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, whether Virtual or actual meeting. Membership cards for 2021 have arrived, we must reach our 100% goal for 2021. 5 October 2020 IS THE 55% DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CUTOFF DATE. Need 125 Members to make the 55% Cutoff, 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. 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

MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!
The next Department Video Conference, Post Commanders and Adjutants Meeting will be at 1500 CET, Sunday, 27 September 2020.
**Patriot Day**

11 September 2020

Patriot Day is a United States national observance that honors the memory of those who were killed in the September 11 attacks. It was first observed in 2002, after the proclamation by President George W. Bush.

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**American Legion Day**

“On September 16, 1919 The American Legion was granted their federal charter by Congress, and 90 years later they have kept their commitment to serve not only as a resource and a voice on behalf of veterans across America, but also as an organization dedicated to the betterment of America through community service,” Halvorson said. “Since their founding charter, The American Legion has not waved from the guiding principles and vision that can be found in their Four Pillars of Service.”

The American Legion
American Legion
Flanders Field Post BE02

Virtual Historical Roundtable Series

Borrowed Soldiers:
The American 27th and 30th Divisions in the Attack on Vierstraat Ridge, 1918
with Dr. MITCH YOCKELSON

Sunday, 27 September 2020 Starts at 6.00 pm (CET)

Dr. MITCH YOCKELSON directs the National Archives and Records Administration-Archival Recovery Program where he leads investigations of thefts of historical documents and museum artifacts. His work has been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times.

Additionally, Mitch is a professor of military history at Norwich University and the author of five books and numerous articles and reviews. His latest book, The Paratrooper Generals: Matthew Ridgway, Maxwell Taylor, and the American Airborne from D-Day through the Normandy Campaign was published by Stackpole in 2020.

Mitch regularly leads tours of the Normandy battlefields for the New York Times Journeys and Smithsonian Journeys and frequently lectures on military history. He lives in Annapolis, Maryland.

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Department of France's Americanism Committee
Virtual Meeting

All Posts are invited
Sunday, 18 October 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
Scholarships
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of France

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
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LEGION BOWLING

26 September 2020 / 17:30 hrs.
Ballei-Bowlingcenter
74172Deutschordensplatz, Neckarsulm

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RSVP by the 19 September 2020 / Reply Yes or No!

GR79 General Membership Meeting
GR79 Legion Riders

7 September 2020

We are closed!
Labor Day
Have a safe and fun holiday!
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SECOND SAL DEC is scheduled for 10 October 2020. Hosted by BE02
THIRD SAL DEC is scheduled for 6 March 2021

Information to follow

Images from SAL Fishing Fest on 8 August 2020
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 MID WINTER PROMENADE / ELECTIONS 2020–2021 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Saturday 19 December 2020

Information to follow…