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Hello to all. One would think that once you get into retirement it will be just lazing around and having a beer now and then. But, that is not the case. I have so much new stuff on my plate that I need to serve it to you all before I get overwhelmed. So I am sending this Newsletter to bring you up to speed on a number of things that may be of interest to you all.

MORNING REPORT SCANNING PROJECT:

As I mentioned in the last newsletter I am scanning all of the non-combat months morning reports from the division's activation in June 1943 until the end of September 1945 when the division was deactivated.

That is a pile of paper and involves thousands of scans and further processing to make them as legible as possible.

While there are still some missing unit morning reports, for the most part when I am finished we will have a detailed history of what went on in the division and who did it.

I only have about 4 more months to scan and the project will be completed.

Award of the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service based on the receipt of the Combat Infantryman or Combat Medical Badge.

An old subject, but one worthy of mentioning again. There is still time for veterans and or their families if the veteran is deceased to apply for the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious service based on earning the Combat Infantryman or Combat Medical Badge during WWII.

A number have been awarded to our veterans during the past few years and

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART FOR COLD WEATHER INJURIES.

In late March 2012 I made an inquiry to the US Army Awards Branch concerning award of the Purple Heart to veterans who suffered severe cold weather injuries during WWII (Frostbitten and frozen feet and hands).

Surprisingly I got a really quick reply from that branch advising me that veterans of WWII and the Korean War who suffered severe cold weather injuries are now authorized the award of the Purple Heart.

Details for qualifying for that award can be found on Page 3 of the Bulletin Board Section at www.63rdinfdiv.com/bulletinboardpage3.html

If you think you qualify for the award of the Purple Heart due to severe cold weather injuries while engage in combat and do not have proper documentation, contact me at joyclint@comcast.net and I will see if I can find necessary qualifying documentation in our files.

Award of the French Legion of Honor.

It is not too late to apply for the award of the French Legion of Honor. A number of our veterans, including myself, have done so and have received that recognition from the French Government.

Details for making application can be found at www.63rdinfdiv.com/LegionofHonorpage1.html

Again contact me at joyclint@comcast.net if you need assistance making your application.

the regulation is still applicable.

Details for making application for award of the Bronze Star Medal can be found at www.63rdinfdiv.com/bulletinboardpage2.html

If you need assistance in obtaining necessary documentation to support your application please contact me at joyclint@comcast.net

2012 Annual reunion of the 63rd Infantry Division Association.

As stated previously the 63rd Infantry Division Association has decided not to hold any additional National Reunions due to limited turnout and inability of many of our members to travel.

In place of the National Reunion a decision was made to hold the annual Board of Directors meetings at one of the mini-reunions held by our area chapters. This year the IMOK chapter will host a reunion to meet our annual Board of Directors Meeting requirement and they are welcoming all 63rd Association Members .

Details for this meeting can be found on the Reunions Page.

Don't wait too long because the award will not be made posthumously .

Historical files of the 63rd Infantry Division can be accessed on the Internet at the Fold3 Site.

A few months ago I sent copies of all of our historical files to an historical archive organization so that they could place them in a special section dedicated to military files . That company was Fold3, an organization related to Ancestry.com.

Within the past week I have been notified that some of the files now appear on their site and can be access free of charge. All of the files have not as yet been posted since they are still trying to develop the best format to use for this type of record. It is hope that our records will be the catalyst for other military organizations to share their files with Fold3 and thus with individuals wishing to view such files.

By placing our files on the Internet, Fold3 has helped us to insure that our stories, photos, records, etc will not die with us, but will continue to live on for others to see and enjoy.

The files thus far posted can be viewed at http://www.fold3.com/title_796/63rd_infantry_division_records/

Please take the time to visit that site and let us know your comments on the content, format, ease of access, etc.

Photos, stories and other images for our historical files. It is not too late to send me your WWII photos, stories and images to be included in our historical files. Don't let those precious files die with you or your veteran relative.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL. FRED

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