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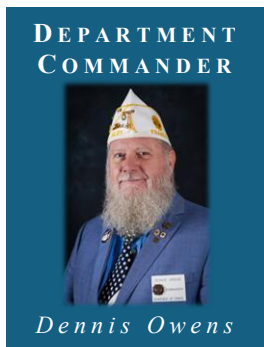
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Greetings Department of France,

I hope everyone of you had a wonderful Holiday break with your loved ones. I did and it was so truly refreshing for me.

I would like to take this opportunity to retract and apologize for a couple of statements I made in the December Department of France (DFR) Newsletter about my trip to Thailand. Even though it was a wonderful trip for me and I was hosted graciously by both Posts, when I commented about a certain part of my trip, unintentionally I ruffled feathers in Europe. And after it was brought to my attention, I owe a personal and public apology to a couple of people in our Department who were

doing what I asked/tasked them to do, and that was to figure out what the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) means to us, and how we need to alter our methods, policies and practices to accomplish the intent of being a Department with more secure communications while considering the privacy of everyone involved.

It started with these scammers who take our online Rosters, both Post and Department and employ phishing tactics for their financial gain by pretending to be Me the Commander of DFR, or a Post Commander via email. They do this by creating a new Gmail email but instead of using their name, they use Dennis Owens or a Post Commander's name as their email name. Most people when they receive an email from "Dennis Owens" would naturally think it is from me. The email goes on by asking if they have a moment for me, that I was in a long meeting and could only be contacted via email, but that "I" had forgotten to get the gift certificates for the orphanage I look after or something to that effect. It goes further to ask said victims to go out and purchase several

gift cards, scratch off the seals and take a photo of the secret PIN to cash in the gift card and send it to me. Folks, this has been happening at least since 2018 when I first became a Department Officer that I know of. I've even asked other Department Commanders and they all say that their Departments fall victims to this ploy as well. What hurts me still today is that one of our Post Adjutants fell victim to this and thought it was his Post Commander asking. Dutifully he went to the BX or somewhere and purchased several gift cards and as soon as he sent the photos to his ""COMMANDER"" he lost \$1,000.00.

Folks, DO NOT fall for this trickery, nobody in our Department will ever ask you to do this. Always send a text message on your phone asking if this is really your Commander. Always look behind the Email Name to the actual email address, you will note it is neither mine or your Post Commander's actual email address. Sometimes, it gets close so look carefully at that email address.

It was with this that I asked that all of our Department and Post Rosters to

come off line. If they are up there, then have position, name and only one email address, the Adjutant's email address. He or she can buffer anyone trying to contact you or me by taking the message and passing it on to you or me.

With all of this said, I owe a heartfelt and sincere apology to our JA Staff, both of them for my last Department Newsletter comments on the GDPR. Both of these men were executing my assigned task to parse and provide our Department with the specifics on the GDPR and how it applies to our Department including our two Posts in Thailand.

When I was with the Thailand Posts, and it got heated about the GDPR and how they saw that it did not concern them being so geographically separated from Europe, I was well, yes it does concern your two Posts as well. The way I defused the situation, because it went on for four hours, was to just call it common sense to them. That means, for my examples, "that you would not leave someone's or even your own personal medical records on the table and walk out of the room when others are still in that room, you would not be sending email with Personal Identifying Information (PII) via clear email... no, you would encrypt the document, send it then the next email send the Password to that document, or

send it via WhatsApp, or Line Apps because they encrypted end to end. Same as you would not include photos of individuals in your Post in the Post Newsletter or to the Department Newsletter without the consent of everyone in the photos or in case of minors of their parents or guardians. This Consent letter of statement should be submitted with each newsletter entrée to the NL Editor." This is using common sense AND it also makes your actions LEGAL with GDPR. This explanation followed by me tearing the GDPR Power Point Briefing copy in half and handing it to the TH02 Commander. The photo of him holding it, I can see really upset my JA staff. I agree, I should not have done that. For this, I humbly apologize. It was meant to conclude the heated conversation with the term Common Sense versus GDPR. Common sense by doing all of the legal things you should be doing in the GDPR regulation. To everyone around the table, that tactic worked, massive relief filled the room in Thailand. Again, I apologize for hurting feelings here in Europe for the perceived disrespect to the authors of those two briefings.

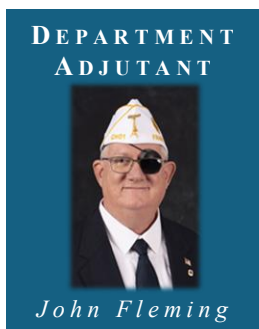
Also, just so I make this clear, yes I was provided both the old briefing from the 13th of June 2025 and the 25th of October 2025 briefing on GDPR via email on the 20th of October 2025, but

I was not prebriefed on HOW he was going to brief it either time.

As Department Commander, and since this is such a touchy topic, I felt that I needed to be brought in to the conversation before the briefings went live.

Currently our Department has slipped from 1st place to 4th place of all 55 American Legion Departments. We are behind by less than 2%. I feel that we can make a strong closing to bring up our goal to 100%. I know I will be giving it my all in the next few months, I hope all Posts can get their renewals in as well as to recruit more new members. Let's bring our Tribe to veterans!!! I believe in our American Legion, I do believe that we do "Change Lives and Save Lives" in our American Legion as our Past National Commander always said so boldly, we do. As we enter 2026, let's think about any veteran relatives you have that have served that are not already members in the American Legion, think about gifting them with a one year membership into your Post. I have with my father, younger brother and two cousins. Food for thought...

Let's Rock in 2026! Very best wishes,
Commander Dennis



Greetings Comrades,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Consolidated Post Report (CPR) – is now available on myLegion.org, so please log in and start adding the 2025-2026 Report. This report covers the period 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2026. You can also download a copy of the form if you would like to use it to keep notes of your Posts activities. [CPR](#)

Certification of Officers: Thank you to the Posts who have recently held elections and sent in the Notification forms. I can add all Post Officers to the Post Officers Roster on myLegion.org. Reminder, after Post elections or a change in Post

Officers, it is required to send two forms to the Department Adjutant.

1. Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants: This form must be sent to the Department Adjutant immediately (within 24 hours) after Post elections. The form should be dated the date of the elections/appointment.

2. Post Officer Certification of Service Form: This form has been revised and sent to all Posts. It needs to be forwarded to the Department Adjutant as soon as possible after Post elections (within

15 days). The Effective Date of Election of Appointment is the date of the original election or appointment. For example, if an Officer was elected on 1 May 2023 and reelected on 1 May 2024, the Effective Date block will show 1 May 2023.

These forms are critical to keep the current Post Officer informed of Department news. If I do not have

the correct information, your Post may not receive vital information.

Please contact me for any questions or if you need the forms.

Dates to Remember:

5 January 2026, 1900 CDT, Commanders Advisory Committee meeting.

24 January 2026, 0900-1700 CET – Mid-Winter Conference, Hotel

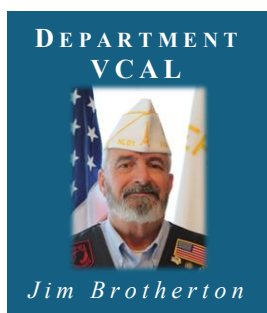
Rosenhof, Am Koehlwäldchen 16, 66877 Ramstein-Miesenbach and video

21 March 2026, 1300 CET – 3rd DEC, Location TBA

18-21 June 2026 – 4th DEC/Convention/1st DEC, Location TBA

Thanks, and best wishes.

John Fleming



Hope this finds each and everyone of you healthy and safe. Everyone is preparing for the holiday season, I'm sure your days are very busy, but remember to also take care of yourself as you take care of others.

Just a couple of things as we head into the New Year and make our plans for 2026.

Reminder to all that on 24 January 2026 the Department will hold its Mid-Winter Conference. This will be held at the Hotel Rosenhof, in Ramstein-Miesenbach, Germany. This will also be online, the link will be provided, along with the agenda and schedule, as

we get closer to this date. This will be the first time our Department has held an in place Mid-Winter Conference and we are excited and hope many will take the opportunity to attend in person.

We have also tailored the Conference around what our members want to hear. We feel the agenda will provide valuable information that its members can take back to their Posts and share with others. We hope and it is our intention that everyone will come away better informed.

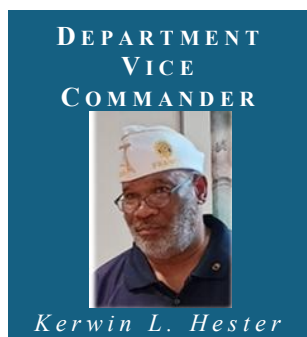
An agenda and timetable will be provided to every Post Commander and Adjutant. Please make this information to all members of your Post so that they will be informed and not miss a subject matter important to them.

Again, I ask all Commanders and Adjutants to give distribution of this document its widest dissemination as possible to all their Post members.

Another reminder to the Posts is the time will be getting close to submitting their awards packages to the Department Awards Committee. Don't wait til the last minute, or worse, disregard this opportunity. This is your opportunity to recognise your Post, Post members and the valuable work they do. I believe most Post Commanders are familiar with the Awards program. This is an opportunity to make your Post stand out above the rest. Please start building your awards packages as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please reach out to your assigned Department Vice Commanders for help and information.

In conclusion, I want to wish all our members and their families a safe and Happy Holiday season and look forward to working with each and every one in 2026. Best Wishes-VCAL



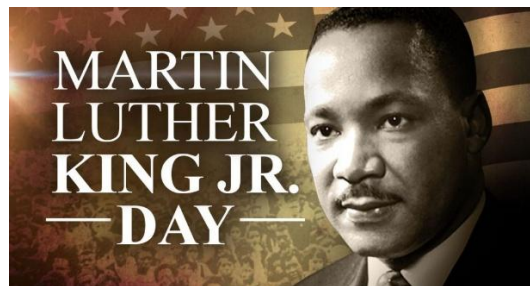
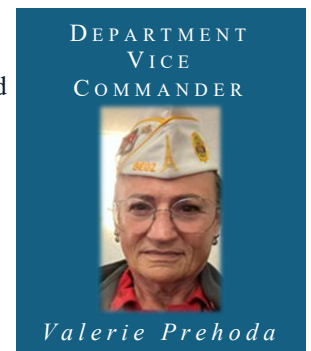
As we celebrate the joys of the holiday season, it's a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our fellow veterans

through Buddy Checks. This simple yet impactful act allows us to connect with those in our community, ensuring they feel supported and valued. Since the inception of the Buddy Check program by The American Legion, over 1 million veterans have found a listening ear or a friendly voice at a time when they may feel isolated or alone. With many veterans facing challenges such as depression, PTSD, or the burdens of health issues, the importance of these check-ins cannot be overstated. As we gather with family and friends, let's remember those who may need a reminder that they are not forgotten. By

encouraging Legionnaires to conduct Buddy Checks, particularly during significant dates like Veterans Week and the American Legion's Birthday Week, we extend our hands to lift others in a spirit of camaraderie and support. So, this holiday season, take a moment to connect with fellow members—share a kind word or a comforting presence—and let them know that they are indeed not alone.

Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year to all!

I look forward to seeing as many as you as can make it, to our MWC on 24 Jan. Camaraderie during good times really proves itself in tough times, and we all need each other, especially "we few", we veterans. Semper Fi, and may God bless each and every one of you in 2026, the Year of the Horse!"



On this federal holiday, 19 January 2026, American Legion posts celebrate the life and achievements of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.



Greetings everyone,

We have a little over a week before the new year, there is still time to get your Post that 100% for the \$3.00 return for each member from the Department. We have 11 Posts receiving this award as of today. Plus, the bonus of the day is, the same Posts are at 100% renewal as well.

Paris FR01, Rota SP292, Athens GC01, Rhein Neckar GR03, Thomas W. Barnett GR14, Omar Bradley GR42, George S. Patton GR45, Father Francis Duffy IR02, Commodore John Barry IR03, Brigadier General Robin Olds TH01, and Sgt. Thomas Oliver Ahlberg TH02.

Eight (8) of these Posts have made the 100% Department goal.

Rota SP292, Athens GC01, Rhein Neckar GR03, Omar Bradley GR42, George S. Patton GR45, Father Francis Duffy IR02, Commodore John Barry IR03, and Sgt. Thomas Oliver Ahlberg TH02.

Seventeen (17) Posts made or exceeded the 80% cut off goal from the National goal.

Paris FR01, Rota SP292, Flanders Field BE02, China CH01, London EG01, Athens GC01, Rhein Neckar GR03, Sgt.

William D. Nelson GR09, Thomas W. Barnett GR14, Audie Murphy GR30, Omar Bradley GR42, George S. Patton GR45, Pride of Erin IR01, Father Francis Duffy IR02, Commodore John Barry IR03, Brigadier General Robin Olds TH01, and Sgt. Thomas Oliver Ahlberg TH02.

We only need 577 more members for the Department to make the National goal of 100%. We have a couple Posts still getting on the move and a few needing only 10 or less members for the 100%.

I have a short story to tell. Every year, I am told from Department Posts that the Department goal is impossible to achieve. The interesting fact is, they are the Posts that are leading the pack and achieve the goal, 90% of the time. For this, I thank all the Posts and their members for supporting the Department.

Sonja and I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. We want to see you at the Mid-Winter Conference in January.

James Dennis / Membership Chairman / Department of France

2026 DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	% of	Next Cutoff Date	Plus	Members Needed
	New	PUGL	Renewals	HQ	Actual	Post	2026	04-Jan-26	or	To Reach
Members				Transfer	Mbsp.	Goal	Goal	Needed To Meet	Minus	2026 Goal
28-Dec-25								80%	to Cutoff	AHEAD/BEHIND
1 Paris FR01	2	85	83	1	191	200	95.50%	180	-21	-9
2 Rota SP292	0	6	11	1	18	16	112.50%	13	-5	2
3 David Chavez GR1982	15	40	55	2	112	160	70.00%	128	16	-48
4 HQ9999	0	30	26	0	56	80	83.33%	48	-8	-4
5 Flanders Field BE02	9	17	51	0	77	90	85.56%	72	-5	-13
6 China CP01	22	346	511	3	882	1062	83.05%	821	-61	-180
7 London EG01	0	19	13	1	33	34	87.86%	27	-6	-1
8 Liberty EG02	7	12	28	1	48	65	73.85%	52	-4	-17
9 Athens GC01	0	0	18	1	19	18	105.56%	14	-5	1
10 Kaiserslautern GR01	5	54	47	0	106	145	73.10%	116	10	-39
11 Rhein Neckar GR03	2	17	26	0	45	40	112.50%	32	-13	5
12 Rhein Main GR05	0	26	35	0	61	80	76.25%	64	3	-19
13 Stuttgart GR06	1	119	47	0	167	235	71.96%	188	21	-68
14 Wiesbaden GR07	2	31	38	0	71	90	78.89%	72	1	-19
15 Sgt. William D. Nelson GR09	0	29	18	0	47	56	83.93%	45	-2	-9
16 Thomas W. Barnett GR14	0	19	13	0	32	34	94.12%	27	-5	-2
17 Eiffel GR20	17	16	5	0	38	100	38.00%	80	42	-62
18 Audie Murphy GR30	0	12	5	0	17	20	85.00%	16	-1	-3
19 Omar Bradley GR42	0	17	8	0	25	25	100.00%	20	-5	0
20 George S. Patton GR45	0	7	3	0	10	10	100.00%	8	-2	0
21 John Wayne GR79	0	11	7	0	18	58	31.03%	46	28	-40
22 Pride of Erin IR01	0	8	15	0	23	27	85.19%	22	-1	-4
23 Father Francis Duffy IR02	0	3	24	0	27	23	117.39%	18	-9	0
24 Commodore John Barry IR03	0	2	12	0	14	14	100.00%	11	-3	0
25 John F. Kennedy IR03	0	3	4	0	7	7	100.00%	6	-1	0
26 Rome IT01	0	3	5	0	8	8	100.00%	6	-2	0
27 Margraten NL01	35	30	106	1	172	225	76.44%	180	8	-53
28 Brig Gen. Robin Olds TH01	6	15	59	0	80	80	100.00%	64	-16	0
29 Sgt. Thomas Oliver Ahlberg TH02	18	11	131	0	160	140	114.29%	112	-48	20
GRAND TOTALS	141	998	1414	11	2564	3,122	82.13%	2468	-96	-558



2026 Membership Goal 3120

Current Membership Total 2545

MEMBERS NEED TO MAKE 100% - 575



As Of 20 Dec, 2025

Please welcome the latest Members to the 2026 100% Post Membership Club for The American Legion, Department of France

8 Posts have entered the 31 December 2025 100% Club

0 Posts have entered the 31 May 100% Club

we have 6 Posts that are within 10 members of entering into the 100% Club

we have 5 Posts that are within 20 members of entering into the 100% Club

The follow Posts in The Department of France have qualify for the 100% by 31 December 2026 Payout.

Rota	SP292
Athens	GC01
Rhein Neckar	GR03
Omar Bradley	GR42
George S. Patton	GR45

Father Francis Duffy	IR02
Commodore John Barry	IR03
Sgt Thomas Oliver Ahlberg	TH02

The follow Posts in The Department of France qualify for the 100% by 31 May 2026 Payout

The following Posts are within 10 members away from going 100%

London	EG01	2 Away
Brig Gen Robin Olds	TH01	2 Away
Thomas W. Barnett	GR14	2 Away
Audie Murphy	GR30	3 Away
Pride of Irin	IR01	4 Away
Sgt William Nelson	GR09	9 Away

The following Posts are within 20 members away from going 100%

Paris	FR01	12 Away
Flanders Field	BE02	14 Away
Liberty	EG02	17 Away
Rhein Main	GR05	19 Away
Wiesbaden	GR07	20 Away

**THE NEXT DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CUTOFF DATE IS
DEC 31, 2025**

**THE 100% CUTOFF DATE EACH POST NEEDS TO MAKE TO
GET PAID BACK \$1.50 FOR EACH MEMBER IS
31 May 2025**

8 Post's Made the 31 December 2025 100% Cutoff

Rota	SP292
Athens	GC01
Rhein Neckar	GR03
Omar Bradley	GR42
George S. Patton	GR45
Father Francis Duffy	IR02
Commodore John Barry	IR03
Sgt Thomas Oliver Ahlberg	TH02

DEPARTMENT RIDERS DIRECTOR



Jim Brotherton

Good afternoon, Riders. I'm sure many of you have already put your toys away for the winter season.

If not, do be careful out there, ice, wet roads and Autumn leaves are not your friends.

I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2026.

**REMINDER...ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES SHOULD BE TURNED IN BY
THE END OF THE MONTH. I WOULD PREFER IF YOU SENT IT IN WORD
FORMAT,
PDF WOULD ALSO DO. GET THE WORD OUT!**

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DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER EDITOR



David N. Greaux

Season's Greetings form Liberty Post EG02

As 2025 rapidly winds down I wanted to extend my wish for a very Happy 2026 to all. It's been a challenging year for EG02 in many ways but there are some bright spots I want to highlight. In Photo 1 I'm presenting the new Post Service Officer, Comrade Summer, with her white name badge. As some of you know I'm dual hatted as the Post Commander but I'm also a Dept Service Officer. Summer will be assisting me in managing the huge disability client base across the Dept.



In Picture 2 and 3, I'm presenting National Commander membership excellence pins to Comrade Darrell and Comrade John. Their support of the Post is very much appreciated.



For anyone wishing to stay up to date on Liberty Post news, our Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/AmLegionLakenheath>

A very Happy New Year to all Liberty Post members and supporters.

Commander Litherland

RHEIN NECKAR POST GR03**HEIDELBERG, GERMANY**

Dear Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons of the American Legion

This time of year, reminds us not only of celebration, but of reflection—of service, sacrifice, and the bonds that bring us together as one Legion family.

Christmas is about hope, peace, and goodwill. Those values are deeply woven into the fabric of the American Legion. Each of us here has answered a call to serve something greater than ourselves, and that spirit doesn't fade when the uniform comes off. It lives on in our continued service to veterans, to our communities, and to one another.

We especially remember our fellow veterans who cannot be with us—those serving far from home, those facing difficult times, and those we have lost. We honor them not just with words, but by living out the values they stood for.

I want to thank everyone who gives their time and energy to make this Department what it is from volunteers and officers to our families who stand beside us. Your dedication keeps the Legion strong and ensures that no veteran stands alone.

As we celebrate these Holidays, may we enjoy good company, good food, and a few good stories. Let us carry the spirit of Christmas beyond these walls—into the new year—with renewed commitment, compassion, and unity.

From my heart to yours, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, good health, and a happy and peaceful New Year.

John P. Gerdeman
Post Commander GR03



Members of GR03 – Ed Scherman, Henry Johnson, John Gerdeman, Carl Arnald and Don Kienlen.

Thanksgiving Dinner 2025



Thanksgiving Dinner banquet



Department VC Hester (front right) and wife, and Jens Road (back left) from the Gasthouse Roadhouse



Department VC Hester (front middle) with post members



Department VC Hester (right) presents Post Adjutant Rice with 15 Year certificate

Christmas Dinner 2025



Thanksgiving dinner banquet



Post Commander Brown (left) and Post 30 Adjutant Dennis



Post members with Post 30 Adjutant Dennis (front right)



General Membership Meeting



Post members with Mrs. and Mr. Dennis, Post 30 (front left)

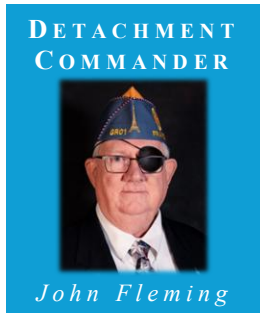


Post membership meeting

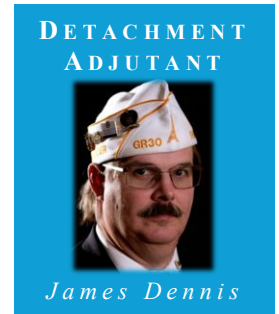


John Portale (middle) receiving 30 Year Certificate

GR79 Homeless Dinner



DETACHMENT OF FRANCE



Hello Comrades,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Membership: According to the stats I see on myLegion.org, we are at 71.26% of our 2026 Goal! Please talk to your Squadron members and ask them to renew. Please talk to your Post members to see if they are eligible. If your Post does not have a Squadron, contact the closest Squadron or the Squadron of your choice and sign up. Talk to family members and sign them up. The Department has over 3000 Members. The Detachment should have at least that many.

Upcoming Events:

7 March 2026 – 3rd DEC, 1100 CET, Lunch, 1300 CET Meeting at Gasthaus Licht & Luft, Entersweilerstr 51, 67657 Kaiserslautern

6 June 2026 – 4th DEC/Conference/1st DEC, hosted by Kaiserslautern Squadron GR01

John Fleming
Detachment Commander

Let's look at the SAL. They have two (2) Squadrons with 100% of the Detachment Goal and have made the Honor Ribbon.

China CH01 and Wiesbaden GR07. Congratulations!!

We have six (6) Squadrons who have made the National cut off goal of 60%.

Flanders Field BE02, China CH01, Kaiserslautern GR01, Rhein Main GR05, Wiesbaden GR07, and Omar Bradley GR42.

The SAL only needs 58 more members to achieve the National Goal of 100%. Like the Legion, a few Squadrons are a little slow this year, but I know they will recover soon to excel us to the top.

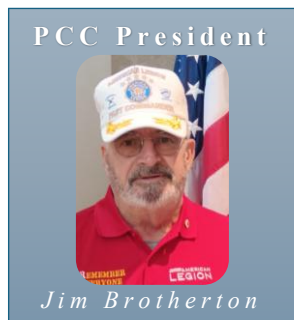
Last note of the day. We have fallen from the 1st place and are steadily falling. We are just teasing the other Departments in thinking they are going to win, right? Let's show them who belongs on top of the list.

James Dennis
Membership Chairman

Detachment of France 2026 Membership Standings as of 20 December 2025	2026 NEW MEMBERS	2026 PUFL	2026 RENEWAL	2026 Actual Mbsp.	2026 Post Goal	% of 2026 Goal	Next Cutoff Date 09-Jan-26 Needed To Meet 60%	Plus or Minus to Cutoff	Members Needed To Reach 2026 Goal
1 Paris FR01	2	0	3	5	12	41.67%	7	2	-7
2 HQ9999	0	0	0	0	0	100.00%	0	0	0
3 Flanders Field BE02	1	0	8	9	13	69.23%	8	-1	-4
4 China CP01	4	0	32	36	35	102.86%	21	-15	1
5 Kaiserslautern GR01	5	0	10	15	18	83.33%	11	-4	-3
6 Rhein Main GR05	0	0	3	3	4	75.00%	2	-1	-1
7 Stuttgart GR06	0	0	0	0	4	0.00%	2	2	-4
8 Wiesbaden GR07	1	0	15	16	16	100.00%	10	-6	0
9 Thomas W. Barnett GR14	0	0	0	0	2	0.00%	1	1	-2
10 Omar Bradley GR42	0	0	29	29	31	93.55%	19	-10	-2
11 John Wayne GR79	0	0	1	1	24	4.17%	14	13	-23
12 Margraten NL01	1	0	2	3	16	18.75%	10	7	-13
GRAND TOTALS	14	0	103	117	175	66.86%	105	-12	-58

Detachment of France 2025 Renewal Standings as of 7 December 2025	2026 PUFL	2026 RENEWED	2026 TOTAL RENEWED	% of 2026 Renewals	2024 NOT RENEWED ESTIMATED	2025 NOT RENEWED ESTIMATED	2024-2025 NOT RENEWED ESTIMATED	POST HONOR RIBBON 31-Dec
1 Paris FR01	0	3	3	25.00%	10	7	17	12
2 HQ9999	0	0	0	100.00%	0	0	0	0
3 Flanders Field BE02	0	8	8	61.54%	8	4	12	13
4 China CP01	0	32	32	91.43%	5	6	11	35
5 Kaiserslautern GR01	0	10	10	55.56%	0	7	7	18
6 Rhein Main GR05	0	3	3	75.00%	0	0	0	4
7 Stuttgart GR06	0	0	0	0.00%	2	1	3	4
8 Wiesbaden GR07	0	15	15	93.75%	4	1	5	16
9 Thomas W. Barnett GR14	0	0	0	0.00%	0	2	2	2
10 Omar Bradley GR42	0	29	29	93.55%	8	1	9	31
11 John Wayne GR79	0	1	1	4.17%	2	22	24	24
12 Margraten NL01	0	2	2	12.50%	0	13	13	16
GRAND TOTALS	0	103	103	58.86%	39	64	103	175

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DATE TO REMEMBER:

17 January 2026: Grand Wreck hosted by V1546 to be held in the Niederland.

