DEPARTMENT COMMANDER...Santos Alvarado

My Fellow Legionnaires,
Another month has come and gone, we must remember that Covid-19 is still around. We must remain safe and protect ourselves, practice social distance and wear a mask when and where required. I just returned with my Daughter from a 3-day trip in Holland, what I saw was unreal, no mask required while out and about only while riding in public transportation. The 2nd wave of this pandemic has already hit some EU countries, if you intend to travel stay safe. Also, during July, we had our first public 1st DEC that was held at the Post of Rhein Main GR05, this was our first one since the Pandemic started. It was good to see all of again. The 1st DEC was held in person and virtual for those that could not attend. I hope that during our 2nd DEC we will have a bigger turnout. Membership cards for 2021 have arrived, we must reach our 100% goal for 2021. We are 254 away from reaching our 50%, some Posts have already reach or exceeded this level. Make sure that you reach out to all your Post Members to renew, instruct your Members on how to renew online. I had to opportunity to visit GR01 during their Meeting and GR06 Meeting and Elections. Most of all let us not forget the Buddy Check, remember that some Post members might not have a smartphone or computer. Pay them a Visit to see how they are doing.

Santos Alvarado / For God and Country! / 0049-15114959970

Your order placed between July 24 and July 27 has been delayed.

Due to unforeseen circumstances and the safety of our employees, American Legion Emblem Sales temporarily suspended its operations on Monday July 27. This shutdown remains in effect. During the shutdown, no orders or shipments will be processed. The Emblem Sales call center will be closed, but customers can email emblem@legion.org, and available staff will respond as quickly as possible. American Legion Emblem Sales apologizes for this inconvenience, and will resume operations as soon as possible. Your order will be shipped at that time. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
Greetings Comrades; I would like to send out my prays out to all posts during these trying time. I would also like to thank everyone for their support in electing me for the position of a Department Vice Commander for 2021. I will try to do my best to help the team that we are forming to get through year with all the posts being on the same page. I will keep you informed of what is going on at the Department level and be a voice for you also. All Vice Commander have post that come under their jurisdiction which they are responsible to assist with elections, membership drives, functions etc. I am proud to represent the following surrounding posts; Kaiserslautern GR01, Ramstein GR02, Rhein Neckar GR03, Stuttgart GR06, Riley Leroy Pitts GR07, Thomas W. Barnett GR14, and Omar Bradley GR42. I have spoken with some of my post Commanders and in the next few weeks I will be speaking with all of you. However, if you have any questions for me or you need anything from me please do not hesitate in letting me know I am here for you.

I also would like to thank all of you for what you are doing. Please keep up the good work and God Bless you all. Be safe and wear your mask’s, PLEASE!

Quincy Foster
Vice Commander
DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER...Frank Ekstrom

On the 4th of July I had the privilege of raising the Flag at the site of former Naval Communications Station in Derry Northern Ireland. At the closure of the Base it was the longest running US Military establishment in Europe. A year ago, a dedication ceremony took place at which a Memorial as well as the original flagpole were handed over to the College now on that site. I donated the Flag that was raised and will be raised every 4th of July and 22nd of November. I have had the Flag since that sad day when JFK was shot.

Newsletter Editor…David N. Greaux

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

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AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE
Post Service Officer Training

August 29 - 30, 2020
Katterbach, Germany

The American Legion, Department of France
is presenting their POST SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING COURSE.

This training course is to provide guidance for the PSO to be able to better assist the veteran with their VA benefit claim.

INSTRUCTOR
Frank Phillips: Department Service Officer

REGISTRATION:
Registration is required!
Please send an e mail to the Department Service Officer
Frank Phillips: Francis.Phillips2@va.gov
Priority is for Post Service Officers
then on a first come, first served basis.

Maximum participants is limited to 30!
Upon completion of this training, the participants will be able to take a test.
All participants that passed the test will receive a „trained“ certificate.

LOCATIONS
Training Seminar
Legion Post 1982 Home, 91522 Katterbach
Dinner, August 29, 2020
Gasthaus Goldener Stern, Ansbacher Str. 3, 91560 Heilsbronn

Hotel rooms are available at:
www.goldner-stern-heilsbronn.de
SNGL: 47€ / DBL 70€
(7 miles to Post)
www.hotel-windmuehle.de
DBL 70€
(9 miles to Post)

Gasthof Zum Löwen
Marktplatz 6, 91560 Heilsbronn
SNGL: 45€ / DBL 75€
(7 miles to Post)

Program
0730-0800
Check-in / Registration

Topics
PSO duties / responsibilities
VA policies
Smart claim - step by step
C&P examination tips

Lunch break - Legion Home

VA presumptives
TDIU
Individual Unemployability
DIC
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
Burial benefits
Foreign Medical Program
Dinner in Heilbronn with
DSO, ADSO
DPT Commander
0800 hrs August 30 Sunday
Test / Discussion
1300 hrs
Completion of course

Be on time!
We have limited time to complete the training.
Department of France’s Americanism Committee

Virtual Meeting

All Posts are invited

Monday, 17 August 2020, 19:00

- Oratorical Contest
- Boys State / Girls State
- Scouting
- JROTC
- Junior Shooting
- Flag Etiquette
- Blood Donation Program
- Get Out to Vote

POC is Joseph Schram: joseph.schram@gmail.com
High School Oratorical Scholarship Program
“A Constitutional Speech Contest”

Department of France’s Scholarship Awards
1st Place: $1,000
2nd Place: $500
3rd Place: $250

National Contest Scholarship Awards
1st Place: $25,000
2nd Place: $22,500
3rd Place: $20,000

Eligibility: Students in Grades 9-12
Home School / Public School / International School
Contestants must be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States
https://froratoricalcontest.weebly.com/

Joseph Schram
Department Historian, Americanism Chairperson, Oratorical Director & Boys State Director
AMERICAN LEGION
LIBERTY WALK
2020
Saturday October 10th, 2020

Commemorate the “Battle of the Vierstraat Ridge” by the 27th & 30th US Divisions Aug/Sep 1918.

Place to be: Visitors Center Kemmel
Start walk: 09.00-13.00
7, 12 or 18 km
Expo visitors center: 09.00-15.00

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
americangenerationlibertywalk@gmail.com

The organization is not responsible for any accidents, damage or theft.
Responsible publisher: Joseph Schram, American Legion Flanders Field Post BE02
John Wayne Post GR79

Fourth of July Barbecue

Horseshoe Fun

General Membership Meeting
DAVID CHAVEZ POST GR1982

Admitted by Estus Smith / Adjutant Post 1982

Post 1982 Prepares to Reopen
for Regular Meetings

Having a Post Home on a military installation has many advantages. Trying to meet during the Corona (COVID-19) pandemic is NOT one of them. We have not had a regular (in person) meeting since March 2020.

We did conduct our July meeting online via GoToMeeting.

With the hopes of restarting meetings soon, members of the post have started preparations to meet under Corona limitations. We have set up the home with “social distance” between members chairs. Having two restrooms and an additional sink for hand washing is an advantage.

We are now planning to conduct a regular meeting in mid-August.

Post 1982 Members Attend DAR Meeting

On 4 July, members of our post attended a meeting of one of the very few Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapters in Germany. The chapter in Nordlingen conducted an outdoor meeting and discussed the history of Independence Day and Flag Day. They visited a monument to Oscar F. Mayer, who was born near Nordlingen. At a early age, he migrated to Chicago, where he made a name for himself in the processed meat packing industry.
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DETACHMENT OFFICER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2020

GASTSTETTE “ZUM REEGEN IM REID”
REIDWEG 52
74078 HEILBRONN- FRANKENBACH, GERMANY

1200-1300: REGISTRATION
1300: DEC

POC is Commander Joe Brown / 01701888034 / vcalbrown50@gmail.com

DETACHMENT OF FRANCE

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SAL FISHING FEST

WHERE:
Frohnfalls,
Manhardter Wald, 74535 Mainhardt
Forellenparadies

WHEN:
Saturday 8 AUGUST 2020-07:00AM

MEET AT THE POST HOME: Gaststette “Zum Reegen Im Reid”, Reidweg 52, 74078 Heilbronn-Frankenbach

...then we'll drive to Forellenparadies and fish from 08:00 till 12:00 then drive back to Post GARDEN for a fish Fry...14:00: Gartenfreunde Klingenberg; Im Heilbronn - Klingenberg. Bruch 74081

Contact…vcalbrown50@gmail.com…M-01701888034…If you plan on attending.
Hello Riders

Would like to introduce myself. First want to say that I’m honored to be named the Departments new American Legion Rider (ALR) Director. I will do my best to represent not only the Department of France, but also all the Riders associated with our Department, Posts and Chapters.

I’m Jim Brotherton, member of Post NL01 and Legion Riders Margraten located in the Netherlands. I’m retired Air Force and have lived in Europe off and on since December 1974. I have been riding since 1973 and in Europe since 1976. Have ridden throughout Europe and Great Britain extensively the last 14 years. Ride every chance I get, all year round.

My vision as Director of ALR for the Department of France is, find out how many active Chapter we have in Europe, get the Chapters communicating with each other and expanding the number of Chapters we have. We have some of the greatest motorcycling areas in the world on our door step. We have the opportunity, if we will just communicate with each other, to plan some really great events, conduct remembrance ceremonies and make the American Legion know through Europe.

I cannot do this alone. I will be asking Department, Posts and Chapters to help me. Together we can make the Department of France Rider Program an organization to be proud of. My door will always be open for questions, information, inputs and ideas. I guarantee you will always get a timely response.

You will be hearing more as we move forward to consolidate our Rider Program and I hope to have everyone take an active part in accomplishing this goal.

My contact information is: Jim.brotherton01@gmail.com / +31 6 29553832

Thank you. Jim Brotherton

From the book The Biker Code (wisdom for the ride) by Stuart Miller & Geoffery Moss “For some there’s therapy, for the rest of us there’s motorcycles”

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.