

## The American Legion Paris Post #1 OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Thursday, September 1, 2017

Dear Paris Post 1 Member,

I'm writing to update you on the activities of the Post since my letter of April 20. On January 14, February 18, April 15 and May 20 we held meetings at our Post Home. Our policy is to hold a minimum of six meetings a year. Future meetings are scheduled for September 16, October 21 and November 18 (our annual meeting at Pershing Hall). This will give us a total of 7 meetings for the year 2017.

As previously reported, we held our first ceremony of the year at the Arc of Triumph on March 26, 2017 to honor the American World War I veterans who met here in Paris in March 1919 to hold the first gathering of the American Legion. It was attended by about 100 people, including 17 flag bearers. On May 28, 2017, for Memorial Day we attended ceremonies and laid wreaths jointly with the VFW at the Escadrille LaFayette Monument and the Seresnes American Military Cemetery. We hosted a ceremony at the Arc of Triumph with the Commander in Chief of the US Air Force Europe and Africa as our guest of honor. On July 4, 2017, we held our traditional Franco-American Independence Day Ceremonies at the Place des Etats Unis in the 16th arrondisement of Paris and later in the day at the Arc of Triumph (proceeded by a parade up the Champs-Elysées). Those two ceremonies were very well attended.

Our membership program for 2018 is working very well. We have already submitted 3 transmittals with 74 renewals of regular members in addition to our 106 life members for a total to date of 180. (To our regular members who have not yet renewed, we suggest that they renew online.)



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Best wishes,

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We're hosting the American Legion Centennial anniversary here in Paris in March 2019. You're invited.



American Legion Department of France is hosting the Centennial of the American Legion in Paris, 12 – 20 March 2019.

Join us for an exciting program of events, tours, ceremonies at the Arc de Triompe, veterans march up the Champs-Élysées – and you're invited to join us.

Start your travel plans now!

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