Legion News

DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER…*Jimmie Dale*

Hello Comrades this month the Department reached it first membership goal for Department 50% before September. A job well done for all the Vise Commander's and the VCAL and the Post membership teams.

I was on vacation in the states for most of the month with my family. We are on our way back to Germany now as I write these notes.

I want you all to be aware of the fact that Vise Commander Liam Kane is in the hospital. He was involved in a bad car accident in the states. He is doing a little better now and may be on his way back home to Ireland soon. My prayers go out to him and his family for a full and speeded recovery.

I attended a USO community appreciation event for Soldiers and their families in Wiesbaden with VCAL Brown on 10 Aug 2019. We were able to pass out fliers and brief information about the Americans legion.

I will be attending a couple of upcoming Awareness Drives in Wiesbaden and Ramstien.

Thank you, Jimmie Dale…*Commander*

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DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE 2019 – 2020 / POST MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD KICKOFF – 50%
Department Cutoff – August 30, 2019
National Cutoff - September 11, 2019

VETERANS DAY – 65%
Department Cutoff – November 04, 2019
National Cutoff - November 14, 2019

MID-WINTER – 80%
Department Cutoff – January 06, 2020
National Cutoff - January 15, 2020

LEGION BIRTHDAY – 90%
Department Cutoff - March 02, 2020
National Cutoff – March 11, 2020

ARMED FORCES DAY – 100%
Department Cutoff – May 04, 2020
National Cutoff – May 13, 2020

FALL MEETINGS – 55%
Department Cutoff – September 30, 2019
National Cutoff - October 09, 2019

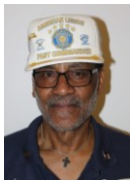
PEARL HARBOR DAY – 75%
Department Cutoff – December 02, 2019
National Cutoff - December 11, 2019

PRESIDENTS DAY – 85%
Department Cutoff – January 31, 2020
National Cutoff – February 12, 2020

CHILDREN & YOUTH – 95%
Department Cutoff – March 30, 2020
National Cutoff - April 08, 2020

Department of France Past Commanders Club

PCC President Dennis Owens *info@dennisowens.com*



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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

Meet National Commander Bill Oxford

‘A foundation for the future’

Newly elected National Commander Bill Oxford stresses teamwork while looking toward the next year – and next 100 years – of The American Legion.

Paris Post FR01

FR01…``September 14th was the 100th birthday of my good friend Tess Gay and I’ll be at her birthday party in Atlanta. Her husband was Ensign George Gay, hero of the Battle of Midway. She gave me his copy of the LIFE magazine (1942) with his picture on the front. I intend on donating it to our post if we ever get settled.

Bernard Gilliland

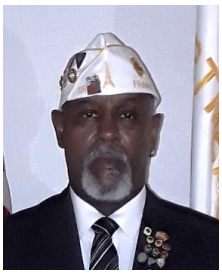
Click to read article on Paris Post FR01

THE UNITED STATES WORLD WAR ONE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

POW/MIA Recognition Day

20 September 2019

DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER AT LARGE *Joe D. Brown*



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ZUM OFFIZIELLEN TREFFPUNKT der Amerikanischen Legion Rhein Main, einer Veteranenorganisation der amerikanischen Streitkräfte, wurde die Flying Dragon Bar Anfang August gewählt. Die American Legion Rhein Main Post GR05, deren Mitglieder überwiegend im Rhein-Main-Gebiet stationiert waren und seitdem hier leben, erhielt am 18. Oktober 1972 ihren temporären Hauptsitz im Rhein-Main-Gebiet. Am 6. April 1973 erhielt die Einheit ihren festen Hauptsitz bis Anfang 2000 im Wallhorfer Industriegebiet. Seitdem hatte die Gruppe ihre monatlichen Treffen an verschiedenen Orten in Deutschland. Auf Initiative des Kommandeurs Santos Alvarado und des Bar-Inhabers Damian Dragon finden die Treffen der American Legion nun jeden zweiten Samstag des Monats um 14 Uhr in der Flying Dragon Bar in Walldorf statt. (Foto: fa)

GR05 recognized in local newspaper

Awareness Drive Gr07

GR06 Officer elections for the 2020MY

GR07 at USO Open House, Wiesbaden

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CIRCUS

American Legion Auxiliary

hosts the first annual

Mother & Son Day

We would like to invite you to a day of activities and competition! All ages are welcome!

Oct 5TH 2019 @ 16h-19h; SHAPE International Cafeteria

Tickets: €25 for couple + €5 for each additional son

- Included are game tickets. Additional ticket will be available for purchase

For tickets or for more info contact:
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Arlington National Cemetery Interment of Legionnaire Ron (Gypsy) Moore

Ronald Eric Michael Moore

Passed on May 11, 2018. Born June 9, 1949 to Mary Morse Moore and Thomas Moore, died suddenly and unexpectedly outside of Frankfurt, Germany with his wife Margot nearby.

Ron was a retired Navy Seal. He served the United States military in Vietnam earning three Purple Heart medals as well as a Bronze Star. His experience in Vietnam included being injured and being captured, tortured, escaping and being recaptured by North Vietnamese forces. Following his military service, he returned to Washington and received a degree in accounting and business administration from the University of Maryland. At the University of Maryland, he met his first wife Waltraud and while in the Washington, DC area his daughter Hildegard Moore was born. All three returned to Germany in the 1977.

In Frankfurt, Ron worked in senior positions in the banking industry and retired as operations manager (Innenleiter). During his time in Germany he was in the US Navy Reserve and active with the American Legion. After his retirement Ron became an ordained minister and served as Department Chaplain as well as a term as Department Commander for the American Legion Department of France.

He enjoyed sailing, skiing and motorcycles, riding out in 10 consecutive years as part of the American Legion Riders Legacy Run in the US to raise funds for scholarships for children of fallen US military members.

Ron grew up in in the Barnard Hill area of Washington, DC. He attended Taft Junior High School and McKinley Tech High School where he was active in the band. He had a strong interest in music including the trumpet, French horn, guitar and piano.

Ron is survived by his wife, Margot Ziegler, his daughter, Hildegard Moore, her husband, Guido Moore and their daughter, Isabelle, residents of Neuss, Germany. He will be dearly missed and remembered by his surviving cousins Rozan Cater, Garrett Florence, Martin Puryear, Michael Puryear, Rachelle Puryear, Milton Puryear, Maynard Puryear and Mark Puryear and their families.

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

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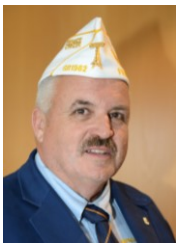
DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER…*Frank Phillips*



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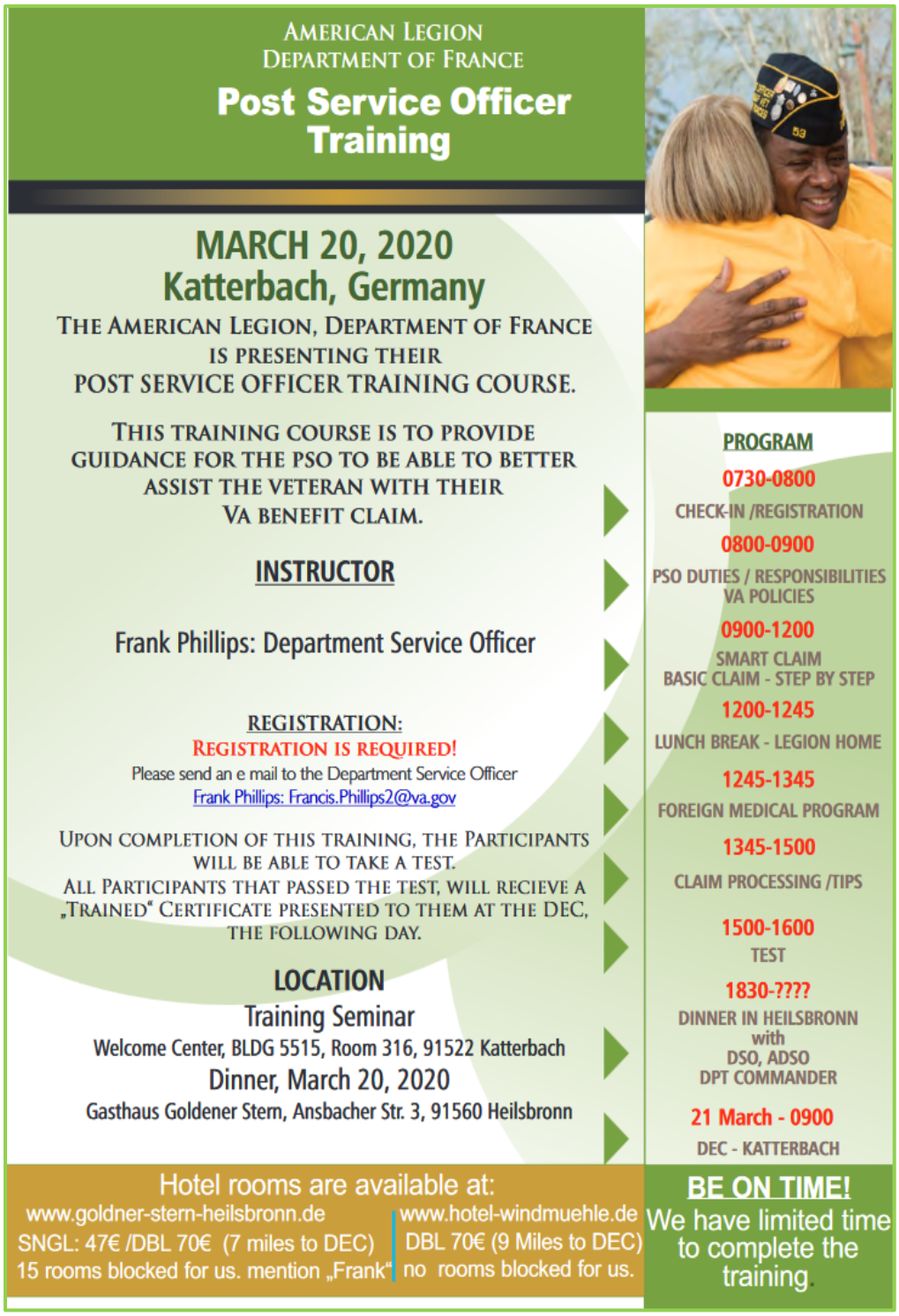
News from the Department Service Officer:

Our Department Service Office is getting swamped with new Claims! We need your support. We will be offering a basic PSO training course on the 20th of March 2020. Anyone may attend this time. The course will give you an insight on how a PSO may help a Veteran. It will not allow you to "assist" the Veteran in filing a claim. You will learn the following:

- What forms are needed
- POC of our, current, 3 American Legion VA Reps
- What are presumptive condition
- What are secondary conditions
- Survivor Death Benefits
- Foreign Medical Program
- And so on…

At the end of the course, you will have to take a test. Upon successful completion of the test, you will awarded a certificate at the 3rd DEC the next day.

We need your support!



AMERICAN LEGION LIBERTY WALK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2019

COMMEMORATE THE "BATTLE OF THE VIERSTRAAT RIDGE"
BY THE US 27TH &30TH DIVISIONS AUG/SEP 1918.

FREE START AT THE VISITORS CENTER KEMMEL
START WALK : 09.00-12.00
SHORT WALK : 7 KM / 4 MILES
MEDIUM WALK : 11 KM / 7 MILES
LONG WALK : 18 KM / 12 MILES
EXPO VISITORS CENTER : 09.00-15.00
COLD WAR BUNKER FREE TOUR : 09.00-12.00
FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Commodore John Barry Post IR03

American Legion post Ireland 03 hosted MS Hanna Kim, a Korean American with a mission at the Mayo Peace Park in Co. Mayo, Ireland on August 14, as her final journey to honor those who served in the so-called "Forgotten War" (1950-53) and to promote peace on the Korean peninsula.

Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales are the only three countries Kim had yet to visit during her worldwide odyssey, in which she's visited a memorial in each country. And documented the stories of over 200 Korean war veterans around the world.

"**When I discovered the unknown stories of the Irish veterans, especially of those who died in Korea, I knew I had to go to their homelands and pay tribute,"** Said Kim, Kim visited memorials in Dublin, Mayo, Belfast and Cardiff.

Hundreds of Irish people from both sides of the Irish border fought in the Korean War as part of the US/UK NATO military and seven are still unaccounted for. In addition seven Irish Columban priests who could have fled Korea but chose to stay, were martyred at the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950. Currently there are less then 12 Irish Korean War veterans living in Ireland today.

Kim, who is former chief of staff to a US Congress member, and the official Ambassadress of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation USA, had previously travelled across six continents and 27 countries that participated in the Korean War—including China, Russia, and even North Korea. Kim has also travelled to all 50 states and four US territories to visit more that 100 Korean war Memorials and thank over 1000 Korean War veterans.

"These unsung heroes fought for a country they did not know and never returned home," said Kim. Those who survived are almost 90 years old and passing away, I want to thank them and ensure their stories and sacrifices are not forgotten.

Kim's journey ended on August 24, 2019 with a visit to the Irish Korean War Memorial at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. The memorial was built to honor 28 Irish-born soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for their adopted country during the Korean War and who, on October 30, 2003 were made citizens of the United States by a special act of Congress.

The wreath laying ceremony at the Mayo Peace Park was facilitated by American Legion, Ireland Post 03, Commander Ron Howko, the Irish United Nations Veterans Association and the Mayo Peace Park committee.

Hannah Kim's devoted activism on behalf of Korean War Veterans began when she established Remember727 in 2008 at the age of 24. Remember727 is an organization dedicated to honouring veterans and promoting peace. Kim lobbied Congress to enact legislation, signed by President Barack Obama in 2009, which established July 27 as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day in the United States.

Sean Roche, Post Everlasting

SP-4 Sean Roche, US Army (1964-66) was laid to rest in the Straide, Co. Mayo cemetery on 22 August, 2019 with military honors by American Legion Post Ireland 03's honor guard. Sean immigrated and adopted the United States in the early 60's and honorable served during the Viet Nam war. He spent over 63 years living in San Francisco and was buried in his home town of Straide, Co. Mayo. In loving memory of SP Roche, June 17, 1936 to August 03, 2019, may he continue to rest in peace, Remember him Remember him.

Ireland Post 03 / Commander / Ron Howko

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Paris Post FR01

My hometown Montargis was liberated by the American troops on 23 august 1944. Yesterday Legionnaire Michèle CROSLEY and Auxiliary Ginette CROSLEY laid a wreath, in the name of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Paris FR01 at the Memorial in the cemetery of Montargis.

Ginette Crosley / President & Secretary ALA FR01 - Vice-President District of France

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JOHN WAYNE POST GR79

GR79 newly elected officers for the 2020MY

GR79 Sons of The Legion Bowling

When: 21 September 2019
Where: Ballei – Bowlingcenter, Deutschordenplatz
74172 Neckarsulm
Time: 18:00 hrs.

POC – Commander Charlie Brown Squadron GR79
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REPLY by 14 September 2019!!!

Patriot Day *(Sept 11)* History

Patriot Day is a day the US remembers the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. This day is commonly referred to as 9-11 (Nine-Eleven). It is believed that 2,977 people died in the attacks. President George W. Bush proclaimed September 11th Patriot Day in 2002.

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 Chef de Gare 2020MY Lee Preston

Voyageurs and guests at out Summer Get together held 24 August 2019, hosted by V1524