



THE BLADE



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Presidents Message

Things are changing with the Board of Governor's as LTC Don Wirth is stepping aside as our Secretary. Don has been on the Board since the early 70's and without his persistence there might not be a 63D Infantry Division Association USAR today. We all owe Don a thank you for the many many hours he gave to keeping the records of our meetings, publishing the Blade and being our Webmaster, a job Don says he wants to keep. Thank You Don you have done a great job for all of us.

Also in this issue of the Blade is a report from COL Jim Wisenbaker, our new Secretary, on the passing of the Secretary's records from LTC Don Wirth. Jim's story says a lot about what this association has been and what we want it to continue to be, a forum by which those who have served in the USAR can keep in touch with their fellow Soldiers. The stories and remembrance's by Don says it all.

Have a safe holiday season; we'll communicate again in 2016.

Chuck Ebner
BG USA Retired

**We need you
In the 63d**



Secretary's Message

Today I really have a Pitch for updated Email addresses, however really more than that. I just returned with our Treasurer from the BOG Secretary's transition with Don Wirth. I was struck by how much there was to get, and how long it's taken to get thru it, with records going back to the '70's. The truly striking thing, however, that we really spent rather limited time talking over the technical aspects of the job/mission, and spent substantially more time remembering other members of the crew, BG Upp, Maj Edgerly, Ted Paulson (Friend got to call him Ted, yet as a Sr. Captain, I only remember him as "Sir"). More we talked more it focused thoughts that Army/63rd is really about people & events & helping each other out. Thinking about seeing friends hang together, long after their duty is really over, taking care of each other, like Thanksgiving at Knotts or helping caregivers get them to meetings or remind friends of events they enjoyed. Even back to Shakespeare's day, soldiers were reminded to remember King Henry V's "Band of Brothers" on the anniversary of St. Crispin's Day (or "Agincourt", Oct 25), when the vastly outnumbered English Archers triumphed over the combined Knights of France (4:1 force ratio in case anyone's counting). I'd like to make a pitch for your old stories, remembrances, slightly embarrassing situations that everyone might like to see again, or hear from a different perspective. I'd request you send me your Emails to Jwisenb662@gmail.com, and let me know if you've got stories that you feel that you could share.

20 August 2015 Board of Governors Meeting

63rd Infantry Division Association, USAR met and elected Officers of the Association for 2015 – 2016 term. The new Officers are: President , BG Chuck Ebner; Vice President, COL Al Diaz; Treasurer, LTC Bev Houghton; Secretary, COL Jim Wisenbaker; Assistant Secretary; COL Richard Garza; Webmaster LTC Don Wirth.

Committee Chairs appointed were: National Interest, COL Al Diaz; THE BLADE, LTC Bev Houghton; ANNUAL REPORT, COL Lydia Collins ; website, LTC Don Wirth; Membership, CW4 Lee Carson; Arrangements and Scheduling Board Meetings and Annual Meeting COL Al Diaz.

In Memoriam

(For full Obituaries) go to the 63rd's Website: www.63rdinfdivusar.com.)

Mrs. William (Elva) Hixson

November 2014

(From LTC Don Wirth) I was sorry to receive an e-mail from MG William J Hixson's daughter, Sandra Sarnoff (lasandrak@aol.com) that her mother, Elva Hixson, passed last November, 2014. MG Hixson (1908-2002) was the last Commanding General of the 63rd Infantry Division , USAR. His wife survived him by 12 years. Those of us that served in the Division remember her from the many Division social gatherings like the annual Division Dinner-Dance. She and General Hixson always greeted us in the receiving line. She was a gracious lady. MG and Mrs. Hixson attended most of our early Annual Reunion Meetings.

WANTED WWII VETS!

Please share this with any WWII Vets you may know. HONOR Rides to Washington DC are now available leaving from Southern California. For more information and a Free Veteran Application contact Honor Flight Southland at www.HonorFlightSouthland.org or (949) 310-6143

Continuing Resolution Authority Adopted by Congress

On 30 September 2015, the day before the federal government would have shut down without one, Congress adopted a Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA) for the first ten weeks of federal fiscal year 2016 that began on October 1, 2015. President Barrack H. Obama signed the CRA later in the day

The adoption of a CRA may have prevented a government shutdown. But it is not good news in many other ways. With a CRA, no waste will be cut. No spending will be cut. No regulations will be stopped. And the debt will continue to increase. In addition there will be no new starts or increases in production rates

For example, the Air Force will have to delay new phases of work on the manned bomber program. KC-46 procurement will continue at last fiscal year's rate, potentially violating an existing multi-year contract with Boeing that called for a production increase in fiscal year 2016. The same can be said for many other development and production programs affecting all the services. .

There had been talk about using a one-year CRA to fund the government for all of FY 2016. A series of extensions of the current CRA could occur and yield effectively a one-year CRA. The best hope is late adoption by Congress of the normal multiple appropriation acts. Another possibility is adoption by Congress of an omnibus appropriations act, combining the appropriations for several departments. And if President Obama dislikes anything adopted by Congress he can veto the legislation and undoubtedly blame Congress for shutting down the government. After all, the president has what President Theodore Roosevelt called "the bully pulpit."

With a continuing resolution, no waste will be cut. No spending will be cut. No regulations will be stopped. And the debt will continue to mount," Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul said in a floor speech explaining why he would vote against the continuing resolution.

Alfred M. Diaz, COL, USA (retired)
National Interest Chairman
63rd Infantry Division Association (USAR)

ANNUAL 63D INF DIV ASSN
(USAR) HOLIDAY PARTY
Saturday, 5 Dec 2015, 1100-1400, Sizzler, Fullerton, CA

The annual Holiday Party co-hosted by the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR), alumni of the 6386th and 6302d Reinforcement Training Units (RTUs), and several ROA chapters and ROAL clubs will be held from 1130 until 1430, Saturday, 6 December 2014, at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1401 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92635, (714) 738-5018.

Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel, alumni of any 63d Inf Div/ARCOM/RSC/RRC units, members and alumni of the 79th SSC and all its subordinate units, members of the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR), ROA and ROAL, AFA/AUSA/MOAA/AUSN/MCRA members, retired military personnel, 6386th and 6302d RTU members and alumni, members and alumni of other RTUs, military widows, orphans, and their guests are invited.

Dress will be casual. Guests will proceed through the normal Sizzler guest line to order and pay for their food, then proceed to the large, private banquet room reserved for the party. This Sizzler is located north of downtown Fullerton. From the 405, 22, 5, or 91 freeways, proceed north on Harbor Blvd, past downtown Fullerton, to the Sizzler on the left (west) side of Harbor Blvd. From the 57 freeway within Fullerton, proceed west on Chapman Ave, then north on Harbor Blvd. From the 60 freeway, proceed south on Fullerton Road (that becomes Harbor Blvd in Orange County). Watch out because Fullerton has its own street numbering system divided north and south by Commonwealth Avenue.

(Holiday Party)

A gift exchange will be conducted, with participation optional. Gifts should be in the range of \$10-15 per participant. Each participant in the gift exchange will be given a number. Numbers will be drawn. Each winner will have the choice of taking and unwrapping a new gift from the pile or taking a gift that another winner has unwrapped. The winner whose gift was taken has a similar choice of taking and unwrapping a new gift from the pile or taking a gift that another winner has unwrapped. Each gift can be taken from another winner only one time.

We look forward to seeing many old friends at this holiday party. Bring your appetites and your cheer. And join us in the festivities. If you have any questions, contact COL Alfred M. Diaz, USA (ret), alfred_diaz@hotmail.com, (951) 567-5886.



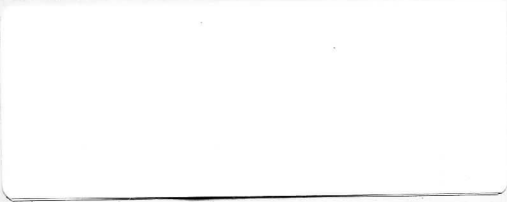
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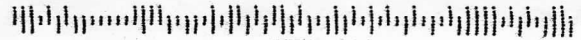
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Make check payable to 63d Inf Div Assn USAR

Send application and payment to

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Mark these dates on your calendar!

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Saturday, 5 Dec 2015, 1100-1400, Sizzler, Fullerton, CA

63RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, (USAR) ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING
1100-1400, SUNDAY, 17 APRIL 2016

The Hotel Fullerton (formerly the Crowne Plaza Hotel), 1500 S Raymond Ave
 (Raymond/East Street exit from the California 91 Artesia Freeway)