



Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc.

(WW I and WW II and 42nd Division Mechanized, Active Duty and Veterans)

April 14, 2008

Herr Ludwig Stoeckl
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85221 Dachau, Bavaria, Germany

Dear Herr Stoeckl:

This is an official letter of confirmation from the 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc.(RDVMF) regarding your donation of the Purple Heart Jewel. Your kind and generous donation of the Purple Heart Jewel, commemorating the ideals of freedom, liberty and justice, and the continued valor of the soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division in continuing to promote those ideals and values is deeply appreciated.

We of the RDVMF, in accepting this donation, intend to use the presentation as an opportunity, with a dedicated web site, to raise funds in support of current soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division Mechanized, citizen soldiers all, many serving abroad and some of whom may have encountered difficulties in their lives or with family support issues. Representatives of the 42nd Infantry Division Mechanized will be present and participate in the ceremony. Members of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, a historic and patriotic organization dedicated to teaching history and American values of our Founding Fathers, will participate as honor bearers of the Purple Heart Jewel.

In World War Two the 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division played a significant role in the liberation of the German people from an oppressive government under which many German citizens, and others, suffered unjustly. The 42nd Rainbow Division, as you know, liberated the infamous Dachau Concentration Camp on 29 April 1945. In accepting the Purple Heart Jewel recognition must also be given to those Germans who stood for honest values, freedom, liberty and justice but who were unjustly disregarded by the Third Reich and instead made victims. It is those courageous Germans who are also being commemorated by the Purple Heart Jewel ceremony. As a part of the fund raising program being undertaken by the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc., we will donate the Purple Heart Jewel to the Virginia Holocaust Museum, Richmond, Virginia. Representatives from that organization will be present to accept the art object. The museum displays other WWII Rainbow items.

Several Senators and a Congressman have been invited to attend the June 15, 2008 ceremony at Hurkamp Park in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Print and TV media have been advised of the event. City of Fredericksburg officials are providing full cooperation and support for the hour long ceremonial event. When completed, a copy of the event program will be emailed. Further information will follow as it is developed.

Sincerely yours,

James C. Clemons
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