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It has been almost one year since my last Newsletter. Where does the time go. I guess once a person gets over 85 years old, the time is set at "fast forward". A lot has developed since my last newsletter so I will try to bring you up to speed on the current status of the 63rd Infantry Division Association and go over some old subjects just to keep you on your toes.

63d Infantry Division Association status

Well it looks as if the 63rd Infantry Division Association is biting the dust at least the association that we have all learned to love and enjoy. Due to fast dwindling of membership and individuals to keep things running as it was for the past 52 years the President of the Association and the Board of Directors has agreed to turnover the helm to members of the 63rd Infantry Division Association, USAR after they so graciously agreed to assume the task. By this action we hope that the history of the 63rd Infantry Division (Blood and Fire) will live on and not die with the death and illnesses of our WWII buddies. So all of our association records, funds, etc are being turned over to our USAR comrades. In that they are a somewhat active organization at least our legacy will be carried on for a few more years. Fortunately we had the foresight to spread our history, photos and memories all over the good old USofA in the form of providing our historical CDs and DVDs to libraries, museums, US Army bases for their interest and

Morning Report Project

In my last newsletter I discussed my project for scanning the remaining unit Morning Reports of the 63rd Infantry Division.

Well it looks like that project is completed although we could not locate the unit morning reports for the months of July, August, September, October and November 1944 for all division units. Also unit morning reports for the month of December 1944 for all units except the three regiments could not be located. Will they show up in someone's basement? I don't know, but I hope they do, and soon.

Bronze Star Medal awards.

Surprisingly I am still giving out information relating to the award of the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious service for all men of the 63rd Infantry Division who earned the coveted Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge. Also I still receive letters and e-mail telling me that the awards have been made and received.

As you know from previous newsletters, the next of kin for deceased veterans can make application for the award if not already awarded. Details for making application can be found at www.63rdinfdiv.com/bulletinboardpage2.html

If you wish to make application for this award and do not have the necessary documentation to support your request,

continuing research You can view a list of organizations receiving our historical files on [Newsletter Number 50](#) In addition to those listed, the Historical files have also been furnished to The Library of Congress, The George C. Marshall Library, The Camp Van Dorn Museum and the Camp Blanding Museum.

If you can think of any other libraries or museums that might have an interest in our files please let me know.

Purple Heart award for Cold Weather injuries.

Just a reminder, before it is too late. [Check Newsletter #51](#) on new Army policy relating to the award of the Purple Heart Medal for cold weather injuries. This could make the difference between obtaining health care from the Veterans Administration and not being eligible for treatment at VA medical facilities.

Photos and historical images:

I am, of course, still looking for those snapshots you took during your training with the 63rd Infantry Division or during your combat time with the division.

Send them to me as attachments to e-mail, along with captions(joyclint@comcast.net) or by regular mail to me at : Fred Clinton, 102 S. Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304.

please let me know and I will research our files for orders and or unit morning reports that will provide the necessary documentation.

You can contact me at e-mail address: joyclint@comcast.net

Reunion meeting for the 63rd Infantry Division Association-USAR

The 63rd Infantry Division Association-USAR is holding a one day reunion at The Hotel Fullerton, 1500 South Raymond Avenue, Fullerton, CA on 28 April 2013. Details can be found at the following address: www.63rdinfdiv.com/reunionspage2.html

The French Legion of Honor.

At the risk of repeating myself I would like to again refer you to the award of The French Legion of Honor to World War II veterans who had a hand in helping to liberate France.

This is a prestigious award and only given to a select few Americans. Details for applying and qualifying for this award can be found at the following address: www.63rdinfdiv.com/LegionofHonorpage1.html

Processing time once the application has been submitted to final decision by the French Government is rather lengthy, so don't wait too long to submit your application.

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