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I am saddened to inform you of the passing of MAJ Ray Edgerly who served for many years on our Board of Governors. His life is featured elsewhere in this issue. We also lost LTC Eldred Caffey who was a fixture in the 311th COSCOM and 304th CMMC and SMG George Ichimura who was a mil tech within the 63d structure and our resident photographer. With these losses to our ranks we have attempted to contact as many of our fellow soldiers as we could using email as it's a convenient way to reach a large number of people in a timely manner. In doing this what we found is that we lack good email addresses for a majority of our members.

I think we would all agree that one of the benefits that membership in the Association provides is a way for us that have served together to be aware of the passing of our fellow comrades. To do this we need good email addresses. Please send your current email address to our Secretary, Col Jim Wisenbaker at jwisenb662@gmail.com.

At our recent Board of Governors meeting it was pointed out that not everyone pays much attention to their emails any more as they are looking at Facebook to keep up with the activities of their family and friends. I'm not a Facebook fan, but I do see the merit that using Facebook can provide so the Board is looking into establishing a Facebook presence for the 63D Infantry Division Association USAR as a way to better communicate with our membership.

The Board of Governors has approved proceeding with the amendment to our Constitution to reduce the size of the Board of Governors from twelve members to seven members. This is due to the difficulty in getting members to serve on the Board. To accomplish this a majority of the voting members present at an annual meeting of the Association must be in favor of the amendment. Specifically, the Amendment would be as follows: "ARTICLE IV. GOVERNING BOARD: The governing body of the Association shall be known as the Board of Governors. It shall consist of ~~twelve~~ seven members of the Association in good standing." This will be an action item for our 28 April Annual Meeting.

Recognizing that our membership is very disbursed the Board is considering holding an all members meeting in Arizona to give the large number of our members who reside there an opportunity to gather. Details to follow. Cont on page 2

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Finally, I am pleased to announce that the 63D Infantry Division Association USAR has received a Certificate of Commendation of our support and we are now recognized as an official Bronze Service Star member of the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Meeting on Sunday 28 April 2019,
sign up now.

Chuck Ebner
BG Ret. USA



IT's official; DD-214s are NOW Online. Please pass on to other Veterans.

THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS Center (NPRC) has provided the following web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> *OR try* <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes.

NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files." Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mail room and processing time. Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

Certificate of Commendation

In recognition of your support and commitment to building the National Museum of the United States Army

*This certifies by vote of the Board of Directors that the
63rd Infantry Division Association USAR*

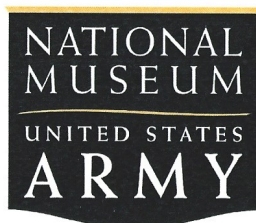
*is an official Bronze Service Star member of the National Museum of the U.S. Army
The 63rd Infantry Division Association USAR shall be placed on
permanent display in the Museum's Veterans' Hall.*

*Your organization's unselfish generosity is herein acknowledged as vitally
important to helping build a new national landmark that will pay tribute to the
merican Soldier in war and peace.*

Certified this day 3 May 2018.



BG Creighton W. Abrams, Jr., USA-Ret.
Executive Director




LTG Roger C. Schultz, USA-Ret.
President



MAJOR RAYMOND HENRY EDGERLY

October 8, 1919—January 5, 2019

His long military career began in 1940 beginning in the 40th Division, California National Guard and he continued his service until retirement in 1979. He was an active member of the 643rd Inf Division Assoc. USAR and served as Treasurer for many years. His biography provided by his daughter, Cynthia Edgerly Makowski can be found in its entirety on our website. 63rdinfdivassnucar.com





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