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Well now, that was fun. I just returned from the 62d Annual Reunion of the 63rd Infantry Division Association and am happy to report that a good time was had by all. Sure we didn't have the hundreds that we did in earlier years, but those of us that did attend had a really enjoyable time, thanks to Ed Fowle, our President and his family, especially Judith his daughter. This newsletter will report some of the major happenings relating to the 63rd Infantry Division Association.

National Reunion for 2011:

Because of the dwindling number of Association members there was a problem determining if, when and where the next annual reunion would be held. After much discussion it was decided that at least one more reunion should be held so that the Association could have the 63rd Annual Reunion. The IMOK chapter agreed to sponsor the reunion again next year and that the reunion would be held in Indianapolis, Indiana in order to make it easier for the majority of the Association members to travel there. Details and dates will be announced at a later time.

National Reunion for 2010 at Fairborn, OH:

The reunion sponsors were from the IMOK chapter and in particular Ed Fowle and his family, especially Judith Schaefer his daughter. In attendance were approximately 100 of which 36 were veterans. We had a great time and if the

63rd Infantry Division Association Flags:

A decision was made at the reunion to donate all of the 63rd Infantry Division Association flags to the US Army Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia.

All flags, including those on loan from Karin Froberg-Marzano, will be donated to the museum within the next couple of weeks. Mrs Marzano has agreed to the donation and her flags will be donated in the name of her father.

Flags to be donated are:

- US Army
- Seventh Army
- 63rd Infantry Division(with streamers)
- 253d Inf Regt (with streamers)
- 254th Inf Regt (with streamers)
- 255th Inf Regt (with streamers)

Subscription fees for the Blood and Fire Publication:

As you know the Blood and Fire publication is issued three times each year and contains a world of good information about the 63rd Infantry Division, individual members, veterans affairs and details about the happenings within the association. The average annual cost to the association for this publication is approximately \$10,000. Considering the fact that there are only about 300 members who actually pay dues each year (\$15), while there are approximately 1200 life members and/or widows of life members that pay no dues, it is not hard to see that income from the dues hardly pays for the publication. To offset the deficit resulting from the publication of the Blood and Fire, the Board of Directors and attending members at the

Indianapolis reunion in 2011 is similar you must put it on your list of things "not to miss"

Photographs added to our historical files:

We were fortunate to receive quite a number of new photographs while at the reunion.

These photographs will be posted to the web site in the appropriate photo section after processing. As usual they will appear in the last pages of each section.

reunion approved a subscription fee of \$15 a year for those wishing to receive the Blood and Fire publication.

Notice of this change in policy is being mailed out to all members and depending on the response it will determine the number of copies of the Blood and Fire needed to meet subscription requirements.

Annual Dues reduced:

Based on the approval of an annual subscription fee for the Blood and Fire, the Board of Directors and attending members at the reunion approved a reduction of the annual membership fee to \$10 a year rather than the current \$15 a year.



Photo of the Association Flags on display at the Fairborn, Ohio Reunion.:

Left to right: The American Flag, US Army Flag, Seventh Army Flag, 253d Infantry Regiment Flag with streamers, 254th Infantry Regiment Flag with streamers, 255th Infantry Regiment Flag with streamers and the 63rd Infantry Division Flag with streamers.

All of these flags, with the exception of The American Flag, are being donated to the US Army Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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