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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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### UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU TO ATTEND THE 63D INFANTRY ASSOCIATION USAR ANNUAL MEETING

To be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Hotel Fullerton.

Well it's that time of year when I make my pitch to get our membership to come out and attend our annual meeting. I'd like to ask you when was the last time that you attended our annual meeting? I've been on the Board of Directors since 2009 and it seems to me that every year we see many of the same people at our meeting and I know that there are many of you who could attend but don't. Yes, there are occasionally a long-lost member who will find their way to the meeting, but not many. And yes, there are a number of members who live outside of the old 63D area of responsibility (SoCal, Nevada and Arizona). So, what is it that keeps those of you who still reside within the support area of the 63D from attending? I cannot believe that you no longer care about your fellow comrades in arms. Need I remind you that this is one place where you can still connect with those who you served with one weekend a month and two weeks annual training for many many years. We're all getting older and the truth is that we will not last forever so don't you think it's time to keep in touch with those who you served with? I ask you to make it a point to join us, I think you'll feel good about seeing those who you have known for a long time.

Chuck Ebner  
BG USA Retired

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#### US ARMY MUSEUM

No decision has been made on the level of participation that our Association will undertake in securing some type of recognition for the 63D in the National Museum of the US Army now under construction at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. We are planning to have more information available on this project at our Annual Meeting.

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# NOTICE TO CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

## VETERAN DESIGNATION GETS AN UPDATE ON NEW CALIFORNIA DRIVER LICENSES

January 22, 2018 · by [Steven Wilson](#)

<https://calvetconnectblog.com/2018/01/22/veteran-designation-gets-an-update-on-new-california-driver-licenses/>

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recently announced changes to state driver licenses in adherence with federal mandates.

Starting Jan. 22, the DMV will roll out a new REAL ID compliant driver license, which not only sports a new look, but also can be used by travelers at airport security. Your current California driver license can be used at airport security through October 1, 2020, but after that, passengers will need to use a REAL ID compliant card or two forms of identification to pass through security.

Features of the new REAL ID license include:

A golden bear with a white star has been inserted in the upper right corner of the ID – all REAL ID licenses must have this white star to show they are compliant.

The card includes a vicinity [Radio Frequency Identification \(RFID\)](#) chip that will signal a secure system to pull up your biographic and biometric data for the customs and border patrol officers to inspect as you approach the border inspection booth.

The card also includes a Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) or barcode that officers can read electronically if RFID isn't available.

Added graphics include a forty-niner miner, golden poppies (California state flower) orchards, and a large image of the state of California running down the middle of the card.

Visible only under ultraviolet "UV" light will be images of the Golden Gate Bridge and Coit tower.

### VETERAN DESIGNATION

For veterans, there's a slight difference to the service designation on the new cards.

Two new stripes – red and blue – outline the veteran designation and the text is bigger than previous cards.

The new REAL ID driver license cards will still double as a veteran ID card, and when adding that designation you may discover some unknown benefits due to you in the process.

Beyond a free meal offered on Veterans Day, a [visit to your local County Veteran Service Office \(CVSO\)](#) could lead to assistance with preparing claims for disability, pension, compensation, education benefits, medical care and death benefits, such as burial allowances.

So before you head out to get a new REAL ID card, apply for the designation and start earning benefits today.

To apply, follow these steps:

Begin by taking your DD-214 to a CVSO to obtain a Veteran Status Verification Form. To find a local CVSO, call [844-737-8838](tel:844-737-8838) or check our web listing. While you're there, be sure to ask about other benefits you might be eligible for.

Make an appointment to visit the DMV by scheduling online or calling [1-800-777-0133](tel:1-800-777-0133). You must bring the completed and stamped Veteran Status Verification Form and driver license application to your appointment at a DMV field office.

Pay your one-time \$5 designation fee, in addition to any other application fees associated with a renewal, duplicate or original driver license and/or ID card.

In the two years since Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed legislation authorizing a veteran designation on California driver licenses and identification cards, [more than 64,000 veterans have applied and the California Department of Motor Vehicles \(DMV\) has issued more than 55,000.](#)

Learn more about the REAL ID cards at <http://REALID.dmv.ca.gov>



**JOIN US FOR THE 52st  
Annual Meeting and Luncheon  
of the 63d Infantry Division USAR  
to Celebrate the Great History of Our Organization**

**Sunday 29 April 2018 1100-1400**

**The Hotel Fullerton, 1500 S Raymond Ave, Anaheim, CA**

**Bring a first time guest (who is eligible for membership)  
for the discounted rate of \$25.**

**Be prepared to share a favorite memory as part of our program.**

**Planning to stay overnight? The best rates are with AAA or AARP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$45.00 (deadline 20 April 2018) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_-places for first time guest @\$25.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**My contribution to keep the 63d Inf. Div. Assn. going ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

In memory /honor of \_\_\_\_\_

*Make check payable to: 63d Infantry Division Association, USAR Total Remitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Mail to , LTC Beverley A. Houghton, 11307 Martha Ann Drive, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.*

**I am not able to attend but am attaching a memory I would like to share**

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**Membership Application 63d Infantry Division Association, USAR**

Rank/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Present or former assignments in  63d Inf Div WWII  63d Inf Div USAR  
 63d ARCOM  63d RSC/RRC/RRSC or geographic area of responsibility under any of these  
 Organizations. \_\_\_\_\_

Life Membership \$50       3 Years \$25       1 Year \$10

Make check payable to 63d Inf Div Assn USAR  
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***HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU! Please send your current email address to our Secretary at [Jwisemb662@gmail.com](mailto:Jwisemb662@gmail.com).***