



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



## Department of FRANCE

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### DEPARTMENT COMMANDER *James Dennis*



Fellow Comrades,

We have had a busy month in September. We had an Awareness drive every weekend. I would like to thank all the Department staff and the Posts for their diligent work in making this Department strong. I would also like to thank LeLand Zickuhr and Miguel Ramos Jr. for stepping up to be the Commander and Adjutant for Rammstein Post Gr02.

I have received some e-mails of concern to which I am inquiring into. Do not be surprised if I call you post this month and ask a few questions.

We are coming up on the 2nd Department Executive Committee meeting in the Netherlands on the 21st of the month. We have a lot of business to attend to. I

hope to see all of you there.

Thank you...*James Dennis*

*The American Legion, Department of France website*

<http://www.amerlegiondeptfrance.org>

*Also Visit The Department of France Facebook page*

WANTED TODAY...pictures and stories of your posts, your members. Share your experiences, let everyone know what you are doing and contributing to your "American Legion Family"

# Department Officers - 2018 Membership Year

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## DEPARTMENT NECMAN *Nola Maloney*



My Fellow Legionnaires, SAL Members, Auxiliary Members, Legion Riders and all other VIPs;

You may not realize it but our MY2018 is nearly one third over. We have made great strides in membership renewals and recruiting new members and we are working programs which make up the Four Pillars of the American Legion. Please make sure you capture and record what all your Post members are doing and record it on your annual Consolidated Post Report.

Disaster relieve for Texas, Puerto Rico and Mexico are still needed. Whatever you can give to the National Emergency Fund will be greatly appreciated.

The American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act. The Coin Bill passed the House; now goes back to the Senate and then to the President for signature. The coin, once approved all the way up, will be produced by the U.S. Mint in celebration of the The American Legion turning 100 and proudly representing and supporting millions of veterans. Coin will go on sale January – December 2019. Proceeds from the sale of this coin will benefit the Four Pillars of the American Legion.

Rule 8-b of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion states that a legislative program shall be prepared for each session of the Congress by the National Legislative Commission and submitted for action of the National Executive Committee. There were 27 Adopted Resolutions with legislative intent from the 99<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Reno, Nevada and approved by the NEC that went forward to the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress

are as follows: Legislative Res No. 88, National Security Res No's. 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 40 and 70; Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Res No's. 3, 8, 13, 14, 16, 28, 41, 47, 74, 75, and 79; Veterans Employment and Education Res No's. 26, 78, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85. These can be seen on the Legion.org website. During this report it was also mentioned the American Legion Auxiliary continues to be a valuable asset to The American Legion Family and its grassroots lobbying ability. The prolific letter and emails, countless phone calls and numerous office visits by Auxiliary members is amazing. Only through a united effort of Legionnaires, Sons and the Auxiliary can our legislative goals be realized.

I was honored to attend the Annual Reunion of China Post 1 (General Membership Meeting) September 22-24. During the meeting I swore in all the new and re-elected officers. Post Commander remains Ron Burkett, Post Adjutant James Lint, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Hans Stockenberger. Congratulations to all the outgoing Officers for a successful year and to the new or re-elected Officers on being chosen to carry on the Legacy in the ensuing year. The meeting was informative on where they are today and what they need to strive for in the future.

Legion College: The American Legion Education Institute "A.L.E.I." is developing a Post on-line format and course material (power point, videos, instructor guide, packing list, etc.) for level presentations delivered by members to develop and educate Post peers. This will include suggested group discussions designed to develop a Post plan of action. They are also developing a Department level American Legion College – this will require a National American Legion College graduate as potential instructor base to facilitate training in resolution writing, parliamentary procedure, leadership, goal-development, train the trainer, communication, etc. More information on this will be available shortly.

Don't forget the Department also received three awards from Foreign and Outlying Departments and Post of the American Legion (FODPAL) – these to be disclosed and presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC, 21 October in the Netherlands.

**FINANCE NEWS:** I will close the books on 15 October. If you have receipts to turn in for reimbursement this is what you will need to do: Add up all your receipts, send me an email of how much they are, place them in a folder with your name on it – I will take them from you at the 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC. No folder w/receipts means **no money**. If you are a Committee Chairman or Post who will need budgeted money before we meet for the 3<sup>rd</sup> DEC I want to know that. If you up-front the cost of a program then when event/program is completed turn in the receipts for reimbursement. No matter what money is given out – I will want receipts and return of excess funds not used when event is over (these can be used in other critical programs we have/need).

On-Line Renewal checks to Posts will be passed out at 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC.

Eiffel Towers – I have several companies sending quotes to make Eiffel Towers for us. Hopefully I will have a cost by the 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC.

Emblem Sales – I will be sending out the Emblem Sales reimbursement requirement to each person who had Department orders since the Convention. A copy of the Emblem Sales Receipts will be given to each person involved.

We are still working on the issue for those Posts who have US bank accounts or ones who have foreign accounts but can get US dollar checks for bank to bank transfers or a check from your bank to Departments account at Pentagon Federal when making transmittals. More on this at the DEC and in the next Newsletter.

93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Department Convention Coin – Ludwigshafen, Germany. There are still coins available, if you would like one see the flyer in this newsletter. Many of our members live in the U.S.A. and cannot attend the Annual Convention but do collect Challenge Coins – this is a way they too can get one of the coins.

With that I will close out this month's article with wishes for a safe October, a successful month and safe travels for all!!! I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC, hosted by NL01 in the Netherlands, 21 Oct 2017.

Most Sincerely, Your NECLady Nola... "No matter our outward differences – we're all in this together" President O'Bama – during his outgoing speech in office.

## DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE 93<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION COIN

In the sale of our Department Centennial Coin I have had members and one non-member ask me about our Annual Department Convention Coins. Many of our members live in the USA but are coin collectors and would perhaps like to have one for their collection.

Below is what the 2017, 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Department of France Convention Coin looks like from Ludwigshafen, Germany. If you would like to have one please make your check or money order for \$6 plus \$3 for shipping to:

"American Legion Department of France". Mail to:  
Nola Maloney  
10095 N. Mill Crossing Way  
Tucson, AZ 85743

This is a limit supply of these left (Less than 50) from the convention and we will not produce anymore. If you would like to get one best to do it now.



## Americanism Chairman Carl Hackworth...



It is requested that all Americanism reports be sent to me prior to our DEC's.

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63654 Buedingen, Germany

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DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER AT LARGE *Joe D. Brown*



My fellow Legionaries

As your Department VCAL I will ask you what a Legion member asked me... "do you know what the value is of being a Legionnaire is" its being able to support your family, your community, your Nation, Our past Veterans, our Veterans, our future Veterans, Our Child Welfare, Americanism just to mention a few. Sept was a very busy month for me. On 16 September 2017, Wiesbaden Post GR 07 conducted an Legion Awareness Drive and had an excellent turn out. Post Gr 07 picked up 21 new members, 1 Renewal, 1 new member for GR 14 Total 23 Members Signed Up.

Thank you to Post Gr 07 members for their support in hosting this annual Legion Awareness Membership Drive for 2018 GR 02. Went slow but we have appointed a Commander and Adjutant. We are working on the next meeting to be in Rammstein. Thanks to Commander Leland Zickuhr and Adjutant Miguel A Ramos jr. Thanks for step up for the job GR 02 will be running. GR 06 conducted an Legion Awareness Drive, picked up 16 new members and 2 renewals thank Commander Tyler - Membership Chairman Heacock and Finance Officer Gary Miller. The Membership are doing good but we still have post out there had not transmittal not 1 member this year IR 01-IR 63—EG 02—GR 20—GR 13. It is time to transmit. 5 Months have gone by, do not sit on your transmittal. The 2 DEC will be host by Margraten Post NL01 Oct 21 2017 and Sal 2 DEC 7 Oct hosted by GR 79 Heilbronn.

We must remember the ideals of what the American Legion stands for, justice, freedom and democracy. We are here to support our veterans, their families, our communities and the care of our veterans through the programs set out at the National Level. Many of our Posts need to be more involved with these programs, I would strive to make that happen. All Post Commanders need to properly display your POW-MIA Table, American Flag and your Post Legion Banner at all your meetings.

I look forward to getting out to each post and assisting in any way I can.

Thank you, and as always, remember if you need to contact me I am just an E-mail away [vcalbrown50@gmail.com](mailto:vcalbrown50@gmail.com) / M-0170-1888034. In closing, please keep those in harm's way and their families, not only in your thoughts but your prayers as well.

Membership Chairman / VCAL Charlie Brown

## **GR02 RECEIVES POST CHARTER**





## GR06 AWARENESS DRIVE



## GR07 AWARENESS DRIVE



## NEW MEMBER IN GR79



### 2017 - 2018 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

<b>EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 13, 2017</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>FALL MEETINGS</b>	<b>OCTOBER 12, 2017</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 15, 2017</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>PEARL HARBOR DAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 13, 2017</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>MID-WINTER</b>	<b>JANUARY 18, 2018</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14, 2018</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>LEGION BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 14, 2018</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</b>	<b>APRIL 11, 2018</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b>	<b>MAY 9, 2018</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>DELEGATE STRENGTH</b>	<b>30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week.

The November target date will be on the third Wednesday due to Veterans Day falling on that previous Saturday.

To maximize the December renewal notice, and allow for ~~MLK~~ holiday, the January target date will be on the third Thursday of the month.

## 2018 Post Membership Standings 1 Oct 17

	2018 Department of France Membership Standings AS OF 1 October 2017	2018 Post Goal	2017 Mbsp	PUFL	ACTPM	2018 Actual Mbsp.	% of 2018 Goal	Next Cutoff Date 9/30/2017 Needed To Meet 55%	Plus or Minus to Cutoff	2017-2018 Membership Comparison AHEAD/BEHIND
1	Flanders Field BE02	105	96	11	72	83	79.05%	58	-25	-22
2	Copenhagen DK01	1	1	1	0	1	100.00%	1	0	0
3	Paris FR01	285	277	102	95	197	69.12%	157	-40	-88
4	Riveria FR05	24	24	9	4	13	54.17%	13	0	-11
5	Liberty EG02	91	84	1	0	1	1.10%	50	49	-90
6	Athens GC01	23	21	3	2	5	21.74%	13	8	-18
7	Pride of Erin IR01	52	48	2	14	16	30.77%	29	13	-36
8	Father Francis Duffy IR02	48	44	2	24	26	54.17%	26	0	-22
9	Commodore John Barry IR03	26	22	2	18	20	76.92%	14	-6	-6
10	John F. Kennedy IR63	41	36	1	0	1	2.44%	23	22	-40
11	Rome IT01	12	12	1	4	5	41.67%	7	2	-7
12	Margraten NL01	46	28	3	21	24	52.17%	25	1	-22
13	Portugal PC01	5	5	3	0	3	60.00%	3	0	-2
14	Madrid SP292	29	25	8	6	14	48.28%	16	2	-15
15	Brig Gen. Robin Olds TH01	34	31	7	22	29	85.29%	19	-10	-5
16	China CP01	1216	1207	277	709	986	81.09%	669	-317	-230
17	Kaiserslautern GR01	154	147	46	63	109	70.78%	85	-24	-45
18	Ramstein GR02	15	1	0	24	24	160.00%	8	-16	9
19	Rhein Neckar GR03	55	52	20	20	40	72.73%	30	-10	-15
20	Rhein Main GR05	68	64	22	14	36	52.94%	37	1	-32
21	Stuttgart GR06	252	245	119	78	197	78.17%	139	-58	-55
22	Riley Leroy Pitts GR07	64	58	12	52	64	100.00%	35	-29	0
23	Sgt. William D. Nelson GR09	48	44	22	14	36	75.00%	26	-10	-12
24	Dwight D. Eisenhower GR13	72	69	22	6	28	38.89%	40	12	-44
25	Thomas W. Barnett GR14	56	53	20	23	43	76.79%	31	-12	-13
26	Eifel GR20	47	37	16	1	17	36.17%	26	9	-30
27	Audie Murphy GR30	30	26	13	12	25	83.33%	17	-9	-5
28	Omar Bradley GR42	39	35	18	9	27	69.23%	21	-6	-12
29	George S. Patton GR45	41	34	7	6	13	31.71%	23	10	-28
30	John Wayne GR79	62	59	13	43	56	90.32%	34	-22	-6
31	David Chavez GR1982	157	150	29	56	85	54.14%	86	1	-72
32	HQ9999	77	111	31	22	53	68.83%	42	-11	-24
	Grand Totals	3275	3146	843	1434	2277	69.53%	1801	-454	-998



	Vice Commander at Large Joe D. Brown	2018 Goal Post	2017 Mbsp	PUFL	ACTPM	2018 Actual Mbsp.	% of 2018 Goal	Next Cutoff Date 9/30/17 Needed To Meet 55%	Plus or Minus to Cutoff	2017-2018 Membership Comparison BEHIND/AHEAD
1	Liberty EG02	91	84	1	0	1	1.10%	50	49	-90
2	John F. Kennedy IR63	41	36	1	0	1	2.44%	23	22	-40
3	Rome IT01	12	12	1	4	5	41.67%	7	2	-7
4	Margraten NL01	46	28	3	21	24	52.17%	25	1	-22
5	Brig Gen. Robin Olds TH01	34	31	7	22	29	85.29%	19	-10	-5
6	Rhein Neckar GR03	55	52	20	20	40	72.73%	30	-10	-15
7	Audie Murphy GR30	30	26	13	12	25	83.33%	17	-9	-5
8	HQ9999	77	111	31	22	53	68.83%	42	-11	-24
	Grand Totals	386	380	77	101	178	46.11%	212	34	-208

	Vice Commander Dave Etter	2018 Goal Post	2017 Mbsp	PUFL	ACTPM	2018 Actual Mbsp.	% of 2018 Goal	Next Cutoff Date 9/30/2017 Needed To Meet 55%	Plus or Minus to Cutoff	2017-2018 Membership Comparison BEHIND/AHEAD
1	Father Francis Duffy IR02	48	44	2	24	26	54.17%	26	0	-22
2	China CP01	1216	1207	277	709	986	81.09%	669	-317	-230
3	Ramstein GR02	15	1	0	24	24	160.00%	8	-16	9
4	Riley Leroy Pitts GR07	64	58	12	52	64	100.00%	35	-29	0
5	Eifel GR20	47	37	16	1	17	36.17%	26	9	-30
6	John Wayne GR79	62	59	13	43	56	90.32%	34	-22	-6
	Grand Totals	1452	1406	320	853	1173	80.79%	799	-374	-279

	Vice Commander Jimmie Dale	2018 Goal Post	2017 Mbsp	PUFL	ACTPM	2018 Actual Mbsp.	% of 2018 Goal	Next Cutoff Date 9/30/2017 Needed To Meet 55%	Plus or Minus to Cutoff	2017-2018 Membership Comparison BEHIND/AHEAD
1	Flanders Field BE02	105	96	11	72	83	79.05%	58	-25	-22
2	Athens GC01	23	21	3	2	5	21.74%	13	8	-18
3	Pride of Erin IR01	52	48	2	14	16	30.77%	29	13	-36
4	Commodore John Barry IR03	26	22	2	18	20	76.92%	14	-6	-6
5	Stuttgart GR06	252	245	119	78	197	78.17%	139	-58	-55
6	Omar Bradley GR42	39	35	18	9	27	69.23%	21	-6	-12
	Grand Totals	497	467	155	193	348	70.02%	273	-75	-149

	Vice Commander Casby Logan	2018 Goal Post	2017 Mbsp	PUFL	ACTPM	2018 Actual Mbsp.	% of 2018 Goal	Next Cutoff Date 9/30/2017 Needed To Meet 55%	Plus or Minus to Cutoff	2017-2018 Membership Comparison BEHIND/AHEAD
1	Paris FR01	285	277	102	95	197	69.12%	157	-40	-88
2	Madrid SP292	29	25	8	6	14	48.28%	16	2	-15
3	Rhein Main GR05	68	64	22	14	36	52.94%	37	1	-32
4	Thomas W. Barnett GR14	56	53	20	23	43	76.79%	31	-12	-13
5	George S. Patton GR45	41	34	7	6	13	31.71%	23	10	-28
6	David Chavez GR1982	157	150	29	56	85	54.14%	86	1	-72
	Grand Totals	636	603	188	200	388	61.01%	350	-38	-248

	Vice Commander Christopher Buchanan	2018 Post Goal	2018 Mbsp	PUFL	ACTPM	2018 Actual Mbsp.	% of 2018 Goal	Next Cutoff Date 9/30/2017 Needed To Meet 55%	Plus or Minus to Cutoff	2017-2018 Membership Comparison BEHIND/AHEAD
1	Copenhagen DK01	1	1	1	0	1	100.00%	1	0	0
2	Riveria FR05	24	24	9	4	13	54.17%	13	0	-11
3	Portugal PC01	5	5	3	0	3	60.00%	3	0	2
4	Kaiserslautern GR01	154	147	46	63	109	70.78%	85	-24	-45
5	Sgt. William D. Nelson GR09	48	44	22	14	36	75.00%	26	-10	-12
6	Dwight D. Eisenhower GR13	72	69	22	6	28	38.89%	40	12	-44
	Grand Totals	304	290	103	87	190	62.50%	167	-23	-114

DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER *Laura Buckner*



**The Post Service Officer training course set for 17-20 Oct, at GR01 in Kaiserslautern, has been cancelled.** Should the National team be able to reschedule it in the future, the information will be passed on.

Thanks! Laura Buckner - DSO, Dept of Fr

## Department of France Past Commanders Club



*2018 Membership Year PCC President Gary Thomas (r) and PCC Secretary Susan Houston*

### **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 Past Commanders Club is only \$25.00

Renewal dues for the Past Commanders Club is only \$10.00

***Our next meeting is planned in conjunction  
with the Department of France Second DEC***





## 2nd Department Executive Committee Meeting 2017

Hosted by American Legion Margraten Post NL 01

20-22 October - Located at the International Conference Center in Brunssum, NL  
Ouverbergstraat 1, 6445 PC Brunssum, Nederland Tel: +31 455263188

General Eisenhower Hotel & Suites are co-located with the center  
<https://www.jfcbrunssum.com/community/icc-international-conference-center/>

20 Oct Friday - Hotel guest check-in (Breakfast included with room)  
Welcome Social-Ice breaker, Sports Bar 19:00-close. Drinks and snacks

21 Oct Saturday - Hotel guest check-in - Pre-registration 09:00-11:00 Sports Bar  
11:00 - 11:45 - IC Meeting - Alliance Room (Lunch to be served 11-12:00)  
12:00 - 13:00 - Registration @ the Sports Bar  
12:30 - 13:00 - Past Commanders Meeting - Alliance and Limburg Room  
13:00 - end - DEC - Alliance and Limburg Room  
17:30 - 19:30 - Dinner - Terrace and Dining Room  
19:30 - 20:00 - Auction, Raffle, 50/50 @ the Sports Bar  
20:00 - close - After Party - Terrace, Dining Room, Sports Bar  
21:00 - 24:00 - Live Music (Music 4 Vets)(three sets with breaks) @ the Sports Bar

22 Oct Sunday - Hotel guest check-out. (Breakfast included with room)

### Hand-signed Items for Auction:

"American Siper by Chris Kyle | "Battle Ready" by Tom Clancy | "The Berlin Candy Bomber" by G.S. Halvorsen  
"The American Legion: An Official History 1919-1989" by T. Rumer | "We Were Soldiers Once...And Young" by Lt Gen Hal Moore  
Robert Taylor Military art print: "Johnnie Johnson leading 144 Canadian Wing over the Normandy Beaches on D-Day"

### Lunch/Dinner/Drinks:

Multi-coloured tickets will be sold at Registration and throughout all days. (meals, drinks, 50/50, raffle)  
Prices- Lunch 10Euro, Dinner 20 Euro, Drinks- coffee .50Euro cent, water/soft drinks 1.00Euro, beer/wine 2.00Euro  
Lunch Menu- BBQ sausages (Bratwurst/Nuremberg), assorted chips, veggie tray + (1) drink  
Dinner Menu- BBQ Pork Ribs, Beef Brisket, green leaf mix salad, baked beans, mac'n-cheese, Texas toast + (1) drink  
Sheet-cake (vanilla/chocolate) + ice cream

From the 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC Committee...

We are very excited to see the amount of interest from Department Officer's and Post Members to attend the upcoming DEC! Due to this high level of interest, room availability at the co-located General Eisenhower Hotel has over-exceeded expectations. We initially blocked ten rooms of the twenty-room facility. Hotel Staff has booked some of the remaining ten rooms to other military members on official duty. We currently hold twelve reservations (confirmations below) with only three rooms, one-night stay options available.

Double Room #18 Turkish theme, 20 Oct only

VIP Room #02 Dutch theme, 20 Oct only

VIP Room #01 Greece theme, 21 Oct only.

Therefore, we have contacted local hotels for information, pricing and website addresses for consideration. While there are many other options out there, these three locations I can personally vouch for and they are listed in proximity to the DEC.

1. Golf Hotel Brunssum- three min drive. Extremely nice facility and amenities. Apartments, suites and luxury accommodations ranging from €89-€140. Wifi and breakfast included. <http://golfhotelzuidlimburg.nl/de>
2. Hotel Eden Park Brunssum- five min drive. Beautiful location situated on a lake/pond. Rooms, studios and apartments ranging from €78-€108 per night. Wifi and breakfast included. <http://www.edenpark.nl/EN/index.html>
3. City Hotel Geilenkirchen- twenty min drive. Comfortable facility situated near the Geilenkirchen City Center and main Train Station. Rooms, studios and apartments ranging from €70-€94 per night. WLAN available. Breakfast NOT included, cost €4.50 or €8.80 (buffet). <http://www.cityhotel-geilenkirchen.de/index.php?seite=start.inc&seitenbereich=Start&sprache=en>

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. If you know of or have any last-minute members attending, please contact me via email [clevtdy@hotmail.com](mailto:clevtdy@hotmail.com) or home phone +49 (0)24549251835.

FG&C, Andy Clevenger, Adjutant, Margraten Post NL01



Newsletter Editor...David N. Greaux

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

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# The American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest

**Hosted by the Flanders Field Post BE02 and  
Margraten Post NL01**

Young orators can earn some of the most generous college scholarships  
Develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution  
An academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities

**Eligibility:**

High School Freshmen through Seniors (or home-school equivalent)

**Location:**

SHAPE American Middle School Multipurpose Room

**Date & Time:**

Saturday, 09 December 2017

Start time: 13:00

For more information, visit the Post BE02 Oratorical webpage

<http://postbe02oratoricalcontest.weebly.com/>

Or contact us at:

[flander.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flander.fields.post.be02@gmail.com)



# Nearly 30,000 Service Members Involved in Irma Response

A special operator assigned to the 125th Special Tactics Squadron, Oregon Air National Guard, helps to direct a C-17 Globemaster as it taxis at Marathon International Airport in the Florida Keys, Sept. 11, 2017. (Air National Guard/Beth Holliker)

*Stars and Stripes* | 14 Sep 2017 | by Corey Dickstein



WASHINGTON -- The Pentagon has mobilized nearly 30,000 military personnel for recovery operations along Hurricane Irma's devastating path from the U.S. Virgin Islands up to the eastern mainland, where it carried tropical storm-strength winds north of Atlanta, defense officials said Wednesday.

By Wednesday, the bulk of the military response, some 19,000 troops, were focused on Florida, where they were conducting road clearance, supply delivery and search and rescue operations throughout the entire state, according to Pentagon and Florida [National Guard](#) spokesmen. Additional troops could be called into the state in the coming days, they said.

Irma impacted virtually all of Florida, hitting the Keys early Sunday as a Category 4 storm and making landfall just south of Naples before moving north into Georgia. Officials have blamed Irma, the most powerful storm ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean at one point, for more than 60 deaths along the storm's path including more than a dozen in Florida.

Some 8,000 members of Florida's [Army](#) and Air National Guard were leading the military response, which officials said could last several weeks as they have in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Thousands of National Guard troops remain on the ground assisting with relief operations nearly three weeks after that Category 4 storm struck Texas' coast Aug. 25.

"The next days and weeks will no doubt be trying and exhausting as we begin to rebuild," said Army Maj. Gen. Michael Calhoun, the top Guard officer in Florida. "But no matter what this storm has brought, know that you are not alone."

In addition to search and rescue and route clearance missions, Guard members in Florida were assisting at more than 250 temporary shelters set up throughout the state. In Georgia, 1,100 National Guard members were on duty conducting similar operations, said Desiree Bamba, a Guard spokeswoman.

Five [Navy](#) warships full of sailors and [Marines](#) were positioned Wednesday off the coast of Florida, primarily to provide aid to the Keys. The ships, carrying dozens of helicopters and tilt-rotor aircraft, were prepared to provide aid wherever they were needed within Florida, according to the Navy. On Tuesday, Marines and sailors operating off those ships delivered more than 52,000 pounds of supplies and equipment to Key West. They were continuing those operations Wednesday, according to a statement from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Nearly a week after Irma passed through the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico on Sept. 7 as a devastating Category 5 storm, nearly 10,000 U.S. troops were continuing to provide relief operations there, primarily from several Navy ships positioned around the U.S. territory in the Caribbean Sea.

Marine and Navy helicopters from the USS Kearsarge, an amphibious assault ship, and the USS Oak Hill, a dock landing ship, were evacuating people from St. Thomas to St. Croix and delivering supplies to other islands in the American territory, according to a statement from U.S. Northern Command. Marines and National Guard members were conducting road clearance and distributing supplies.

The USS Wasp, an amphibious assault ship, and the USS McLean, a cargo ship, were also conducting relief efforts on the islands, according to the Northern Command statement.

Military personnel have rescued or evacuated more than 1,600 people from hard-hit islands in the American chain, according to the Pentagon.

The Pentagon has described its response to Irma as "massive." The response could grow as large as the military response to Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, when some 50,000 troops helped in relief operations in the wake of the storm that devastated areas of Louisiana and Mississippi.



## DETACHMENT OF FRANCE



*Detachment Commander Joe D. Brown*  
[vcalbrown50@gmail.com](mailto:vcalbrown50@gmail.com)

The SAL Membership standings for 2018 is poor. For the first 3 months, GR 05 and GR07 have not submitted any transmittal.

Congratulations goes out to the new Detachment Adjutant James Dennis.

**The Second DEC will be hosted by John Wayne Post GR79  
On Saturday 07 October 2017**

Registration:	12:00 – 13:00
Meeting:	13:00
GR79 Post Home:	Gaststatte, ZUM Reegen Im Reid, Riedweg 52 74078 Heilbronn-Frankenbach





## Adopt A U.S Tommy Program

### The American Legion Flanders Field Post BE02

#### *Announces its "Adopt a U.S. Tommy" Program*

The initiative provides an opportunity to honor those Americans who fought and died while serving with the British Commonwealth during WWI and WWII

We launch the new program to keep the memory alive and to pay our respect to these fallen Soldiers

Anyone can adopt a grave as long as they respect the policy of the program

For more information: send an email to  
[adopt.a.us.tommy@gmail.com](mailto:adopt.a.us.tommy@gmail.com)







**Flanders Field Post BE02**

**presents**

**American Legion Night**

**3-Star Recreation Center**



**Like to make Salsa or dance the Salsa, then the  
3-Star Rec Center on USAF Brussels is the place for you**

**Friday, 13 October**

**Salsa making starts at 17:30 with judging at 19:00**

**Salsa Dancing starts at 18:30 with a dance contest starting at 20:00**

**For more information and contest rules, contact us at:**

**[Flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:Flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com)**

## **Riley Leroy Pitts Post GR07 Worms-Mannheim-Wiesbaden**

### **GR07 Sponsors Awareness Drive**



Post GR07 sponsored an Awareness Drive at the Wiesbaden Post Exchange (PX) on Sat, 16 Sep 17. Post officers spent the day informing the community about the American Legion and what it provides for veterans, service members and family members. The post also enrolled 22 new members and Department VCAL Charlie Brown also assisted post officers with the event. Post GR07 would like to also thank AAFES Wiesbaden PX management for providing a space for this successful event.



### **Welcome Post GR07 New Members!**

Dennis Dunbar  
Richard Thomas  
Derek Evans  
April McCargo  
Richard Tulsie  
Rose Pegues  
Porsha O'Neal

Brian Adams  
Katherine Lawson-Best  
Stanley Brooks  
Obed Alagasonera  
Ronald Teal  
Keith Pegues  
Rodney Williams

Adam Lehmann  
Candice Jenkins  
Robert Gray  
James Jones  
Gregory Neal  
Jonan McCray  
Lonnie Leggett



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
ENJOY A THANKSGIVING DINNER PARTY**

with families, friends, guests, and Legionnaires.  
Planned foods include turkey, ham, different salads  
and much more. Entrance fee for Adults is Euro 15 or our  
**Early Bird Price of (Euro 12) if purchased by  
November 18, 2017.**

The dinner and comradeships there is free  
for your to enjoyment. Come on out to the:

**BTC Frim  
Au Strasse 32  
74172 NSU - Obereisheim**



The activities sponsored by JWP-79 members, families  
& friends begins at 1400 hours (2:PM) November 25 , 2017.  
Please contact us as soon as possible with number of guests,  
to include those 12 years and under, that you plan to bring  
so that appropriate arrangements can be made

**POC: Vice Commander Brown, 01701-88034  
vcalbrown50@gmail.com or  
Vice Commaner Portale johnportale@arcor.de**

## *Post Everlasting*



*This is to inform you that Past Legionnaire Kenny Rogers of GR79 passed away Thursday the 28th of September. Information will be sent out on funeral arrangements.*

*Condolences may be sent to...*

*Ute Rogers  
John -F-Kennedy Str 72  
74074 Heilbronn  
[Ute.rogers@outlook.de](mailto:Ute.rogers@outlook.de)*

# Wiesbaden Retiree Appreciation Day



**When: Sat, 28 Oct 17 at 0800hrs-1500hrs**  
**Where: Clay Kaserne, Wiesbaden, Bldg. 1000**  
**HQ USAREUR Mission Command Center (MCC)**

A host of agencies, including Army Medical and Dental Clinics, and Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Representatives will be present to provide valuable information and assistance to military retirees and their spouses. Wiesbaden Retiree Council President is Mr. Robert Pierce at Email: [finthen6@hotmail.com](mailto:finthen6@hotmail.com)

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## Post GR07 Halloween Celebration



**When: Tue, 31 Oct 17 at 1800hrs-2000hrs**

**Where:**  
**Post GR07 Home**  
**Marsweg 3, Bldg. 7003, 65191 Wiesbaden, (Crestview Housing Area)**

**Sweet Treats for the Children**  
**Hot Chocolate and Snacks**

**Post Members and Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please contact one of the following POCs for more information.**

Children and Youth Chairman Ron Morgan, Email: [rcmorgan2016@gmail.com](mailto:rcmorgan2016@gmail.com), Cell 0176-75902210

Commander John Odom, Email: [johnlilbro@gmail.com](mailto:johnlilbro@gmail.com), Cell 0152-55461499

Adjutant Jerry Deaver, Email: [jdeavernts@Hotmail.com](mailto:jdeavernts@Hotmail.com), Cell 0159 01116273

Assistant Adjutant Mike Murley, Email: [mgmurley@gmail.com](mailto:mgmurley@gmail.com), Cell 001-4355130185

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Jimmie Dale, Email: [jimmiedale.87@gmail.com](mailto:jimmiedale.87@gmail.com), Cell 0174-2430104

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Curt Hesse, Email: [curt.hesse@t-online.de](mailto:curt.hesse@t-online.de) Cell 0151-67523238

## Happy Halloween!





The American Legion  
John Wayne Post GR79



Cordially Invites You To

## **Annual Pumpkin Carving** (For Children 4-12 Years Old)



**When: 28 October 2017**

**Location:**  
**Gartenfreunde Klingenberg**  
**Im Bruch**  
**74081 Heilbronn - Klingenberg**

**Time: 1400-1800**



**Menu:**  
**Hot Dogs and Fries (For Children)**  
**Chili (For Adults)**



**POC: 2nd Vice Commander Charlie Brown**  
**Email: [vcalfbrown50@gmail.com](mailto:vcalfbrown50@gmail.com)**  
**Cell/Handy: 0170-1888034**

Members of GR79 visit local hospital to help brighten up day for the Prisedent of local Germany Veterans Organization (sitting L). GR79 is very active in their local community.



# Department of France



Department of France / President / Sonja Dennis

Official Call for the 2nd Department Executive Committee Meeting...

the 2nd Department Executive Committee Meeting will convene at 1300 hours on Saturday,  
21 October 2017 at NL01Post at the Alliance and Limburg rooms.

Address: Ouverbergstraat 1 6445 PC Brunssum Netherlands.

Registration of DEC delegates will begin at 11:00 hours on Saturday, 21 October, 2017.



American Legion National Commander Denise H. Rohan will award her national commander pin to any Legion member who obtains three new members into the Legion. A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2018 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2017 membership year.

Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

To maintain the integrity of the national commander's pin incentive program, only one pin will be awarded per individual.

Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it. Commander Rohan's incentive program will end June 30, 2018, or when supplies are exhausted.

# How to Transition to TRICARE in 2018

*Military.com* | Week of September 25, 2017

You may be wondering what action you need to take, if any, to ensure you continue [TRICARE coverage in 2018](#). If you are currently enrolled in or eligible for TRICARE coverage on Dec. 31, 2017, you will transition to your respective TRICARE plan on Jan. 1, 2018. If you want to enroll in a TRICARE plan or change coverage after Jan. 1, 2018, you will need to take action to enroll in the plan of your choice. All beneficiaries should take action by making sure their information is current in the [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System](#) (DEERS). For more information, visit the [TRICARE website](#).

For more on TRICARE benefits, visit the [Military.com TRICARE section](#).



**For Immediate Release**  
Monday, September 25, 2017

**Contact:** [Tiffany Haverly](#)  
[View Online](#)

## House Passes Roe, Walz Resolution Authorizing American Legion Centennial Coin

**Washington, D.C.** - Today, Reps. Phil Roe, M.D. (R-Tenn.) and Tim Walz (D-Minn.), Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, respectively, released the following statements after the House passed Roe and Walz's resolution to authorize the creation of a commemorative coin in honor of The American Legion's 100 years of service to America's veterans.

"Since 1919, The American Legion has dedicated itself to serving our nation's veterans," **said Roe**. "I'm proud to stand with Ranking Member Walz and my colleagues in the House today to honor the Legion's century of service by authorizing the creation of this commemorative coin. I look forward to continuing to work alongside the American Legion in our shared goal of improving the lives of America's heroes."

"For nearly a century, the American Legion has worked tirelessly day and night to improve the lives of our veterans and their families, and for that reason, words cannot express the gratitude I have for the men and women of the American Legion," **said Walz**. "As both a veteran and a legislator, I see firsthand the results they achieve for veterans on a daily basis. That is why I am honored to stand alongside my dear friend, colleague, and fellow veteran, Chairman Phil Roe, as the House passes the American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act."

The *American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act* would authorize the U.S. mint to produce a commemorative coin for The American Legion's 100th anniversary of its founding in 1919. The mint would issue the coins for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2019, and proceeds from the sale of the coins would support The American Legion's program and services, which fall under four categories: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Children and Youth and Americanism.