Hello Comrades,

I want to thank everyone who attended the annual Convention this month and look forward to a great year serving as your Commander. It is my distinct honor and pleasure to serve the Department. I would like to congratulate and thank all the outgoing officers. Your service to the Department helped ensure the continued operations of the Department of France. I also want to congratulate all the newly elected and appointed officers. I look forward to working with everyone during the next year. Change is bound to happen and with change comes new chances and a fresh new view while approaching our normal business.

Now I would like to discuss the plans and direction which I would like the Department to head.

**Posts**

I want the Department of France to focus on the 32 Posts, which are within the Department itself. The Department is designed to support the Posts and pass on information as needed. The Posts are designed to support the community in general, as they are needed. In turn, the Posts support
the Department with their membership. I plan to use the system that we have already, to support and improve the systems that are in the Post, update where it is necessary, to ensure that our veterans and comrades are getting the full support that they need. They are our members, who currently need the greatest support of all. Here is my plan for how I want to achieve that.

**Commander:** Have the Department focus on all our Posts by weeding out any problems that may linger, giving them the help, attention, and what they need to accomplish their mission. To ensure that no member, comrade, family member, or widow is left behind to defend on their own. Everyone that has been elected has a role to play. Let us begin.

**Adjutant:** Keep communications up between National, Department, and Posts. Keeping up with normal operations. Expand the use of the Adjutants WhatsApp group for faster assistance. Other WhatsApp groups can be considered if there is interest. Such groups could include all past Department commanders, or all Department officers, or between all Posts.

**Vice Commander at Large:** He has worked with the Vice Commanders to ensure that all Post have an assigned Vice Commander. The VCAL and I have already discussed the direction in which to proceed with the Posts.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone this year. As the new membership year begins, I hope that we are all able to support the Department’s recruitment goals and reach 100% membership! If we take care of our Posts, we can increase our membership.

I would like to visit as many Posts as possible during the next year, so please let me know when you are having an event so that I can try to attend. Thank you.

Everyone, please have a Safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday.

Robert Gray
Department Commander

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**Department Adjutant**

Greetings Comrades,

As we start this new Membership Year with some new and old Officers, I would like to thank everyone for all your support. There will be more information to follow, but I will try not to overflow your inboxes. I will be traveling in the States from 5 July - 6 August. We have a wedding to attend in the Detroit area and my Mother turns 95 at the end of July. I will be answering emails, however, there might be some delay.

We will be continuing the Department Calendar. It is currently under review. I do know that the 2nd DEC will be at the Novotel in Saint Avold, France, on 28 October 2023, so please start planning to attend.

I believe that planning has begun for our next Mid-Winter Conference. If anyone has any suggestions for topics you would like to hear, please email me and VCAL Dennis Owens.

I am really excited to be your Department Adjutant again. I promise to be the best that I can be!

Thanks, and best wishes. John Fleming
NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ROBERT GRAY (L) WITH OUTGOING DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOSHUA STEINLICHT
Hello Comrades,

I want to thank everyone who attended the annual Convention on 3 June and look forward to a great year serving as your Commander. It is my honor to serve the Detachment. I would like to thank all of the outgoing officers. Your service to the Detachment helped ensure the continued operations of the Detachment of France. I also want to congratulate all of the newly elected and appointed officers. I look forward to working with everyone during the next year.

I would like to hold a video conference on the first Sunday of the month, starting in September. More information to follow.

Your Detachment Officers for the 2023-2024 Membership Year are:

Commander: John Fleming, GR01
2nd Vice Commander: Ross Shephard, GR79
NECMan: Maxwell Rice, GR79
Chaplain: Casby Logan, GR07
ALT NECMan: Lee Preston, GR42
Historian: Stephan Somers, GR79
Adjutant: James Dennis, GR42
Sergeant-at-Arms: Joe Brown, GR79
1st Vice Commander: David Greaux, GR42
Finance Officer: Gary Miller, GR42

Upcoming Events:
1400, 3 September 2023 – WebEx video Conference.
14 October 2023 – 2nd DEC, Heilbronn, hosted by GR79.
1 March 2024 – 3rd DEC, TBA
1 June 2024 – 4th DEC/Conference/1st DEC, TBA

I will have a proper photo as soon as my new Detachment Cap arrives.

John Fleming
Long lost dog tag repatriated by Jeff Stoffer

Karen Young (McGill) displays her father’s World War II dog tag, delivered from northern France to Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson, Ind., at a June 19 ceremony. Photo by Jeff Stoffer

“Veteran’s dog tags returned to family” on YouTube

With a WWII vet who is also an active PUFL American Legion member of his Post in New York

The young man next to me by SSgt McGill’s grace is my neighbor’s son Remi Trolle. He gave a short speech in English thanking the family for his family’s freedom. And we have them a poster that he and his family had made, with pictures of the gardener giving the dog tag to me back on 31 Aug 2021 etc. I was very shocked to receive the “Honorary Hoosier” proclamation from the Governor (via the head of the Indiana Dept of Military Affairs).

After the wreath-laying ceremony at the NCDU monument (which my family and the family of PO1/c Angelos Chatas) erected for the 75th anniversary.

Saluting our fallen
For Memorial Day, I represented DFR and TAL at a small ceremony honoring LtCol Christian, who rest in the British military cemetery in Arras.

I participated in my Post BE02’s flag recovery mission on June 11, traveling to 11 British cemeteries to retrieve flags that had been placed, by a Boy Scout troop, on the graves of American soldiers who fought in WWI with English, Scottish and Canadian units before the US officially entered the war.

My name is John Gerdeman,

At the Department Convention near Bonn Germany on the 17th of June, I was elected as one of the four Department Vice Commanders and was given seven Posts. GR01, GR02, GR05, GR06, GR45, GR79 and GR1982. I hope we can work together to meet the Departments goals for this year. This is a little history about myself: I joined the legion in 1995 in Worms Germany when Post GR07 was there, stayed with that post for over 20 years and then moved to Rhein-Neckar Post GR03. For the last 4 years I have been the Post Commander and as Commander I have brought GRO3 back from a nonactive Post to an active Post. Now I have taken on the challenge of Department Vic Commander.

John P. Gerdeman, Department Vice Commander, Post Commander GR03, Heidelberg-Germany

REMINDER...ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES SHOULD BE TURNED IN BY THE 28TH 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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Tobin McArthur, Anna Roth (Girls State)
GR1982
Kenton Duplessie, Owen Schuettpelz, Ariana Young (Girls State)

Amelia Forbes, from SHAPE American HS, is elected as the Senior Senator (alternate) to Girls Nation
We look forward to seeing you all on the 4th of July! Ceremonies at the Place des Etats-Unis will start at 14h30, please arrive early (15-20 minutes early).

Four (4) ceremonies will take place with the first ceremony starting at the Monument Washington and La Fayette (see map below).

After the last ceremony, everyone will gather in the Place des Etats-Unis for a garden party.

A very special thank you to our hosts, Maire Francis Szpiner and Adjoint Maire Katherine de Meaux of the 16eme Arrondissement, for their dedication to the American community in Paris, and our national ceremonies in France!

Since 1920, American Memorial Day has been honored in France

Thanks to the support of our members and donors, Paris Post 1 was again able to send wreaths to all American cemeteries in France this year for Memorial Day!

We thank everyone for their support and dedication to this year's Memorial Day!

A special thank you to the following donors for Paris Post 1's Memorial Day 2023: Legionnaire Wes Lam (2022 & 2023), Brenda Hokenson (2022 & 2023), Douglas James, Deb Halverson Joerg, Katherine Cook, James Griffin and Michael Hellquist.

Lafayette Escadrille Memorial (LEM)

Memorial Day 2023 started at the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial (LEM) where the Paris Post 1 Auxiliary carries on the tradition of providing poppies to the attendees at the ceremony.
Special thanks to the leadership and staff at the LEM for assisting Paris Post 1 with our wreath this year.

**Paris Post 1 Mausoleum (La Defense)**

Paris Post 1’s Mausoleum in full colors for Memorial Day 2023, special thanks to the City of Neuilly’s Adjoint Maire LE STANG and his staff for their extraordinary support and assistance for our ceremony.

Memorial Day at the Paris Post 1 Mausoleum in honor of American veterans from World War I through the present day who gave their lives for our freedoms.

Paris Post 1 thanks Adjoint Maire François Le Stang for joining our Memorial Day ceremony this year, and for representing the City of Neuilly who has provided a lot of support and assistance to Paris Post 1 for our mausoleum and ceremonies. We are grateful for their decades long friendship.

Paris Post 1 Vice-Commander Rick Jones welcoming all attendees to our sacred mausoleum, and giving the annual Memorial Day speech on behalf of American veterans in France.

Special thanks to Philippe Sechet, President of Le Souvenir Français, and liaison for Paris Post 1 and the City of Neuilly, we appreciate all of your dedication to American veterans in France, and for your annual presence and speech for Memorial Day.
Paris Post 1 thanks Marie-Laure Charles, Conseillère Municipale for the City of Neuilly's Mission Coordination des actions Défense et Référent Armées, for her military service, and dedication to helping American veterans in France. Together, with President Philippe Sechet of Le Souvenir Français Neuilly, Marie-Laure along with the Girl Scouts and Brownies lay a wreath for Memorial Day.

CLICK VIDEO: Paris Post 1 Mausoleum Memorial Day (full ceremony!)

Paris Post 1 Auxiliary President Ginette Crosley with her daughter, Legionnaire and Auxiliary Michele Crosley, in front of the Neuilly Cemetery where the Paris Post 1 Mausoleum is located. Ginette and Michele honored their, husband and father, Frank Crosley who was a long time member and Officer at Paris Post 1.

Frank (seen in the picture below) joined Paris Post 1 in 1972 when he returned to France at his retirement from the U.S. Army. Since joining the post, Frank was Post Adjutant, Vice-Commander, Executive Committee member and Judge Advocate.

His awards include more than the Bronze Star he was awarded while in Vietnam and the Meritorious Service in 1969, as Paris Post 1 Adjutant, Frank was awarded in October 1978, the "Silver-gilt medal of Paris" by Jacques Chirac, then Mayor of Paris, for his outstanding devotion and service towards the veterans' cultural and social causes.

We honor and never forget Frank for his duty to his country and community!

Paris Post 1 thanks everyone who attended and helped support our ceremonies for Memorial Day this year! We are blessed to have our community present for this year's Memorial Day, special thanks to:
- American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)
- City of Neuilly
- Le Souvenir Français
- WICE
- Girl Scouts & Brownies
- Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
- Democrats Abroad France
- Republicans in France
- Association of Americans Resident Overseas (AARO)

Suresnes American Cemetery

Military and government officials from both France and the United States joining together with the community outside of Paris to honor American veterans for Memorial Day at the Suresnes American Cemetery.
Suresnes American Cemetery Superintendent Keith Stadler gave a moving speech outlining the importance to support our veterans, and to ensure that we never forget those who have served.

We thank Superintendent Stadler and his staff for their hard work and duty for the American souls at Suresnes and the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial, and for the two beautiful ceremonies for Memorial Day.

Paris Post 1's David Bruce represented The American Legion and American veterans in France for this year's Memorial Day in Draguignan.

David laid a wreath at the grave of Clifford Harmon, a Paris Post 1 Legionnaire and World War II aviator who is buried in Draguignan at the Rhone American Cemetery.

Clifford Harmon was known for his love of automobile racing, yachting, horses, and other pursuits. In 1908 he learned to fly in approximately one week, and was awarded the sixth pilot's license issued in the United States.

He was involved with both ballooning and airplanes; in 1908 he set a record for time aloft in the Indianapolis balloon race.

On April 22, 1918 Harmon enlisted in the NY Guard Service, and on October 13, 1918 he was commissioned as a Captain in the Air Signal Corps. He served in France from November 1918 to January 1919, training aviators.

Clifford moved to Paris in 1920, and he became a Legionnaire at Paris Post 1. He eventually moved to the south of France where he lived during the nazi occupation until his death in 1945.

Paris Post 1 honors Clifford Harmon, his service and duty to his country and community, and his contribution to the history of aviation.
The Sons of The American Legion was present at the Rhone American Cemetery in Draguignan.
Sons member Steve Patris above with the color guard at the Memorial Day ceremony 2023.

After the official ceremony was over, the Sons of The American Legion wreath was laid at the grave of the Unknown Soldier who is buried at the Rhone American Cemetery.
We thank Steve for representing the Sons of The American Legion, and for his duty and service to his country and community.

The Meuse–Argonne offensive was a major part of the final Allied offensive of World War I that stretched along the entire Western Front. It was fought from September 26, 1918, until the Armistice of November 11, 1918, a total of 47 days.
The Meuse–Argonne offensive was the largest in United States military history, involving 1.2 million American soldiers. It is also the deadliest battle in the history of the United States Army, resulting in over 350,000 casualties, including 28,000 German lives, 26,277 American lives and an unknown number of French lives.

American losses were worsened by the inexperience of many of the troops, the tactics used during the early phases of the operation and the widespread onset of the global influenza outbreak called the “Spanish flu”.
The offensive was the principal engagement of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in World War I. It was one of a series of Allied attacks, known as the Hundred Days Offensive, which brought the war to an end.

Meuse Argonne
Special thanks to Auxiliary Anna Marie Mattson, and for all of our community and service members, who took part in the ceremonies at the Meuse-Argonne for Memorial Day this year. Thank you for your service to your country and community!

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Arlington, Virginia, is a historic monument dedicated to deceased U.S. service members whose remains have not been identified. The World War I "Unknown" is a recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Victoria Cross, and several other foreign nations' highest service awards. There has been a sentinel on duty in front of the Tomb every minute of every day since 1937.

Paris Post 1 was honored to join with the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (SHGTUS), to commemorate the centennial of the American Unknown Soldier in France in 2021. Paris Post 1 is blessed to have many Tomb Guards who are Legionnaires at Paris Post 1! We are grateful for their continued international collaboration.

Gavin McIlvenna, Co-Founder and Past President of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (SHGTUS), and his wife, both of whom are Legionnaires at Paris Post 1, represented their post in Yorba Linda, California for Memorial Day 2023. U.S. Army Sergeant Major Gavin McIlvenna was the keynote speaker for Memorial Day 2023, seen above, at the ceremony, led a group of 50 Americans who took a pilgrimage to France in 2021 for the centennial of the Unknown Soldier.

United States Army Sergeant Major Gavin McIlvenna was the keynote speaker for Memorial Day 2023 at the Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial. Gavin in the photo above with his wife Amy, also a Paris Post 1 Legionnaire, these American veterans help support the Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Association which has added a brick to the Gold Star Walkway to honor every serviceman and woman who have been killed in action since the Memorial was dedicated.

In front of Pierre L’Enfant’s grave at Arlington Cemetery, Co-founder and Past President of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (SHGTUS), and current President of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Foundation, Richard Azzaro, Dr. Allison Finkelstein and Tomb Guard Robert Loftur-Thun. We thank Richard and Robert for supporting American veterans in France, and being members of Paris Post 1!

Yorba Linda, California
American veterans honoring our fallen for Memorial Day 2023. We thank everyone for coming together to make this year's Memorial Day historic!

Epinal American Cemetery

Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial is a United States military cemetery in Dinozé, France. The cemetery rests on a plateau above the Moselle River in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains. It contains the graves of 5,255 of the United States' military dead, most of whom lost their lives in the campaigns across northeastern France to the Rhine and beyond into Germany during World War II.

On May 12, 1958, thirteen caskets draped with American flags were placed side by side at the Epinal memorial. Each casket contained the remains of one World War II Unknown American, one from each of the thirteen permanent American military cemeteries in the European Theater of Operations. For Memorial Day 2023, Superintendent Charlie Diaz lead the ceremony honoring the Americans buried at the Epinal American Cemetery, and also laid the wreath on behalf of Paris Post 1.

After the Memorial Day ceremony, Superintendent Diaz continued the commemoration by directly laying Paris Post 1’s wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier. We thank Superintendent Diaz, a member of The American Legion and VFW, and his staff, for their duty and service to their community and country.
Belleau Wood

Paris Post 1 Sons of The American Legion Squadron's, past Commander James Woody, at Belleau Wood honoring American Marines for Memorial Day 2023.

The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial is a World War II cemetery and memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France, that honors American troops who died in Europe during World War II. It is located on the site of the former temporary battlefield cemetery of Saint Laurent, and it contains 9,388 burials.

Normandy American Cemetery Colleville-sur-Mer

American Joel Jacobs, Uncle of Paris Post 1 Legionnaires Curtis Bartosik, paying homage at the grave site of Jefferson Davis Dickson Jr., from Natchez, Mississippi. After serving in World War I as a photographer, Jefferson Dickson remained in France, joined Paris Post 1, and in 1924, he began promoting boxing matches. He would eventually become the owner of the famed Palais De Sport in Paris, which hosted numerous title fights.

Jefferson is credited with building heavyweight champion Primo Carnera and also promoted Hall of Famers Young Stribling and Len Harvey. Dickson also promoted other sporting events, including figure skating, bike races, hockey, bullfighting and wrestling.

Staff Sergeant Justin Nyce (left) from Quakertown Post 242 in Quakertown, Pennsylvania taking a photo with fellow Marine, Paris Post 1 Finance Officer Patrick Morrissey, and past Paris Post 1 Sons of The American Legion Squadron Commander James Woody at Belleauwood for Memorial Day 2023.

Thank you for your service to your country and community!
Inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame as a promoter in 2000.
In 1943, Capt. Jefferson Dickson was reported lost in action over Germany while serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Paris Post 1's Memorial Day Picnic

During a long day of many Memorial Day ceremonies, the community in Paris gets together for a picnic at a nice overlook of the city skyline and Eiffel Tower.

Paris Post 1 is very grateful for everyone's participation and support for this year's Memorial Day in France!
We look forward to joining with our community and local partners to continue growing our Memorial Day ceremonies in France.

Special thanks to Paris Post 1 Legionnaire Honora Myers for supporting our Memorial Day ceremonies and for providing an interview for international news coverage.

Merci beaucoup to Legionnaire Vance Vaught for his support for this year's Memorial Day, we appreciate all of his hard work for our ceremonies and for visiting us from Port Orchard, Washington!

Gigi Nadolski and Joyce Good carrying wreaths for the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe, a large ceremony for Memorial Day 2023!
Paris Post 1 Chaplain Gary Nadolski carrying the Arc de Triomphe's Comite de la Flamme flag for the ravivage ceremony. Legionnaire Honora Myers holding the American flag with the Ambassador of Croatia to her left holding the national flag of Croatia. 

Merci beaucoup to our Paris Post 1 porte drapeaux for Memorial Day 2023 at the Arc de Triomphe, from left to right, Chaplain Gary Nadolski, Legionnaire Honora Myers and Legionnaire Vance Vaught!

Special thanks to the Association of Americans Resident Overseas (AARO) for their support and joining us for the Arc de Triomphe ravivage. Above from left to right, members of AARO's Board of Directors, Patrick Morrissey, Secretary Pamela Combastet, President Doris Speer, and Bryan Schell.

Live interview with New Net Media World Report

The oldest American Legion post in France commemorates Memorial Day in Paris. Check out Paris Post 1 being featured and interviewed!

CLICK HERE: Video Paris Post 1 w/ New Net Media World Report

American Legion Family members celebrate America's independence by marching in parades, promoting flag etiquette, and participating in other events.
Calling all Riders and Chapters of the Department of France,

I am writing this article because we have less than 2 months before National Convention. I will be attending National Convention and would like to represent the Department Legion Riders there. The way to do this is to give to the premier program of the American Legion Riders, The Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Last year we donated $1,210.00 and I would like to improve on this by at least $90.00 for a total of $1,300.00. I am asking every Post in this Department to help with this goal. I will start this with my donation of $200.00. My Post, GR42 will donate $200.00 to match my donation. I have $50.00 on hand currently. With Post GR42 and my Donation, we have a total of $450.00. I still need $850.00 to achieve this goal. Let’s get busy and donate to this program!

Should you donate, please send a check to my address below payable to Lee Preston. I will write one complete check to the Department Finance Officer at which time he will write a check for the total amount and get it to me in time for National Convention. If you would like me to come to your Post and pick up the donation, please let me know and I will do my best to make that happen.

Address:
Lee Preston
Behringstr. 20
97464 Niederwerrn
Germany

Thank you all for your response and donation!

Kaiserslautern Post/Unit GR01 June Events
Attending the 21st Theater Support Command Change of Command
2nd Annual Veterans Picnic

Dinner with the Legion National Commander, Sons National Commander, and Auxiliary National President
Korean War ends (1953)

On July 27, 1953, seven months after President Eisenhower's inauguration as the 34th President of the United States, an armistice was signed, ending organized combat operations and leaving the Korean Peninsula divided much as it had been since the close of World War II at the 38th parallel.
Memorial Day, Isolated Graves, and Memorials
Here in Belgium, Memorial Day (week) starts two days before the start of the weekend and ends 6 days later. Over this 6-day period, the members of the Post traveled over a thousand miles to lay flowers at 15 isolated graves and ABMC monuments along with three wreaths at the ABMC cemeteries (Ardennes, Henri-Capelle, Flanders Field). The isolated graves are Americans soldiers / airmen who are laid to rest in a Belgian community cemetery.

Each year the members of the Post, community and the scouts, help place 300+ flags in 80 cemeteries to commemorate the sacrifice of Americans buried in the British Commonwealth Cemeteries. Before the USA entered WWI / WWII, thousands of Americans crossed the border and enlisted with the British Commonwealth forces to help liberate France and Belgium.

*Post BE02 Boys State / Girls State Candidates*

Flanders Field Post BE02 sponsored two young adults for this year’s Boys State / Girls State program in Maryland. Pictured here at JFK International Airport is Amelia Forbes, SHAPE American High School and Arthur Shore, Vicenza American High School. Miss Forbes was elected by her peers to be the Senior Senator alternate to Girls Nation to be held in Washington DC later in July.
England Post 02, “The Liberty Post” was Chartered in May 2017 at Royal Air Force (RAF) Station Lakenheath, England. RAF Lakenheath is home of the 48th Fighter Wing. The Post supports members throughout the East of England and in the Lakenheath/Mildenhall/Feltwell military communities. As the Post matures, we’ve upped our efforts to provide more support and outreach in our area. The 2022/2023 school year was busy with our first Post hosted Oratorical Contest at Lakenheath High School with our winner attending the Dept Contest in March. The Post also supported the AF Jr ROTC program at Lakenheath High School by presenting medals at their awards ceremony in May, the sixth year running with this program. We also supported a Boys State participant this year, another first for the Post. We’re regular attendees at remembrance ceremonies at Madingley ABMC Cemetery near Cambridge, England. Madingley is primarily an Army Air Forces WW II cemetery with over 3800 fallen service members laid to rest here along with 5000 service members on the “Walls of the Missing”. We also remembered our POW/MIAs during National POW/MIA Day last September. If you’re in the East of England and would like to join our Post or want to see what activities are happening, visit our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/AmLegionLakenheath

“Liberty Post Oratorical contest winner Miss Annabelle H receiving her certificate from Post Commander Tim Litherland at the RAF Lakenheath HS Awards breakfast on 25 May”

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**Department of France**

**Past Commanders Club 2024MY**

PCC President Tim Litherland

PCC Secretary Frank Phillips

**Who is eligible to join the Department of France Past Commanders Club?**

Past and Present Department Commanders, Department Vice Commanders At Large, Department Vice Commanders, Post Commanders, SAL Detachment Commanders, SAL Squadron Commanders, Auxiliary Department Presidents, Auxiliary Unit Presidents… so if you were just voted into the office, you are eligible to join

Initial dues for the Past Commanders Club is only $25.00

Renewal dues for the Past Commanders Club is only $10.00
La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses) is an independent, by invitation, honor society of American veterans, more commonly known as “The Forty & Eight”.

The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution of the United States, to promote the well-being of veterans, their widows, widowers, and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include among others, programs that promote child welfare and nurses training.

Membership is by invitation, and open only to honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.

The next Promenade is planned for 15 July 2023. The Call will be sent out to the Membership.