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The American Legion Flanders Field Post BE02



I would like to thank all those members who helped with the various events and activities we had during the month of February. It is imperative to remember that it takes volunteers from our membership to plan and implement these programs, projects and activities. So, please volunteer to help with one or more of our events.

On Friday, 15 March, we will be celebrating the American Legion's 100th Anniversary by hosting a small gathering (with cake) at the AAFES PX from 11:00-13:00 & at the 3-Star Recreation Center from 17:00-1900 (cake & champagne). Please join us during one of these celebrations

As for April, the Daddy-Daughter Dance is the big event. We still need help with the event so if you can help, go to following site to sign-up: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4fa8a82ca2f49-daddy. Tickets also go on sale at several places at SHAPE. Check out the flyer later in the newsletter for time and location.

Now for membership. We still have 48 members from last year that have not renewed for the 2019 membership year. Membership is the lifeblood of the Post. The membership dues provide \$15 back for use by the Post. Without the 48 renewals, this a loss of \$720. Unfortunately, that would mean that we cannot provide for one program that would provide opportunities for our youth. Please renew at: www.legion.org/renew. I also want to point out that as long as a veteran has served 1 day on active duty service during a war-time period they can be members of the American Legion. So this means that Active Duty Service Members can join the American Legion and Flanders Field Post BE02. Thank you



AMERICAN LEGION "FLANDERS FIELD" POST BE02

POST BE02 OFFICERS

- Commander: Joseph Schram
- 1st Vice Commander: Kevin Jordan
- 2nd Vice Commander: Amanda Hawkins
- Judge Advocate: Vacant
- Historian: Michael Adubat
- Finance Officer: Laura Buckner
- Chaplain: Thomas Buckner
- Sergeant-at-Arms: William Audretsch

Committees

- Americanism: Vacant
- Children and Youth: Vacant
- Membership: Kevin Jordan
- Post Activities: Vacant
- Ways and Means: Amanda Hawkins
- Graves Registration, Memorial and Ceremonies Committee: Kristine Eetezonne & Phil Colinet
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee: Joseph Schram & Thomas Buckner
- POW/MIA: Mark Altmeyer
- Sons of The American Legion Committee: Vacant

Legion Riders

President: Vacant

Legion Auxiliary

President: Morgan Buckner

Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Paul Vande Walle



Flanders Field Post BE02's Victoria Geehreg, a sophomore from Brussels American High School took 1st Place at the Department of France's Oratorical Contest. Next stop, American Legion National Oratorical Contest

Amanda Hawkins, 2nd Vice Commander

Mother, Wife, Veteran, Legionnaire

Although a mother of 3 children (Eric, Brice, Aurora), a wife to an active duty soldier (Reggie), Amanda accepted last year the position of 2nd Vice Commander of the Flanders Field Post BE02. During her tenure in her position, she has strived to raise funds for the Post through various events. Through her massive efforts, the Post has been able to maintain an active Americanism program as well as other activities.

The Post would also like to commend her for her active duty service, where Amanda served her country in the Military Police.

We, the American Legion family, will bid farewell to Amanda and her family this summer as they move to another duty station. We wish them the best of luck and Godspeed on their future endeavors.



Boys State / Girls State Program

Flanders Field Post BE02 would like to congratulate the following students in their selection to attend the American Legion's Boys State / Girls State program.

- William Chang, Junior, SHAPE American High School
- Sophia Marro, Junior, SHAPE American High School

The Post will fly the two candidates this June to the USA to participate in the Department of Maryland's Boys State / Girls State program. During the program, they will learn about state and local government, participate in elections to governmental offices, make new friends and of course, to have fun.

Membership Stats

American Legion Post BE02

2018 Membership Total: 126 members

2019 Current Membership: 98 Members

Renewal rate: 62% (48 members still need to renew)

Sons of the American Legion Squadron BE02

2018 Membership Total: 32 members

2019 Current Membership: 11 Members

American Legion Auxiliary Post BE02

2018 Membership Total: 19 members

2019 Current Membership: 11 Members

Renewal rate: 53% (9members still need to renew)

February Events

4 Chaplain Sunday Commemoration

Post BE02 would like to thank the USAG Benelux Chaplains LTC Porter and Maj Chang for their participation in this year's commemoration. We would also like to thank the Department of France's Chaplain Harvey Briggs for his attendance on this occasion. Throughout the morning and early afternoon, a plethora of people stopped by our exhibit to read the saga of the 4 Chaplains.



Legionnaire Michial Templeton

Black History Month: Afro-American Music Migration



The Black History Month event on Friday, 22 February at the 3-Star Recreation Center was a smashing hit. The displays recognizing Afro-American Migration and especially the music migration exhibit were viewed by many attendees. A buffet of southern cuisine (including Sweet Potato Pie and Pecan Pie) was provided by the 3-Star recreation Center. The highlight for the evening was the SHAPE International Jazz band who performed a medley of Jazz, Blues and R&B.

Post BE02 would like to again thank the Buckner family for their contribution to setting up the music migration display. We would also like to thank Eileen Catalan, manager of the 3-Star, for her support and the NATO Top 3 for their partnership in this event.

As this was the Post's first attempt at having an American Legion Night at the 3-Star Recreation Night and as was a huge success, the Post will plan on having other similar events in the future.

We are planning on having a "Salsa & Salsa" night sometime in late September / early October.

POW/MIA Committee



WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, 2019 — Army Master Sgt. Charlie J. Mares, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Feb. 4, 2019.

In July 1950, Mares was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, engaged in combat against the Korean People's Army. Mares was reported missing in action following the battle, fought near Kwonbin-ni, South Korea, on July 31, 1950.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, 2019 — Army Cpl. Carlos E. Ferguson, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Feb. 4, 2019.

In May 1951, Ferguson was a member of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, engaged in combat against the North Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces. The battle, fought near Kangye, South Korea, from May 16-20, was named the "Battle of the Soyang River." Ferguson was reported missing in action on May 18, 1951.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 2019 — Marine Corps Pvt. Waldean Black, killed during the attack on the USS Oklahoma in World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 13, 2018.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Black was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Black.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 2019 — Army Pfc. Clifford M. Mills, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Jan. 29, 2019.

In September 1944, Mills was a member of the 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, which participated in Operation Market Garden, the invasion of the German-occupied Netherlands. On Sept. 18, 1944, Mills was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Wyler and Zyfflich, Germany.

Blood Drive, SHAPE, 04 April



The Armed Service Blood Program (ASBP) with the Shape Health Clinic are planning a blood drive on the Thursday, 04 April. Location to be determined.

If you can, please donate.

Veteran's Benefits

Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

Dependency Indemnity Compensation is a monthly benefit paid to eligible survivors of certain veterans. A survivor eligible for DIC may also be qualified for the **Aid and Attendance** or **Housebound** supplement. These supplements are paid in addition to the base payment and provide a small additional income for persons who either need daily assistance with everyday living tasks or are substantially confined to their home. The survivor may receive either Aid and Attendance or Housebound, not both.

The total monthly compensation will depend upon a variety of factors, including the number of dependents and any Aid and Attendance or Housebound supplements. **DIC payments are not affected by any other income, with the exception of Survivor's Benefit Plan income from the veteran's military retirement program.** SBP is reduced dollar for dollar for payments received from DIC.

Veteran Service Requirements

A survivor of a military service member can be eligible for DIC if

- the member died while on active duty, OR
- the member was a veteran whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease, OR
- the member was a veteran whose death resulted from a non service-related injury or disease, and who was receiving, or was entitled to receive, VA Compensation for service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling for at least 10 years immediately before death, OR
 - * since the veteran's release from active duty and for at least five years immediately preceding death, OR
 - * for at least one year before death if the veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after September 30, 1999.

Spousal Eligibility

The surviving spouse is eligible for Dependency Indemnity Compensation if he or she:
validly married the veteran before January 1, 1957, OR
was married to a service member who died on active duty, OR
married the veteran within 15 years of discharge from the period of military service in which the disease or injury that caused the veteran's death began or was aggravated,
OR
was married to the veteran for at least one year, OR
had a child with the veteran, AND
cohabited with the veteran continuously until the veteran's death or, if separated, was not at fault for the separation, AND
is not currently remarried.*

A surviving spouse who remarries on or after December 16, 2003, and on or after attaining age 57, is entitled to continue to receive Dependency Indemnity Compensation. A surviving spouse who terminates a second marriage can reapply for DIC.

Child Eligibility

A child can receive Dependency Indemnity Compensation in his/her own right under the following circumstances:

The child is not included on the surviving spouse's DIC AND
 is unmarried AND
 under age 18, or between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school.

Note: Certain helpless adult children are entitled to DIC.

How to Apply

You can apply by filling out [VA Form 21-534](#), Application for Dependency Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by Surviving Spouse or Child.

More benefits to surviving souse

Status	Maximum Burial Allowance
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2017	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$762 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2016	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$749 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2015	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$747 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2014, but before October 1, 2015	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$745 for a plot
If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2013, but before October 1, 2014	We'll pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$734 for a plot

What are the burial allowance amounts for a non-service-connected death?

WHEN DO I NEED TO FILE A CLAIM?

You must file a claim for a non-service-connected burial allowance within 2 years after the Veteran's burial or cremation. If a Veteran's discharge was changed after death from dishonorable to another status, you must file for an allowance claim within 2 years after the discharge update.

There's no time limit to file for a service-connected burial, plot, or interment allowance.

Upcoming Activities & Events

Here are the upcoming events for the next 3 months. Your help would be greatly appreciated at any of the following events. Thank you

13 Mar, Wednesday	Tentative General Meeting: 1900 -20:00, Location to be yet to be determined. Possible Family Bowling: 20:30-22:00 (Post BE02 will pay for shoes and 2 games)
15 Mar, Friday	American Legion 100th Birthday, Cake AAFES PX, 11:00-13:00
15 Mar, Friday	American Legion 100th Birthday, Cake & Champaign 3-Star Recreation Center, 17:00-19:00
03 Apr, Wednesday	ARMAF-B Luncheon
04 Apr, Thursday	Blood Drive, SHAPE. Location TBD
06 April, Saturday	Daddy-Daughter Dance, SHAPE Event Center

American Legion's National Commander Visit to Belgium

Sat, 1 Jun	
1300hrs	Arrive in Bastogne - McAuliffe Square Lunch at Wagon Wheel restaurant
1430hrs	Wreath Laying at Mardasson Memorial
1500hrs	Bastogne War Museum
1700hrs	Depart Bastogne
1900hrs	Arrive Holiday Inn Zaventem Brussels
Sun, 2 Jun	
0800hrs	Depart Holiday Inn Brussels
0900hrs	Visit to Flanders Field American Cemetery
1100hrs	Depart to Kemmel
1200hrs	BBQ with Post BE02 Members & Families
1330hrs	Tour of "Battle of Vierstraat Ridge"
1800hrs	Dinner in Ieper
2000hrs	Laying of Wreaths at the Last Post, Menin Gate, SHAPE Band Performance
Mon, 3 Jun	
0800hrs	Depart Holiday Inn Brussels
0900hrs	NATO Command Briefing
1200hrs	Lunch at NATO with servicemembers
1300hrs	Depart for Paris

Daddy Daughter Dance Volunteers



Thank you very much for your interest in wanting to help with the Daddy Daughter Dance. The dance is not possible without our volunteers. Below you will find a variety of tasks broken down into 2 hour slots.

(www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4fa8a82ca2f49-daddy)

The day of needs may vary but this is our best guess. We will keep you all updated as we get closer to the day of the event. We are grateful for any and all time you are able to give us!

Daddy-Daughter Dance Ticket Sales

Sale Dates:

- Tuesday, 12 March (09:00-11:00) at the Rendezvous Café
- Thursday, 21 March (11:00-13:00) at the Silver spoon Café
- Monday, 25 March (16:45-17:45) at the Rendezvous Café



THE AMERICAN LEGION
100
1919 2019
Years

Come celebrate the
American Legion's
100th Birthday
Friday, 15 March 2019



AFFES PX, CHIÉVRES: 11:00 – 14:00
CAKE

3-STAR RECREATION CENTER: 17:00 – 19:00
CHAMPAGNE AND CAKE



The American Legion Auxiliary
& U.S. Girl Scouts are proud to sponsor the



Ticket sales:

Tuesday, March 12 Rendezvous Cafe, 0900 – 1100 Thursday, March 21 Silver Spoon, 1100 – 1300

Monday, March 25 Rendezvous Café, 1645 - 1745 pm

Ticket Prices: 15€ for a Daddy-Daughter pair • 5€ for each additional daughter •

25€ Family Pack - includes one Daddy and multiple daughters

Visit us on Facebook at S.H.A.P.E. Annual Daddy Daughter Dance or shapedaddydaughterdance@gmail.com

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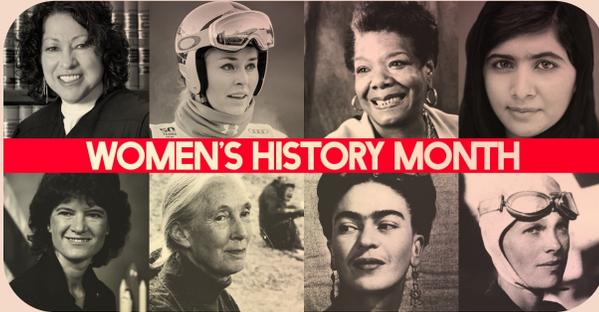
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Women's History Month

Women's History Month had its origins in **1981** when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week".



The National Women's History Theme for 2019 is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." The theme for 2019 is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." This year we honor women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society. These Honorees embraced the fact that the means determine the ends and so developed nonviolent

methods to ensure just and peaceful results.

For generations, women have resolved conflicts in their homes, schools, and communities. They have rejected violence as counterproductive and stressed the need to restore respect, establish justice, and reduce the causes of conflict as the surest way to peace. From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace, and promote the common good.

From women's rights and racial justice to disarmament and gun control, the drive for nonviolent change has been championed by visionary women. These women consciously built supportive, nonviolent alternatives and loving communities as well as advocating change. They have given voice to the unrepresented and hope to victims of violence and those who dream of a peaceful world.

\$500 Scholarship

Trade / Technical School



The American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 would like to announce their sponsorship of a

\$500 Trade/Technical School Scholarship

The student must have completed 19 high school credits . The student must submit a teacher recommendation and an essay or video/video essay describing what they find valuable in a particular trade, why they want to pursue a particular trade as a career, and what if any training or experience they already have in the trade. For application contact us at:

flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com

Deadline for applications is 01 May 2019

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>

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*)

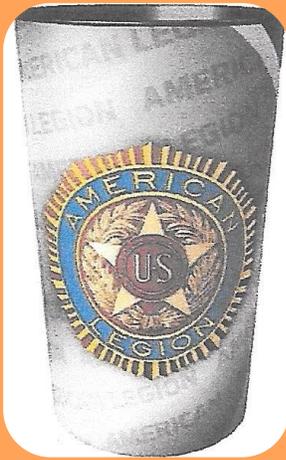
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Preamble to the Constitution

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.





American Legion
 “Flanders Field”
 Post BEO2 Spirit Cups
 are available for sale.
 Price \$5 / €5

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: March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13 General Meeting & Bowling (SHAPE)	14	15 American Legion 100th Birthday	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



ARMAF-B

Association of Retired Members
of the
Armed Forces - Belgium

ARMAF-B MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular: _____ Associate: _____

Name: _____

Last

First

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Spouse/partner name: _____

Nickname: _____ Spouse nickname: _____

Retired status: Service: _____ Rank: _____

Active or reserve: _____ Retirement date: _____

Widows/widowers provide spouse's info and date of death:

Work/APO address: _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Membership dues are €20 annually.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send completed application to ARMAF-B President/treasurer, Dick Sheridan at dick.sheridan10@yahoo.co.uk

Make bank transfer of payment to ARMAF-B account

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aan Het Pachthof en de omgeving van Borlo**

Zaterdag 7 september 2019 **Zondag 8 september 2019**

10u00 Kamp open
10u30 Rondrit
15u30 Battle
21u00 USO Dance

11u00 Ceremonie & Defilé
15u30 Battle

Winter 1944 museum

Heb jij nog foto's, kledij, ... uit de oorlogsperiode?
Het museum Winter 1944 wil dit alles graag voor u
bewaren voor het nageslacht.

**Van harte welkom, om Borlo terug onder te
dompelen in de bevrijdingssfeer 1944.**

www.winter1944.com — 011/88.39.23

Thewitstraat 8 - 3891 Borlo — Bezoek museum: €5

Organisatie: verdenking Museum Winter 1944 vzw in samenwerking met
Het Pachthof (Borlo) en de gemeente Gungelom - Dinsloup - www.koozt.net



Flanders Field Post BE02 Membership, date unknown