



Legion News



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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.

Sunday, 27 September



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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.

September 16 is 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 wavered 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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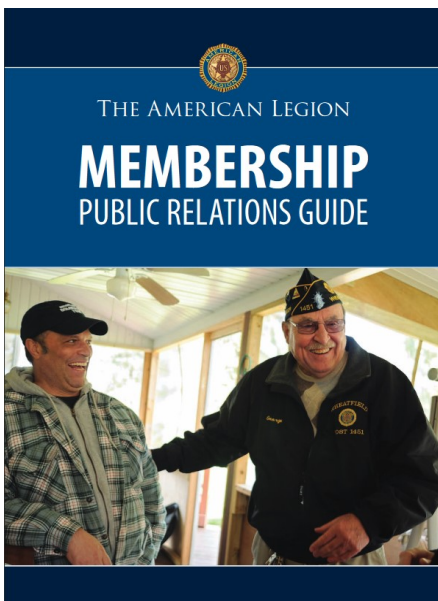
AIRMAN'S CREED

I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior.
I have answered my Nation's call.

I am an American Airman.
My mission is to Fly, Fight, and Win.
I am faithful to a Proud Heritage,
A Tradition of Honor,
And a Legacy of Valor.

I am an American Airman.
Guardian of Freedom and Justice,
My Nation's Sword and Shield,
Its Sentry and Avenger.
I defend my Country with my Life.

I am an American Airman.
Wingman, Leader, Warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.





Joseph Schram

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

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**



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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

<https://froratoricalcontest.weebly.com/>



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

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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



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Online renewal is fast, convenient and safe.

CLICK TO BEGIN



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





Promote your stories on Legiontown...

American Legion posts and family members provide service year-round to veterans and their families, active-duty servicemembers, youth and community members. And The American Legion wants to hear these stories.

The [Legiontown U.S.A.](http://www.legiontown.org) website has recently undergone a redesign that showcases multiple stories at once, allows Legion Family members to feature links to YouTube videos created by them, and enables stories to be shared throughout social media. This nationwide sharing will promote the many ways Legion Family members dedicate themselves to a cause greater than themselves.

The Legion wants you to share your good experiences, whether it's welcome-home celebrations for returning servicemembers, membership drives, honor and remembrance stories, visiting patients at a VA hospital, sponsoring young men and women to Boys and Girls State, hosting fundraisers, donating to Legion charities, or converting a post into a makeshift shelter for victims affected by a natural disaster. Posts, Sons of The American Legion squadrons and Auxiliary units are turning an ordinary community into a Legiontown every day.

For many Legion Family members, these services go unnoticed, but not for those who share their stories on Legiontown — www.legiontown.org. The sharing of stories provides inspiration to posts, squadrons and units located throughout the country on how to promote the Legion in their communities. Registration is free.

Tell the story of Memorial and Monuments in your Post area. I know Rhein Main Post GR05 has the Lutfbruecke Memorial, David Chavez Post GR1982 has Memorials on Post, Generals Ward & Chenault & Helseth Post CP01 has a monument in China in honor of General Ward, and the list goes on and on GR79, BE02, GR14, FR01, FR05 just to name a few. It takes five minutes so let's tell the World the stories of The Department of France.



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.

GRANDE MID WINTER PROMENADE / ELECTIONS 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Saturday 19 December 2020

Information to follow...