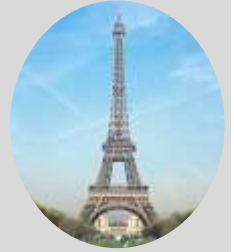




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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER...*SANTOS ALVARADO*

We are now entering into June and this means we have elections of new Department Officers. As well the Pandemic is still among us. We have been seeing a gradual decrease in cases here in Europe to include Germany. This means that we might be able to meet soon again as a group. With a new variant of Covid-19 seen around the UK, some cases have been reported here in Germany. We must remember to remain safe and protect ourselves, practice social distance and wear a mask when and where required, and follow Host Nation laws. There are different brands of vaccines available, and people are being inoculated. I have received both doses with no side effects. The lockdowns are slowly being eased.

As everyone is aware, we will not be having a Convention this year. The Health and Welfare of all Department Members have always been a Priority to me. Rather than having a Convention, we will be having a 4th DEC/Elections/1st

DEC during the same time frame thru the Virtual platform. The Department Adjutant will be sending further information soon.

Many Department Officers are available, the only requirement that you be in good standings.

Elected Positions available are:

- Commander
- Vice Commander in Large
- 4 Vice Commander's
- Chaplain
- Historian
- Sergeant at Arms

Appointed positions are:

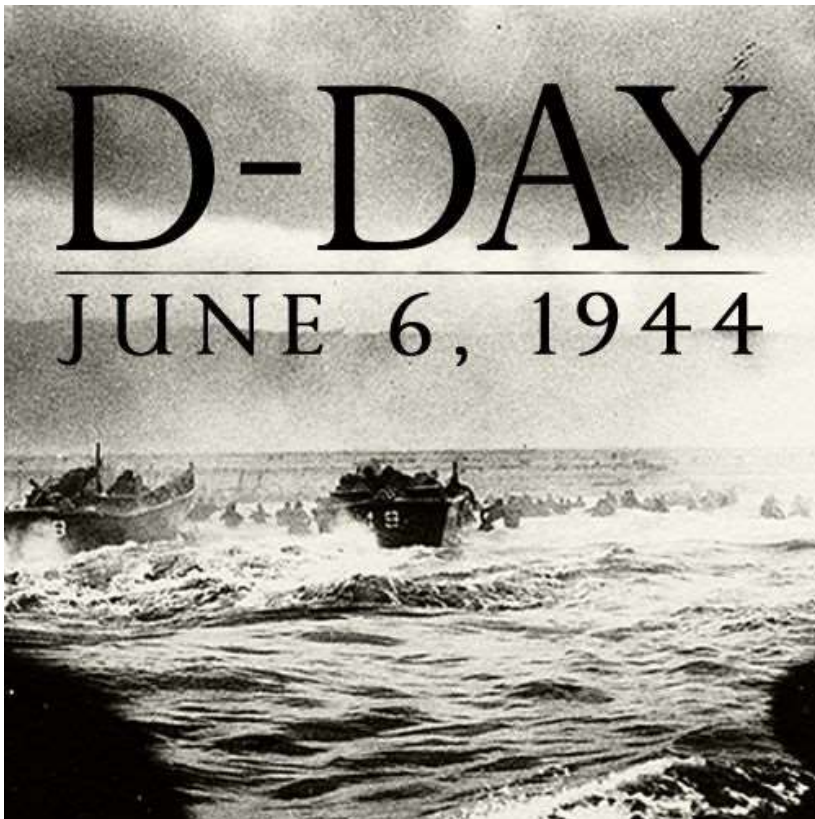
- Adjutant
- Judge Advocate
- Service Officer (2 Year term)
- Finance Officer

I will be running for a 2nd term as the Department Commander. Due to the Pandemic during my 1st term, it was difficult to accomplish many of the tasks I said we would. We did host one hybrid DEC with both

in-person and virtual and two virtual DEC's, virtual Internal Affairs Committee meetings, a virtual Oratorical Contest, we passed the Legion Riders SOP, Meeting by use of the Internet or Video Conferencing SOP and updated the Department Bylaws and Internal Affairs SOP. We also held our first-ever Mid-Winter Conference. I also made sure that during the Pandemic, we were able to keep in touch with all Post and Department Officers with monthly meetings. During my 2nd term, if re-elected, we will still try to establish a new Post in Poland. We hope to go back to living normal lives and have an in-person DEC. We also must strive to reach 100% membership for 2022.

Most of all let us not forget the Buddy Check, remember that some Post members might not have a smartphone or computer. Visit them to see how they are doing. In June, we also celebrate Father's Day.

Here are the pics for Past Department Commander Helmut Isenberg. Flowers were laid by Department Commander Santos Alvarado, Vice Commander Quincy Foster and Department Chaplains Jones. Paying respect to Past Department Commander Helmut Isenberg. Also, a pic of GR05 past member William Payne buried in Walldorf.





AMERICAN LEGION LIBERTY WALK 2021

Saturday August 28th, 2021

Commemorate the " Battle of the Vierstraat Ridge"
by the 27th & 30th US Divisions Aug/Sep 1918.

Place to be: Visitors Center Kemmel

Start walk: 09.00-13.00

7, 12 or 18 km

Expo visitors center: 09.00-15.00

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT...*JOHN FLEMING*



Greetings Comrades,

June is here and it is time for Elections.

1. Certification of Officers: Thank you to the Posts who have recently held elections and sent in the Notification forms. I can add all Post officers to the Post Officers Roster in Nationals database. Reminder, after Post elections or a change in Post Officers, it is required to send two forms to the Department Adjutant. Immediately after Post elections, the Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants form must be sent to the Department Adjutant. As soon as possible after Post elections, the Certification of Post Officials report needs to be forwarded to the Department Adjutant.

2. 4th DEC, Elections, 1st DEC, here is what to expect:

- a. 19 May 2021 – Call to the 4th DEC sent
- b. 9 June 2021 – Nomination Forms are due back
- c. 10 June 2021, 1800 – Delegate Memos for the 4th DEC due
- d. 11 June 2021 – Email to Nominees asking if they accept the nomination
- e. 11 June 2021 – Election Delegate memo send to Posts
- f. 11 June 2021 – DEC meeting link email
- g. 14 June 2021 – Acceptance of Nominees due back
- h. 14 June 2021 – Election Delegate memo due back
- i. 19 June 2021 – Nominees will be announced during the DEC and will be allowed to speak
- j. 20 June 2021 – Election Ballots to Election Delegates
- k. 24 June 2021 – Election Ballots due back
- l. 27 June 2021, 1300 – Election Rollup (all Election Delegates)
- m. 27 June 2021, 1400 – Internal Affairs Committee Meeting
- n. 27 June 2021, 1500 – 1st DEC

The first point to stress is that there will be no 2nd. 3rd. and 4th reminders. The suspense dates/times are firm, and anything received after the suspense dates/times will not be accepted.

The second point to stress is that if Delegate Memos or Nomination Forms are unreadable, they will be rejected. These forms are in fillable PDF format and should be completed on your computer. The Commander/Adjutant or Delegate completing the form need only type their name on the form and return it as instructed. There is no need to print the forms.

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DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER AT LARGE... *DENNIS OWENS*

Mission of Service

I am extremely honored and humbled to announce my candidacy for the Department of France Commander during the annual elections conducted this month June, 2021.

I want to share my vision with you about what I believe it means to be our Department's Commander. The Commander of the Department of France should be a consummate leader and mentor who is dedicated to treating all American Legion members fairly and equitably while empowering and developing the officers at all levels within the Department. The Department Commander should be a team player who is transparent and free from hidden agendas. It is important to be a leader who openly shares information, knowledge, and experiences to achieve our common goals successfully. A leader's first job is to recognize their top performers and shine the light on the results of their efforts. I feel it is essential to encourage growth throughout the entire Department by publicly praising those who demonstrate the principles and ideals of The American Legion and privately admonishing those who do not. Furthermore, The American Legion is a service organization; I think it is the Department Commander's responsibility to ensure that the Department of France represents itself as a caring environment committed to serving our great Veterans.

For the past several years, I have served as a Post Commander, Department Vice Commander, an accredited Assistant Department Service Officer, and currently, the Department Vice Commander at Large. To ensure a successful administration, I realize that a leader must seek out and surround oneself with mature, compassionate and competent individuals who possess similar leadership visions and collective goals. I wish to make every member and future member comfortable with their Department of France leadership. You see, if you take care of the people, the people will take care of the mission. There is no I in Team, and one person cannot do this alone.

The Department should serve its Posts, not the other way around. Our blue cap members are the foundation of The American Legion, and the Posts are where the rubber meets the road. I feel that each Department Officer should communicate consistently with all Posts and assist their officers in understanding their office's roles and responsibilities. The Department Officers should regularly contact the Post Officers, offer their assistance, and highlight all the great things they are doing; contact with Posts should be considered positive and should not revolve around negative connotations or membership numbers alone.

The Department of France has an overall footprint spanning from Killarney, Ireland to Athens, Greece, and includes the Posts in China and Thailand. All Posts share equal importance within the Department of France, and I want to ensure that every Post gets the same opportunity to have their voices heard during Department meetings. Too often, Post's concerns do not receive the proper attention, and I intend to fix this by striving to be as all-inclusive as possible. I am a big proponent of using a virtual video platform for our meetings, and I wish to continue using that platform to ensure maximum participation in Department level meetings, even if it requires amending our Constitution and by-Laws.

As a Department Vice Commander and Vice Commander at Large, I always ask Post Commanders, “Who are you molding to replace you?” Mentorship and developing our future American Legion leaders are examples of my main objectives, accomplished through routinely applying talent management practices to fill leadership positions with developed leaders from within our Department. While there is significant value to maintaining continuity in some key roles, a new administration brings with it fresh new perspectives, encourages risk-taking, fosters innovative new ideas, and perpetuates significant and much-needed change. It is time for a much-needed change that previously received routine stifling due to stagnant leadership year after year. Fresh blood is vital to the success of an organization such as ours.

This month, I listened to an NPR Podcast interview with former President Obama¹ where he said he was a megalomaniac. “...when you offer yourself up as a leader, you are saying vote for me and I will represent you and be your voice. You have to have a certain ego that probably tips beyond healthy and into sometimes a little delusional and certainly that is true when you run for president.” He recalled the famous sermon from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called the Drum Major Instinct², where King describes the desire to feel important as THE most fundamental human desire, even more than sex. Obama says as he recalls that sermon from Dr. King... “You want to be first, you want to lead the parade, we all have that Drum Major Instinct. But the question is can you channel that so it is, (I want to be first in Service, I want to be first in Helping others), and that is a way of squaring the circle so it does not become just about ego.”

In these examples, President Obama and Dr. King provide accurate descriptions of my participative and transparent leadership style. I am on a Mission of Service. It is not about me; it is about helping Veterans in the many ways our American Legion can help them. I will only be successful by surrounding myself with mature, compassionate and competent leaders from within. The American Legion is not an “I” thing; it is a “we” thing, and we are all in this together.

I would love to discuss my vision and how I can help Posts address their concerns and needs at the Department Level in a phone call or a video chat with Posts Commanders, Officers, and even the Post members. Now that I am officially retired, I devote myself 100% to Veterans’ needs, The American Legion, and the Department of France. Please contact me if you wish to have a conversation with me before the elections.

For God and Country,

Dennis

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1. The Art of Power Podcast “Barack Obama Redefines What It Means to Be A Man, May 13, 2021.
 2. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 4 Feb 1968



DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER...*FRANK PHILLIPS*

COVID Funeral Cost Reimbursements



Update: Call FEMA – NOT VA

VA's National Cemetery Scheduling Office and VA national cemeteries have received many calls from family members and funeral homes asking how they can apply for the Funeral Expense Reimbursement Program that covers funeral expenses when a loved one's death was related to COVID-19. This new program, which began on April 12, 2021, is run entirely by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). VA has no role in creating or tracking claims for this reimbursement program. Visit this FEMA website:

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeralassistance/faq> to learn more about the program and how to apply. Before getting started:

Gather the documents FEMA requires before you call FEMA to apply. Family members must provide documentation to establish a claim. You do NOT need any paperwork from VA.

The only way to apply is by calling FEMA's toll-free number 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585 M-F 09-2100 EST. There is no way to apply online.

Only the person who covered the funeral expenses can call FEMA's tollfree number, not a third party like a funeral home director or cemetery representative.

FEMA only wants documents showing the costs you incurred. If your loved one was interred in a VA national cemetery, there was no cost to you for those things associated with the cemetery, such as the headstone or marker, the gravesite or columbarium niche, the grave liner, and assorted fees for opening and closing the grave, mounting the headstone, etc. All these items were part of the Veteran's burial benefit with VA.

FEMA's program can be used to reimburse a family for funeral-related expenses that VA doesn't cover, such as the cost of the casket or urn, clergy fees and funeral home fees. FEMA's website has more details.

The Veterans Benefits Administration also pays a burial allowance to the families in certain circumstances, whether or not the Veteran is interred in a VA cemetery. To learn more about this VA benefit and who qualifies, click here: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance> Please be

patient with FEMA's call center, as it is currently dealing with a very high volume of calls. If you get a busy signal, try again later. There is no deadline for submitting claims. Finally, be prepared before calling FEMA's toll-free number. FEMA's website provides all of the details on what you need to do:

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>

Beware of Scams

FEMA has issued a "Fraud Alert" on its website, noting reports of scammers contacting mourners and offering to register them for funeral assistance. If you are concerned about fraud, keep these points in mind as you navigate the process:

FEMA will not contact anyone until that individual has reached out to FEMA or applied for assistance. If you're contacted by an individual claiming to be from FEMA and have not reached out, hang up and call the FEMA Helpline (800-621-3362) or the National Center for Fraud Hotline (866-720-5721).

A third party cannot apply for burial assistance on your behalf. You must call FEMA (844-684- 6333) between

9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Eastern on a weekday to begin the application process; do not provide personal information to anyone offering assistance outside of FEMA.

Unlike other benefits programs, you can register for this assistance only via telephone. Beware of emails or online forms requesting your data in exchange for aid. You may be asked to submit documents via an online portal at gov after the initial phone call, but you'll also be able to do so via fax or regular mail.

FEMA received more than 1 million calls shortly after the program's launch, CBS News reported, and warns that high call volume could continue and callers

could receive a busy signal. The agency maintains a list of answers to frequently asked questions about the benefit at this link.

[Source: Vantage Point & MOAA Newsletter | Kevin Lilley | April 21 & 27, 2021 ++]



Joseph Schram

*Department Historian, Americanism Chairperson, Oratorical Director
& Boys State Director*

Department of France Historian

Looking for Post histories and photographs

With the 2020-2021 year nearly finished, I would like to take this opportunity to ask each post for the following information:

1. Post Histories
 - a. Post Officers & photos
 - b. Post Activities & photos
 - c. Newsletters
2. End of year activities report

All Information Will Be Included in the Department of France's Historical Archives

B-17 Museum In Utzenstorf

The B-17 Museum Utzenstorf (Switzerland) offers a display of historical of foreign aircraft from 1939 and 1945. The museum specializes in the story of US Army Airforce emergency landings and crashes during WWII. In addition the museum has a display of American World War II uniforms to include headgear, flight goggles, medals, photographs and various debris of American military aircraft. It also includes the B-17 emergency landing of Utzenstorf and the B-24 crashes in Bätterkinden and Jegenstorf.

For more information, the museums web page can be accessed with these two links:

https://www.b17museum.ch/bio_e.php / https://www.b17museum.ch/index_e.php



Gold Award Scout of the Year

Gold Award "Scout of the Year" Award with the following:

- Plaque
- Certificate
- \$500 Prize & Advancement to Nationals

The deadline for nominations to Department Adjutant is 10 June

The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA, earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award.



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

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COMMODORE JOHN BARRY POST IRO3 DUBLIN, IRELAND

One hundred years ago, in May 1921, an English ship named the Millwater sailed into Dublin harbour carrying the remains of 33 Irishmen who had emigrated to America, joined the US armed forces and were killed in action during the early years of World War 1. Newspapers of the day estimate that over 5,000 people lined the harbor with hats on hearts to welcome home these wars heroes. Some of these men were buried three and four times before finding their final resting place on Irish soil.

It was normal to be buried where you died during the First World War due to the logistics of repatriating bodies, especially back to the United States. Until the vast American cemeteries were built in France and Belgium, graves were scattered everywhere and the need to organize burials was recognized.

When a soldier died in war, their family was notified and asked where they wanted their family member buried. Many of the Irish soldiers' families had little education and often the telegraph announcing the death and sympathizing with the family would be written in English and would have to be translated into Irish which caused long delays; allied to the delay in getting family instructions regarding burial arrangements was the military concern for health and hygiene. For these reasons, the soldiers were often reinterred in the American cemeteries in France.

In May, 1921, there was a lot of political turmoil with Ireland having just obtained its independence from England. A US Army grave registration team escorted the 33 remains to their final resting places around Ireland. By law, these men could not receive a U.S. military graveside ceremony and so many of these soldiers lay for well over 90 years in unmarked graves.

Commodore John Barry, American Legion post Ireland 03 located in Co. Mayo on the west coast in conjunction with the Mayo Peace Park Garden of Remembrance (MPP) located in Castlebar, Co. Mayo took action to give the unmarked heroes a proper graveside honor guard ceremony. On October 7, 2008 the Mayo Peace Park was dedicated by Mary Mc Aleese, the President of Ireland, and thirty American Legion members proudly marched through the streets of Castlebar to help with the unveiling of the great memorial wall inscribed with the names of 1,200 Mayo men killed in action all over the world and in several armed conflicts. On November 12, 2008, at 11am the Mayo Peace Park held its first Remembrance or Veterans Day Mass; after the Mass the American Legion members received many requests from local people seeking help in finding some information on a loved one who had died while in the US Military during WW1.

To date, American Legion post Ireland 03 has officiated at 22 WW1 graveside ceremonies, 21 for soldiers who were killed in action and one ceremony for a soldier who survived the war, came back to Ireland and lay for 66 years in a grave where his service was unacknowledged. His three children attended our graveside ceremony, the youngest being 81 years. On one occasion, the American Legion and the Mayo Peace Park participated in carrying out full military honors for four soldiers in a single day. Due to Covid-19, our post has not been able to work on preparing further WW1 graves. Remember, Honor those who served and may all the Irish that served with the US Armed forces that gave their lives for an adopted country rest in peace.



(this picture taken 2017)

Ron Howko /Past Commander / Ireland 03



Jimmie R. Dale completes the Legion basic training course

U.S. Army veteran Jimmie R. Dale has successfully completed the requirements of the Basic Training course of The American Legion Education Institute. Past Department Commander Dale, a Grenada and Lebanon, Panama, Gulf War, and War on Terrorism era veteran, was subsequently re-elected Post Finance Officer. (Photo by Todd Johnson for The American Legion)

Kennith E. Jackson sworn in as Legionnaire

U.S. Army veteran Kennith E. Jackson, a Grenada and Lebanon war era veteran, was recently sworn in as a member of Riley L. Pitts Post No. GR07. (Photo by Todd Johnson for The American Legion)



Larry C. Leap, Jr. completes the Legion basic training course

U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army veteran Larry C. Leap, Jr. has successfully completed the requirements of the Basic Training course of The American Legion Education Institute. Leap, a Grenada and Lebanon, and War on Terrorism era veteran, was subsequently appointed Acting Post Chaplain and re-appointed Post Historian. (Photo by Todd Johnson for The American Legion)

Peter J. Mock completes the Legion basic training course

Bundeswehr veteran Peter J. Mock has successfully completed the requirements of the Basic Training course of The American Legion Education Institute. Department VIP Committeeman Mock, a War on Terrorism era veteran, was subsequently re-elected Post Second Vice Commander. Unique to the Legion, his eligibility for membership is pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(1)(B) of the National Constitution. (Photo by Todd Johnson for The American Legion)



Dr. Thach Pham sworn in as Legionnaire

U.S. Army veteran Dr. Thach Pham, a War on Terrorism era veteran, was recently sworn in as a member of Riley L. Pitts Post No. GR07. (Photo by Todd Johnson for The American Legion)

Cadet Benjamin Garcia awarded American Legion ROTC Scholastic Excellence Medal

U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Cadet Benjamin Garcia was recently awarded the American Legion ROTC Scholastic Excellence Medal by American Legion Post GR07 Commander Todd Johnson. Villa is a student at Wiesbaden High School in Germany (Photo by retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jon Ring, JROTC Senior Army Instructor, for The American Legion)



Cadet Kiron Villa awarded American Legion ROTC Military Excellence Medal

U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Cadet Kiron Villa was recently awarded the American Legion ROTC Military Excellence Medal by American Legion Post GR07 Commander Todd Johnson. Villa is a student at Wiesbaden High School in Germany (Photo by retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jon Ring, JROTC Senior Army Instructor, for The American Legion)

JOHN WAYNE POST GR79

HEILBRONN, GERMANY



Bob Down (M) 45 continuous years



Joe Brown, 30 years



John Portal (M) 25 years



Judge Advocate Roy Martin (M) 10 years



Memorial Service, Jonnie Easterling



GR79 Legion Riders

GR 09 honors graves of veterans buried in local cemeteries

On Sunday, 30 May, GR09 visited the eleven graves of American Veterans buried in the Neu-Ulm area and as in previous years the Post was able to decorate each grave with more than a US flag. Thanks to the American Legion's Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund, Post GR09 received 550 dollars to "be used to honor and decorate individual graves of those veterans who were laid to rest outside American Battle Monument Commission controlled facilities." Accordingly, each grave was decorated with an impressive flower and plant arrangement and a streamer recognizing Neu-Ulm's American Legion. This demonstration of

patriotism also exhibits to German visitors to the cemeteries that Americans do not forget their comrades in arms.

Due to the Covid-19 Virus a larger group of GR 09 members could not participate in this yearly event as Post Commander Aman did not wish to risk the health of any of the post's members therefore several of the graves were visited by only one GR 09 officer.

GR 09 members have participated in this traditional Memorial Day event of respect and honor since 2012.



Participants from left to right: Post Commander Jerry Aman, Post Chaplain Tom Snook, Anthony Hicks, Eddie Irizarry, Delano Stewart, 1st Vice Morgan Anthony, and Joseph Teel.

Although recently released from the hospital after major surgery Legionnaire Stewart would not let this event go by without an appearance.



Legion Post 1982 Supports COVID Immunization Drives

American Legion members of Post 1982 in Ansbach, Germany, are supporting the servicemembers and their families at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach. During April and May 2021, the Ansbach Army Health Clinic and community volunteers came together to conduct several COVID-19 vaccination drives. These “mass immunization” drives provided immunizations to up to 450 personnel per day on six different dates.

Post 1982 members provided free coffee, tea, juice, water and “munchies” to the local soldiers, civilian employees and family members after they received

their shots. Total costs to the post are approaching \$800 for the food and drinks.

In addition, post members assisted with processing of personnel, directing people to the various stations and ensuring that the waiting lines were short and continued to more.

Additional “mass immunization” dates are being planned in the military community, as serum becomes more available. Legion Post 1982 will be there to support these events.



Legion Post 1982 and Rotational Soldiers Clean Up Memorial Park

Memorial Park on Storck Barracks, Illesheim, Germany exists as a memorial to COL Louis J. Storck, a Commander there during World War II. Post 1982 wanted to clean up and renovate the park prior to Memorial Day, but lacked the manpower. So, they approached the 2nd Bn 1st General Support Aviation Battalion. These soldiers are currently deployed to Storck Barracks from the First Infantry Division in Fort Riley, Kansas.

The response was overwhelming! On 21 May, more than 150 Soldiers came out to assist with mowing grass, pulling weeds, planting flowers, cleaning monuments, painting the gazebo, and other clean-up tasks. Post 1982 donated over 500 EURO for paint, flowers and potting soil; as well as coffee, water and snacks for the “workers”. VFW Post 10708 donated 180 EURO to the cause.

Everyone had a great time, AND made a real improvement to the appearance of the park.





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For All Detachment Officers, Past Detachment Commanders, Committee Chairpersons, Program Directors, Squadron Commanders, Post Commanders and Delegates.

The Detachment Elections will be held via electronic meeting. The agenda of business to be considered at the meeting will be provided a week before the meeting. Registration of the DEC (TBA) on Saturday the 5th of June 2021.

The following Elected Officers with voted upon in this meeting:

National Executive Committeeman

Alternate National Executive Committeeman

Commander

Vice Commander (2)

Chaplain

Historian

Sergeant @ Arms

All Squadrons attending need to fill out a delegate form (sent to the squadrons) and send it to the Detachment Commander and Adjutant before the 4th of June 2021. All Squadrons on GoToMeeting will be contacted and set up a few days prior to the meeting.



Grande Chef de Gare 2021MY...*Lee Preston*



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.