S. Jenkins Street,
Alexandria, VA 22304.

Once received I will process them and include them on the History CD of your unit. Also with your permission I will send them to the Library of Congress History Program.

If you haven't put those experiences in writing, now is the time to do so before it is too late.

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show their interest by contacting him. After a reasonable period of time he will determine if the demand will justify the cost. As of this moment it would appear that such coins would have to be sold at \$20 each to cover the expense of new dies and production.

So if you are interested in having one of these coins, please contact the Historian, Fred Clinton at joyclint@comcast.net