



The American Legion Flanders Field Post BE02 Membership Year for 2018

July began the new membership campaign for year for 2018. The Post has reached 98% of its 2018n membership goal of 105 members. We only need 2 members to reach the 100% make.

Your membership actually expires on December 31st of the paid year shown on your card. It can be a little confusing sometimes because your annual dues are supposed to be paid by January 1st each year so National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1st. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the new year by January 1st, when the year begins.

Why is it important to reach the 100% before December? If the goal is reached, the Post receives \$1.00 per member. That is \$105 that goes to the Post's programs and projects.

The easiest way to renew your membership is online. Follow the directions on the following webpage:
<http://www.legion.org/renew>.

A second way to renew is to deposit the \$35 into the American Legion Post BE02's account with Andrews Federal Credit Union. If you choose to this method, make sure you include a comment with your name.

You can also send a check of \$35 to the following address:

American Legion
Unit 28100, Box 017
APO AE 09714

Help "Make a Difference" in our communities.



AMERICAN LEGION "FLANDERS FIELD" POST BE02

POST BE02 OFFICERS

Commander: Joseph Schram
flandersfieldpost.be02@gmail.com
1st Vice Commander: Paul Haney
2nd Vice Commander: Kevin Jordan
Judge Advocate: vacant
Historian: vacant
Finance Officer: Laura Buckner
Chaplain: Thomas Buckner
Post Service Officer: Kevin Jordan
Sergeant-at-Arms: Matthew Reihn

LEGION RIDERS

President: Paul Dunn

LEGION AUXILIARY

President: Morgan Buckner

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander: Paul Vande Walle

FLANDERS FIELD AMERICAN CEMETERY

Superintendent: Richard Arseneault

Matthew Reihm: Sergeant-At-Arms



Matthew (Matt) Reihm was born in Ozark, Alabama and in his younger years moved a lot just like all military families. His mother and father eventually settled down in Washington State where his father eventually retired from the United States Army at Ft. Lewis. Matt has an older brother who also served in the United States Marine Corps, and upon graduating high school Matt enlisted in the United States Air Force in July of 2001 and served on active duty until 2007. He then entered the service again in 2011 until a severe injury ended his military career in 2013. Matt is happily married to his beautiful wife of 4 years and together they have two beautiful children, their daughter Brianna (16) and their son Aiden (6). Matt is currently residing with his wife in Belgium while she is serving actively in the United States Army. Matt has recently become a very active member of the American Legion and has been appointed by his post to serve as the Sgt. at Arms of Flanders Field Post BE02. Aside from taking on this position Matt also serves as the Vice President of the Flanders Field Post BE02 Legion Riders. When Matt is not working he can be found doing what he loves most which is spending time with his family and in his spare time, he enjoys riding his Harley, being in the outdoors, or working in his custom fishing rod shop and woodshop. Matt is definitely an asset as he has stepped up and is helping rebuild our Venture Crew. Matt is definitely the perfect fit to ensure the future growth and development of the Post.

-“The only time you start at the top is when you’re digging yourself a hole”-

-Sam Chand-



General Meeting: Wednesday, 06 December



Flanders Field Post BE02 family will be conducting a general meeting on Saturday morning, 09 December at the SHAPE Middle School MPR. The meeting will start at 10:30 and last one hour.



During the meeting, we will be discussing upcoming events and a schedule of tentative events for 2018



Richard A. Arseneault , Superintendent, Flanders Field American Cemetery



Richard A. Arseneault served for 22 years in the United States Navy as a Gas Turbine Technician. He was assigned to four warships to include USS Chandler, USS Lake Erie, USS Roosevelt, and USS Ross for a total of five deployments in support of various military operations. His two shore duty commands include Service School Command at Great Lakes, Illinois as an instructor and the Southeast Regional Maintenance Center at Mayport, Florida as a fleet technical representative.

Richard joined the American Battle Monuments Commission in October 2010 and was assigned to the Netherlands American Cemetery. He transferred to the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in July 2015 and served until October 2017.

Richard assumed the responsibilities as the Superintendent of the Flanders Field American Cemetery in October 2017.

Richard speaks English, French, and Italian.

American Legion Auxiliary Member: Cadet Vienna Morrison



Cadet Morrison and her mother,
Legionnaire Carolyn Morrison

Cadet Vienna Morrison joined the American Legion Auxiliary this past Summer. She is attending the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The Morrisons are the model American Legion family. Scott and Carolyn are both in the American Legion, Vienna is a member of the Auxiliary and the two son, Andrew and John are members of the Sons of the American Legion.

Oratorical Contest

Flanders Field Post BE02 will be hosting their 5th annual Oratorical Scholarship Contest at the SHAPE Middle School Multipurpose room on **Saturday, 09 December**. The Post require a minimum of 7 members to assist in the operation of the contest.

Time Keepers (2)

Escorts (2-3)

Usher (1)

Room Monitor (1-2)

Master of Ceremonies (1)

Time Schedule:

0900	Rehearsal
1200	Arrival of Judges
1200	Arrival of Contestants
1300	Start of Contest



BOYS STATE / GIRLS STATE

The American Legion Post BE02 is now taking applications for the 2018 Boys State / Girls State Programs. Boys State and Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school juniors. All expenses paid for by "Flanders Field" Post BE02. **Deadline for applications is 28 Feb 2018.**

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works, while developing leadership skills and an appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. In this exciting summer program, the student can run for office, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government.

Successful completion of Boys State and Girls State is recognized by employers, service academies and university admissions boards as an indicator of strong leadership and character traits. Many colleges and universities offer scholarships or admission preference to attendees of Boys or Girls State programs.

2018 Legacy Scholarship application online

Starting Nov. 15, The American Legion Legacy Scholarship application for 2018 will be online for new and returning applicants to fill out. The Legacy Scholarship is available for children whose parents lost their lives while honorably serving on active duty on or after 9/11, as well as for children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined 50 percent or higher VA disability rating. The renewable scholarship will award up to \$20,000 for the expense of graduate or post-graduate expenses.

The application deadline is March 1.

www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy

Eagle Scout of the Year

The Flanders Field Post BEO2 is now accepting application. The Post will award the Post Eagle Scout of the Year with a \$150 prize and advancement to the Department level competition. Deadline for entry is 28 February

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron.

OR

- Be a registered, active member of a chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member.

AND

- Received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Be an active member of his religious institution and must have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community.
- Have reached his 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.





Veteran's Day Weekend 11/12 November

The Post BEO2 family would like to thank 1st Vice Commander Paul Haney for laying a wreath and participating in the Flanders Field American Cemetery. We would also like to thank the following Post BEO2 family members who participated in this year's Veterans Day/Armistice day event in Ieper: Ranger Russell, Laura Buckner, and Thomas Buckner., SAL member Carl Hale, Auxiliary members Morgan Buckner and Lee Sperandieu. A special thanks goes to Santino Evereart and several other friends who helped carry flags during the parade.

We especially Thank Legionnaire Amanda Hawkins and Auxiliary member Leah Treppel for the work at the fundraiser on Chièvres Airbase on both Saturday and Sunday

Paid Up For Life (PUFL)

Current members may now enroll in the Paid Up For Life program online or can print a personalized application and mail in their payment. Pay in full or choose 12 monthly installments.

- No more renewal notices. No more paying annual dues.
- No more worrying, "Did I renew my membership or not?"
- Join the other 180,000 PUFL Legionnaires in saying, "I believe in The American Legion and what it's doing. I'm in this for the long haul."
- Avoid future dues increases. No matter what inflation does, you never have to pay another penny in dues.
- Lifetime subscription to The American Legion Magazine!

Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year.

To get your Paid Up For Life membership now:

<http://www.legion.org/join/pufl>

UNIFORM CAP

The official uniform for the American Legion is the uniform cap.

To order your American Legion Official Cap, please follow the directions below.

http://emblem.legion.org/uniform_caps/legion.asp

Step 1: Please select your Department: **France**

Step 2: Please select your style: **State**

Please select your lining: **unlined**

Step 3: Please select your crown: **Regular** or **Fort Knox** (your choice)

Step 4: Please select your cap size: _____

Step 5: Left-side lettering: **FRANCE**

Step 6: Please enter your post number: **BE02**

Step 7: Check here if you want to add right-side lettering: **FLANDERS FIELD** (*this is optional and your choice*)

Upcoming Events & Activities

How you can help.

Oratorical Contest: 09 December

We will be hosting their 5th annual Oratorical Scholarship Contest at the SHAPE Middle School Multipurpose room on **Saturday, 09 December**. The Post require a minimum of 7 members to assist in the operation of the contest.

Tree Lighting Event Fundraiser: 13 December

We will be selling stew and chilli and providing cold drinks to the attendees. Setup is at 16:00 on the Chièvres Airbase with the event to start at 17:00. POC is Amanda Hawkins (fundraising chairperson)

Bastogne BBQ: 15-17 December

This is our 2nd annual fundraiser in Bastogne. We will be located at the 101st Airborne Museum on both Saturday & Sunday. We need cooks and servers on Saturday. POC is Commander Schram (see flyer)

Orphanage Christmas Party: 20 December

Last year's event was a huge success with the Post membership cooking hotdogs and hamburgers and the Auxiliary providing crafts and activities. This a big event and we will need help again this year to make a complete success. (see flyer)

Membership Campaign: Saturday, 06 January

This is a Post BEO2 family event. We need to continue to build our membership especially with the Riders, Auxiliary & SAL. This is an annual event for everyone. Start time is 10:00

Boys Scout Merit Badge University: 10/11 February

On 10/11 February, we will be hosting this year's Merit Badge University. We need merit badge counsellors POC is Laura Buckner

Preamble to the Constitution

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE
ASSOCIATE OURSELVES
TOGETHER
FOR THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSES:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and goodwill on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



BLOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The American Legion is
the largest collective blood
-donor to the Red
Cross. The most important
part about donating
blood is to remember that
it saves lives. Waiting for
an emergency to donate
will not get the
blood to the
receiver in time.



LINKS

American Legion Post BEO2 Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/americanlegionpostbeo2/home>

Flanders Field Post BEO2 Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/pages/American-Legion-Flanders-Fields-Post-BEO2/152286224925159

American Legion Riders - Flanders Field Chapter BEO2

www.facebook.com/legionridersflandersbeo2

Flickr account: (Pictures of Post BEO2 events)

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/130086797@No8/sets/>

Flanders Field Post BEO2 Youtube website (Videos of Post BEO2 events):

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHayGVazQv_uT-7u7Dy7Z8g

Adopt-a-Grave program's website:

<http://www.sitemn.gr/adoptagraveflandersfield/HOMECONTACT.php>

The American Legion Centennial Celebration

<http://centennial.legion.org/>

Event Calendar: December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 USAG Brussels Christmas party	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 - Oratorical Contest -General Mtg SHAPE Middle School @ 10:30
10	11	12	13 Chièvres Tree Lighting Fundraiser	14	15	16 Bastogne BBQ
17 Bastogne BBQ	18	19	20 Orphanage Christmas Party	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30