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Dear friends: Just received some new information relating to the final days of the 63rd Infantry Division Association, so I thought this would be a good time to begin another newsletter.

Remember that just because the 63rd Infantry Division Association will no longer be active, doesn't mean that you no longer can have contact with the 63rd Infantry Division History. I will still be available to perform research, answer questions and sell memorabilia items That is as long as I am able.

NEW SHIPMENT OF 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION CHALLENGE COINS HAS BEEN RECEIVED

I have just received a new shipment of 63rd Infantry Division Challenge Coins.

Challenge coins for the 254th Infantry Regiment are also available.

Images of the front and back of these coins and prices can be seen at the following address: <http://www.63rdinfdiv.com/memorabiliapage3.html>.

HISTORY CDS AND DVDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, ALONG WITH A VARIETY OF PRINTED HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION

If you have an interest in the history of the 63rd Infantry Division there are a number of items available for purchase from the list appearing in the Memorabilia Section of the 63rd Infantry Division web site.

These items make perfect gifts for the grandchildren or other family members who have expressed an interest in knowing more about the exploits and experiences of their grandfather during WWII.

Go to the following address to see those items that are still available: <http://www.63rdinfdiv.com/memorabiliapage1.html>

REPEATING MY COMMENT IN THE LAST INTERNET NEWSLETTER-----"IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RECEIVE THE AWARDS THAT YOU EARNED AND DESERVE"

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Any WWII veteran that earned and received the Combat Infantryman Badge or the Combat Medical Badge is eligible to apply for the award of a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service. Details for making application can be found at www.63rdinfdiv.com/bulletinboardpage2.html. If the veteran is deceased their closest next of kin can make the application. Assistance in obtaining necessary documentation can be had by contacting me at joyclint@comcast.net.

THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR:

THE 63D INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ITS BOOKS BY THE END OF MAY 2016.

Mrs Mary Fran Collier and Mrs. Judith Schaefer have announced their intention of closing all of the books of the 63rd Infantry Division Association after a successful and interesting run of 66 years.

As part of closing the books they are distributing the available financial assets in accordance with Association policy. For the record there is \$18,500 in the Association bank account and distribution will be made as follows:

The National Army Museum, Fort Belvoir, Virginia (Army Historical Foundation): \$5000.00- A special recognition of the 63rd Infantry Division will appear in the Museum.

The Camp Van Dorn Museum, Centreville, MS \$5000.00 less cost of 63d Infantry Division Memorial plaque: See image of the plaque to be installed at the museum, below

The Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park, Camp Blanding, Florida: \$5000.00 to be used for the perpetual care of the 63rd Infantry Division Memorial in the Camp Blanding Memorial Park.

The Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, PA \$1850.00- Maintenance of the 63rd Infantry Division Memorial at The Freedom Foundation Museum.

The National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, Georgia. \$1650.00 for a Memorial Plaque or memorial bench in honor of our fallen comrades and maintenance thereof..

For your information I have included, at the bottom of the page an image of the memorial plaque honoring the men of the 63rd Infantry Division. This plaque will be displayed at the Camp Van Dorn Museum, Centreville, MS. Depending on decision of The Infantry Museum president such a plaque will also be displayed at the Infantry Museum.

Division Memorials currently displayed in a number of locations can be viewed at the following address: http://www.63rdinfdiv.com/divisionmemorials_page1.html

The French government has authorized the award of this prestigious medal to veterans of World War II who had a part in the liberation of France. Details for making application for the award can be found at the following site: www.63rdindiv.com/LegionofHonorpage1.html

Assistance in obtaining necessary documentation to make application for this award can be had by contacting me at joyclint@comcast.net

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