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Hello to all from my home in Alexandria, Virginia just across the Potomac River from Washington D C, seat of our government that is now shut down. Is this crazy or what? To make matters worse I have been waiting for several weeks to get a follow up Ultra Sound at Fort Belvoir Virginia and now they call me to tell me that the appointment is cancelled due to not having anyone to operate the Ultra Sound. I wonder how many of you will be inconvenienced by this little kids brinkmanship.

Reunions.

Unfortunately I have no new news about any reunions coming up. As soon as I hear of one I will post it in the Reunions Section of the website.

As you may know there will no longer be any national reunions. I expect that one or two of the local chapters may hold mini-reunions. The only chapters I know of that may have such reunions are the IMOK chapter (mid west) and the Philadelphia chapter.

The Blood and Fire Publication.

I have been informed that the Blood and Fire Publication will again be issued soon, thanks to the efforts of Judith Schaefer, daughter of Ed Fowle. I am not sure how much longer that can be done, but it is good to see that someone is making an effort to keep us in touch with our WWII buddies. Thanks Judith and whoever else had a hand in preparing the latest issue.

The Battle of Jepsheim, France.

For those of you who experienced the

Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service.

As in the past I am again bringing to your attention the Army Regulations that allow a veteran of WWII who earned the Combat Infantryman Badge to apply for the award of a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service. Fortunately next of kin are allowed to make such an application as well as the veteran. If you have an interest in this please go to the following address for details.

www.63rdinfdiv.com/bulletinboardpage2.html

Photographs and Images.

It is no surprise that I am still seeking photographs of the men of the 63rd Infantry Division during their training, combat and occupation periods. Surprisingly I have received a number of photos during recent weeks to add to our historical files.

All photos received will be added to the appropriate photo section of the 63d Infantry Division Web Site and to the Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division CD. They will also be added to the History CD of the unit concerned. So, check those drawers, trunks, cigar boxes and bookshelves to gather those photos that can help preserve the history of the 63rd Infantry Division. Send them to me as attachments to e-mail (joyclint@comcast.net) along with captions or by regular mail to Fred Clinton, 102 S. Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304 or as some have done, include them on a CD or DVD and mail them to me.

Any photos received by regular mail will be returned to the sender after processing. If you would like to see the photos added since the last Internet Newsletter go to the following addresses:

www.63rdinfdiv.com/pictorialhistorypage72.html

www.63rdinfdiv.com/miscphotospage127.html

www.63rdinfdiv.com/occupationphotospage64.html

Battle of Jepsheim, France first hand or who are interested in reading about one of the most horrific battles of the Colmar Pocket, a Swiss Historian, Jurg Herzig has recently written a rather detailed and interesting account of the battle. You can view his account of that battle at the following address.

[A review of the Battle of Jepsheim with photos, then and now, by Mr Jurg Herzig a Swiss Historian](#)

French Legion of Honor Medal.

As in the past I am also repeating my notice about the process for a WWII veteran of battle in France to apply for the prestigious French Legion of Honor. Our veterans are still receiving this award, so if interested in making an application for the award, go to the following address for details;

www.63rdinfdiv.com/LegionofHonorpage1.html

After thoughts--If you are interested in viewing the Blood and Fire Publications for the past few years you can do so by going to the following address:

www.63rdinfdiv.com/bloodandfirepublicationissuepage1.html

I was recently informed by Ed Fowle, President of the 63rd Infantry Division Association that the association was going to donate a sum of money to the Army Museum to be constructed near Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Based on this contribution the name of the 63rd Infantry Division will be displayed proudly in a special honor area. The Museum is supposed to be completed sometime during the next 2-3 years. Lets hope we are still around so that we can visit it.

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