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## 34th Infantry Division Association

7700 N.W. Beaver Drive  
Johnston, Iowa 50131-1902

### NEWSLETTER

#### 34th Div Soldiers Decorated

In recent action soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442d Regimental Combat Team with Distinguished Service Crosses were upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor. Eleven of these soldiers were assigned to the 34th Division in ITALY when they received the recommendation for award. They are:

|                   |         |           |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| Mikio Hashemoto   | B/100   | 23 Nov 43 |
| Shizuya Hayashi   | B/100   | 29 Nov 43 |
| Yeiki Kobashigawa | B/100   | 02 Jun 44 |
| Kaoru Moto        | C/100   | 07 Jun 44 |
| Kiyoshi Muranaga  | 442 RCT | 26 Jun 44 |
| Shinuei Nakamine  | B/100   | 02 Jun 44 |
| William Nakamura  | 442 RCT | 04 Jul 44 |
| Allan Ohata       | B/100   | Nov 43    |
| Frank Ono         | 442 RCT | 04 Jul 44 |
| Kazuo Otani       | 442 RCT | 15 Jul 44 |
| Ted Tanouye       | 442 RCT | 07 Jul 44 |

This places the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division AT THE TOP, or close to the top, of the Medals of Honor in World War II, a total of 22 RED BULLS.

The ceremonies were held in Washington D.C., at the Arlington National Cemetery, at the Pentagon Court Yard the Hall of Honor, and at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The ceremonies were most impressive and were attended by the families of those gallant RED BULLS that were honored. Richard Moss - Secretary/Treasurer of the 34th Div Assn attended ceremonies in Washington DC representing the 34th Div

Association. These names will be added to the 34th Division Monument at Camp Dodge.

#### Secretary/Treasurer

At the 8 October 2001 meeting of the Officers and Trustees - Jerry L. Gorden was appointed Secretary /Treasurer of the Association. Richard Moss who has held this position for many years reluctantly tendered his resignation due to health reasons. Dick was appointed Assistant Secretary and will remain as active in the Association as his health permits.

Jerry is a Life Member of the Association and currently the Director of the Iowa Gold Star Museum. He served 39 years in the Iowa National Guard - 28 years on the full-time staff and is looking forward to being more active in the Association. Contact: Phone: 515-252-4531; e-mail: gorden.jerry@mcleodusa.net.

#### Past Presidents of the Association

The Officers and Trustees, in one more effort to keep the history of the Division in front of the public forever, decided to place a plaque listing the Past Presidents of the Association in the Iowa Gold Star Museum, which is the official repository of the records of the Division and the Association.

#### Reunion - 2002

Set your calendars for the 2002 Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50315, on 4 - 7 September 2002.

If you want to make early reservations, call (515) 287-2400, and make certain that you indicated that you are with the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. More information will follow in the next NEWSLETTERS.

### National Cemetery Memorials

Due to the events of 11 September 2001 and the Anthrax problem, our request to the Battle Monuments Commission, Embassy, Rome, Italy for the Memorial Wreaths for Veteran's Day, 2001, took two months to get to Rome, and we missed out on the date. We have asked that our wreaths be placed Easter, 2002.

### Trip to Italy - 2002

Howard Ashcraft and Leighton McKeithen are attempting to organize a trip to Italy during 2002. Information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in going on this tour, please contact Howard Ashcraft at 7133 Staples Mill Road, Suite A3, Richmond, VA 23228-4124 or Chaplain Leighton McKeithen, 3628 Sugar Cane Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28303. The sooner they know you are interested, the sooner the plans and arrangements can be completed.

### WEBSITE

Patrick Skelly has established a website for historical information regarding the 34th Division. <http://www.milhist.net>. Pat would appreciate any information of interest. Patrick Skelly, PO Box 3836, Pocasset, MA 02559; Ph: 508-524-3948 or e'mail: [patskelly@earthlink.net](mailto:patskelly@earthlink.net)

### Armory Dedication & Decoration

On Veteran's Day Sunday 11 November 2001 a new Iowa National Guard Armory at Charles City, Iowa was dedicated. The Armory is named after "2nd Lieutenant Paul F. Riordan" a 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Medal of Honor awardee. 2LT Riordan (KIA) was awarded the Medal of Honor for action at Cassino, Italy in 1944. During the

ceremonies Dale Vanderlan, another 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division soldier, from the area was decorated for action in Italy. Dale had been awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star but the medals had never been presented.

### Officers & Trustees, 2001-2002

|                           |                    |                   |
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| Asst Sec                  | Richard A. Moss    | Granger,IA        |

### Membership Forms

Membership and Dues forms are attached. Do you know anyone out there that should be a member???

### 34<sup>th</sup> Division Assoc Items

See Price List attached. Any other Items of interest??

### Newsletter

What information would you like to see in the Newsletter?

Do you want to submit an article?

The suggestion department is open please contact us!

### REUNION

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## 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association

### Items Price List

|                               |         |                                    |        |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------|
| RED BULL Polo Shirts          | \$22.00 | Combat Infantry Badge, Mini        | \$3.25 |
| RED BULL Caps                 | 9.00    | Unit Distinctive Insignia (Crests) | 5.00   |
| RED BULL Visors               | 8.00    | Unit Distinctive Insignia (Mini)   | 4.25   |
| RED BULL Neckties             | 9.00    | 34th Infantry Division Flags       |        |
| RED BULL Golf/Bowling Towels  | 7.50    | Indoor/Outdoor 3x5 ft              | 39.00  |
| RED BULL Memo Pads, 50 shts   | .75     | Flag US Lapel/Necktie/Cap          | 2.00   |
| 3 pads                        | 2.00    | RED BULL Insignia Pins             | 3.50   |
| RED BULL Coffee Cups          | 5.00    |                                    |        |
| RED BULL Window/ Decal        | 1.50    | TOTAL: \$                          | _____  |
| RED BULL Refrigerator Magnets | 1.75    | Shipping: \$                       | _____  |
| RED BULL Key Tags (Metal)     | 3.50    |                                    |        |

**34th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
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- ( ) Inclosed is \$10.00 for my ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP in the 34th Infantry Division Association.
- ( ) Inclosed is \$10.00 for my ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP in the 34th Infantry Division Association. (Annual fee).
- ( ) Inclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the 34th Infantry Division Association. (See schedule below)
- |           |          |                |         |
|-----------|----------|----------------|---------|
| To age 60 | \$100.00 | At Age 63      | \$70.00 |
| At Age 61 | 90.00    | At Age 64      | \$60.00 |
| At Age 62 | 80.00    | Age 65 & Older | \$50.00 |
- ( ) Inclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for 34th Infantry Division Memorial or Association Operations Gift.

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_