DEPARTMENT COMMANDER...James Dennis

Fellow Legionnaires and Legion families,

First, I would like to thank Commander Hale and Paris Post FR01 for the outstanding Centennial celebration in Paris on the 15th to 17th of March. Everyone I spoke with enjoyed themselves in Paris. Thank you to all the Posts in Department that was present and all our guests from around the world.

We also had the Detachment and Department 3rd DEC’s. I believe both went well. I would like to thank John Wayne Post GR79 for hosting the Detachment Dec and David Chavez Post GR 1982 for hosting the Department DEC.

Points of importance are;
1. Boys/ Girls state—Please get your candidates registered with Terrell Roberts and at Maryland as soon as possible.
2. National Commander’s visit—We need to speak to the following Posts ASAP. (GR07, GR01, GR02, BE02, And FR01) We would also like to know if any other posts will be attending this event and where.
3. Memorial Day Ceremony in St Avold, France. This is a very touching ceremony, I would like to see as many Posts and members as possible attending.

April is Children and Youth month. The National Oratorical contest is on the 5th to 7th. We at the Department are proud of you and good luck to Miss Victoria Geehreng. Please do not forget Palm Sunday and Easter weekend.

Membership! We are almost at 100%. I am asking all the Posts to give one more run at an Awareness drive. We can achieve this goal, but we need all your help. Our Department Officers are willing to assist you if requested.

The information for our Convention is out. Please sign up and support this event.

Thank you.

James Dennis / Commander / Department of France
The following are some incentive dates and monetary numbers to keep and eye on.

15 Feb if The Department Membership is at 100% the Department Vice Commander’s will get a $200.00 bonus.

1 March is the Big Twelve Competition if we are 100% Membership, National will give the Department $2000.00.

1 May if the Department Membership is 100%, the Department, the Department Commander, and the Department Membership Chairman will get $1000.00 each.

1 May if the Department Membership is 100% National will give the Department $2500.00 from the Membership Incentive Program.

1 June if the Department Membership is at 105% National will give the Department $5000.00 from the Membership Incentive Program.

1 June if the Department Membership is at 105% every Post in the Department will receive a $1.00 per member bonus.

There is a total of $12,500.00 at steak that National will give the Department.

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Newsletter Editor…David N. Greaux

REMINDER…all newsletter articles should be turned in prior to months end!

Davidg1959@t-online.de
DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER AT LARGE
Joe D. Brown

GR06 Awareness Drive

3RD DEC 23 March 2019

GR01 Awareness Drive

NL01 Post Officer Elections
We often find ourselves faced with challenges that affect us and our families. These challenges that we face can be caused by bad choices however, some can come from circumstances we have no control over. Regardless of the situation we often find ourselves sitting back and wondering why is this happening to me.

Each challenge or trial we go through is a test of our endurance. When your endurance increases that will help us through this race, we call life. For some people, knowing the fact that you will eventually be faced with these trials and tribulations it is not something to get excited about. We should look to find joy in the trials that we are facing because it is in that trial that we will find God leading us to something great.

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2019 American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program

Department of France Past Commanders Club

PCC President Leland Zickuhr
zickuhr.leland@gmail.com

PCC Secretary Raymond Perez Jr.
Raymond.perezjr@yahoo.com

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 office you are eligible to join

Initial dues for the Pa$t Commanders Club is only $25.00
Renewal dues for the Pa$t Commanders Club is only $10.00
Paris Post 1, Department of France, Hosting the American Legion Centennial Celebrations

15 – 17 March 2019 in Paris, France

(photos provided by Dept. Vice Commander Dennis Owens)
Eddie M. Guevara  
Chairman Homeless Veterans

Homeless Veterans Help

We reached centennial a milestone in American Legion history 1919-2019. We remain committed, dedicated and ever watchful our Homeless Veterans.

The American Legion supports the efforts of public and private sector agencies and organizations that aid homeless veterans and their families. Additionally, the Legion supports legislative proposals to provide medical, rehabilitative and employment assistance to homeless veterans and their families.

The Legion recognizes that aiding homeless veterans requires a sustained coordinated effort, which should provide secure housing and nutritious meals; essential physical health care, substance abuse aftercare and mental-health counseling; as well as personal development and empowerment. Homeless veterans also need job assessment, training and placement assistance. The ultimate goal is total self-management for the homeless veteran.

The American Legion has stepped up its support for homeless veterans, coordinating a Homeless Veterans Task Force among its departments to augment homeless service providers and fill in the gaps where no assistance programs are available. All departments have a Homeless Veterans Task Force chairperson and an Employment chairperson who are capable of providing assistance to any homeless or financially destitute veteran who contacts them. The two chairpersons also can coordinate activities with posts in their departments to aid homeless veterans and their families and prevent future homelessness among veterans.

I remain your Department point of contact for all inquiries on veteran homelessness.

For God and Country

Department Homeless Veterans Chairman Eddie Guevara
Email: pso.guevara@gmail.com
Cell Phone: +15121244628

Military Times: [This proposed VA health care change could save you time — and save VA billions]
April is Children & Youth Month

Free Children & Youth Publications

DOWNLOAD

Armed Forces Retirement Home Accepting Applicants

The Armed Forces Retirement Home is accepting applications for residents at its two locations in Gulfport, Mississippi, and Washington, D.C. Read More

Wounded Warriors Can Become Forensic Investigators for Free

Battlefield vets wounded in the line of duty are now able to continue their mission by training to become forensic investigators. Read More

Will the VA Pay for Your Funeral? The Answer May Surprise You

If you want to have a big funeral and a fancy tombstone in a nice cemetery, the VA will pay. Right? Not so fast. Read More

Retirees, Civilians Can Live in Base Housing

Many bases lease housing to military retirees, Defense Department civilians or even U.S. citizens who are not affiliated with the military. Read More

After Military, Uncle Sam Wants You to Join the Merchant Marine

Seafaring service members may soon be able to transition to the U.S. Merchant Marine with less hassle and at less cost than currently required. Read More

Your Military

Here is the Pentagon’s list of construction projects that could be cut to fund a border wall

By: Tara Copp

Here's why the American flag is reversed on military uniforms

Nathaniel Lee and Claudia Romeo
May 18, 2017, 10:31 AM

Rolling Thunder registration now open

(Photo by Cheryl Diaz Meyer)
The American Legion / Mar 25, 2019
DETACHMENT OF FRANCE

Detachment Commander Joe D. Brown
vcalbrown50@gmail.com

SAL CONVENTION 2019
Hosted by GR07

When:
Saturday, 08 June 2019

Location:
ZUM REEGEN
IM RIEDWEG 52
74078 HEILBRONN-FRANKENBACH

John Wayne Post GR79

GREETINGS TO ALL - YOU ARE CORDUALLY INVITED TO OUR

EASTER PARTY FEST

When APRIL 20- 2019
Where Gartenfreunde Klingenberg; IM Bruch Heilbronn— Klingenberg 74081
Time 14.00

POC Charlie Brown vcalbrown50@gmail.com 0170-1888034

If you plan on attending please RSVP by April 13, 2019

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Hallo everybody

I want to say Thank you for the Centennial Party. Good Job.

Now comes some Special words from me to Andrea Preston (Lee's wife he a member of the Legion Post GR 42). When we were in Paris, she was our leader and for me she did everything. Helped me go up and down the steps, she went and brought me a coffee and something small to eat when we were on the way. I want to say Thanks you very much Andrea for what you done for me and I give you a big hug.

We have a new Unit from Büdingen. Congratulation. I wish them all my best and I hope the Post will stay behind them all the time and assist the Unit whatever they do. Good luck. I was very happy to see the new Unit at the DEC. I told them if you have Question ask me right away and they had some Question, so I answered them. We had a good meeting but not a regular Meeting we talked about lot of things we like to do. At the Convention we will vote for it what we can and or like to do this coming year.

So, DEC and Convention is coming up. Unit member think about if you like to have a Position in the District. Let us know at the DEC or soon as possible. Write to the Secretary a short letter what Position you like to take for the District if you cannot come to the Convention. Open Is President, Vice President till 3 members, Chaplain, Historian, Treasure, Secretary. Secretary and Treasure is up to the President which one she wants. They can say yes or no. I still have not get Information who past away from June to now. I can make nothing ready I do know the one I know they passed away if I have no names and they passed away they don't get a Flower, because nobody told me they passed away. I am sorry. So, let me soon as possible. Thanks.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit GR30 and Post GR30 would like to invite you, your Family and Friends to our annual Easter Party at the Post Home...

"My Place"
Otto Hahn Str. 21
97318 Kitzingen

Date: 6 April 2019 at 13.00 hrs. (1.00p.m.)
There will be Food, Cake and Desserts
Drinks at the Bar
9.00 Euro for non-Members
Children under 12 years are free

Please let us know soon as possible how many children comes with you. Till 12 years old they will get something from the Easter bunny. Please bring your own Easter Basket.

If you show up for the Easter party, please call The Post Home. Tel.No.: 09321-31644 / Sonja and Jim Dennis Tel.No.: 09321-35390

For God and Country

Sonja Dennis / President / District of France
By now most everyone knows about the new American Legion Membership Incentive Program, (to each Post a $5.00 bounty for every 2014, 2015, and 2016 delinquent member that a Post signs up).

Well, the Department of France is going to take this Membership Incentive Program one step further. If the Department of France surpasses the 105% National Membership Goal by close of business (1700hrs Central European Time) on May 1, 2019, each Post in the Department of France will receive a $1.00 rebate for each of it’s members.

This incentive program is totally separate from and is not connected in any way to the Department of France monetary award program as set forth in the Department Awards Manual.

Happy Easter
Fellow Legionnaires, Legion Riders,

We would like to invite you to the 25th Annual Toy Run in Erlangen Germany Children’s Cancer Clinic on 4 May 2019. This event was started by a veteran at the Cancer clinic and was himself combating a seldom form of bone cancer. He saw that the children and the clinic could use some help so he contacted his Biker buddies and asked if they would support a “Toy’s for Tots Toy Run” we all said yes of course and so 50 some odd bikers turned up for the 1st Toy Run. Since then 25 years have gone by and the turnout has grown from the original 50 to 800 – 900 bikers, trikers, quaders and anything else that has a motor and 2-3 wheels.

The Toy Run is supported by Motorcycle Clubs, independent groups, firms and charity groups such as the Rotary Club.

Donations are in the form of cash, bank checks or material donations such as toy, games and puzzles. Because of hygiene standards these have to be in the original packaging.

I hope that you and your riders would be interested in supporting this event with us. For those interested a flyer has been attached.

Legion Riders Director
John Wayne Post GR 79
Heilbronn
Department of France
95th Annual Convention

Hotel Schützenhof
Windecker Str. 2
53783 Eitorf-Alzenbach

*NOTE...on the convention packets passed out at the 3RD DEC, Windereckerstrasse 2 was used as the street address. It has been brought to our attention that some navigation systems would not take that street name. Please try the street name Windecker Str. 2.

Convention Package Consist Of:

4 days - 3 nights / One convention coin per Department registered guest residing at the hotel / Breakfast buffet / Utilization of the conference rooms / Mineral water and juice during our meetings / Late morning coffee/tee and yogurt / Afternoon coffee and pastry / Evening dinner buffet (includes Banquet on Saturday) / One drink of choice with evening dinner

Convention Packages:

20-23 June 2019

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Following expenditures to be paid at Convention.

- Attending meetings only. Not staying at hotel: €16.00 per person, per day.
  * Includes use of conference room, Late morning coffee/tee and yogurt, Afternoon coffee and pastry & Mineral water and juice during our meetings. Please notify Convention Committee if you will be attending Convention Meetings only!

- Banquet only (Saturday): €25.00 per person.
- Breakfast only. Not staying at hotel: €8.00 per person, per day.
- Dinner only (Thursday-Friday). Not staying at hotel: €15.00 per person, per day.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** From 20-23 June, you MUST register and pay for your hotel room through the Convention Committee. If you book directly through the hotel, you will have to pay the daily €16.00 fee per day, per person for use of the conference room.

Convention Committee 2019

Lee Preston...GR42  
David Greaux...GR42  
Michael Young...GR01
RSVP no later than 15 May 2019 / All payments must be in Euros / If paying prior to convention, please make all Euros checks payable to David Greaux

Bank Transfer Information
NAME: David Greaux  
IBAN: DE379330110000005356  
BIC: FLESDEMM  
Verwendungszweck: Dept. Convention / Option 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6

Please fill out included reservation form and send in no later than 15 May 2019 to ensure a reserved room. Please print clearly to avoid mistakes. Make copies as needed. If reservations are made but not able to attend please contact a convention committee person prior to convention. If paying with credit card at convention, must still fill out form and send in by 15 May 2019.

Send to a Convention Chairperson:
David Greaux or: Lee Preston or: Michael Young  
Brunnhöhe 21  
97505 Geldersheim  
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Tel.: 01715109356  
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mpyoung48@yahoo.com

The AMERICAN LEGION, Department of France  
95th Annual Convention, 20-23 June 2019 Room Reservation  

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☐ Will be paying with credit card at convention.  
☐ Special needs: (reg. shower cabin, not shower head in bathtub – first floor access – wheel chair access etc.)
Indianapolis, Indiana

Site of the 101th American Legion National Convention
August 23rd to August 29th 2019

If you are planning on attending the 101th National Convention in Indianapolis, IN (and I hope to see some new faces in Indianapolis) please e-mail me at dhaggan@sbcglobal.net with the following information, THE DATE YOU WILL ARRIVE AND DEPART, THE PERSON YOU ARE SHARING A ROOM WITH IF ANY, AND ANY SPECIAL ROOM REQUIREMENTS.

Updates will be e-mailed out, posted on the Department Website, and posted on the Department Facebook page in the coming weeks.

Hope to see you in Indianapolis

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.

GRANDE ELECTIONS / BÜDINGEN, GERMANY / 27 APRIL 2019

Hosted by Locale V1546