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Department Calendar

Birthdays
Robert Crawford 05 August GR45
Jerald Bass 07 August GR05
Aubrey Lee 10 August GR13
Teresa Botero 12 August GR07
Dave Mendez 14 August GR01
Michael Umland 14 August GR06
Stephanie Keys 15 August GR01
Ulla Hale 17 August Auxiliary GR79
Jim Murray 22 August GR07
Gilbert Wells 31 August PO01

Department Commander’s Corner

Hello my fellow comrades, I wish everyone a very best of health and spirit, however, for those who are less fortunate, I wish all a speedy recovery. Our Vice Commander at Large, Kane, had an unfortunate accident, but, happy to report he’s back and doing well. I spoke with VAL Kane about the direction in which the department needs to be headed. My goals are to complete everything that was bought forth from the last administration, which is, revise appendix two, in the Department of France, internal affairs manual. Revise the Department’s awards manual, in conjunction with National’s awards manual. We've also identify several posters that may have to relocate, which is better than closing a post and opening up new ones. This will be discussed at a later date. We have also identified post’s that may need assistance in membership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank, Mike Umland and Fred Lane, for the outstanding job in which transitioning of membership is coming along. I would like to remind all of the posts, that in September we've got to have 50%. I also wish to thank all the posts for their understanding and professionalism, guided with patients. If any posts, needs help with anything, please do not hesitate to contact your Vice Commander. My leadership style is like this, I do not believe in micro managing, but, I do believe in holding those who took office accountable, to include post commanders. For the next second DEC, which, will be held in ST Avoid, a place has already been established. It's not far from the cemetery, with plenty of parking spaces. We have two rooms which, sits 50 and the other sits 20, with combining rooms. We also I have a restaurant across the parking lot, where the proprietor has agreed, he will have three choices of meals, which consist of, chicken, beef, fish, with a soup, salad, potatoes and vegetables for €15. The price of the drinks will also diminish when we buy in bulk. Again, in closing, I want to thank all of you, for your patience and understanding in the direction in which were moving. Take care.
Please take the time to keep those in harm’s way not only in your thoughts, but also your prayers. Take care

For The Good Of The Legion.

For GOD and Country
Robert Gray
Department Commander

From the Department Adjutant:
My Fellow Legionnaires,

The following is information received from National on the new PUFL Program. Please see the information sheet at the end of this news letter.

The Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) program changed as a result of National Executive Committee Resolution 8 passed during the Spring Meetings, May 6-7, 2009 (copy attached). See the attached PUFL brochure for the new rate chart and the new required forms for all new PUFL applications.

New rates are effective October 1, 2009. All PUFL applications being submitted at the current rates must be received at National by September 1, 2009. This gives time to process the applications under the current system before the new rates go into effect. No PUFL applications will be accepted on the old forms after the September 1st cut-off.

The Time Payment Plan, which currently allows up to 12 months to pay, has been extended to a 36-month payment period. This is a big benefit of the new plan. The rate chart on the application has been changed to show monthly payment amounts instead of the full payment due.

Instead of the 10% minimum deposit that is currently required, the member must only include the first month’s payment, as noted on the rate chart. If the member chooses to pay more than the minimum deposit, the remaining balance will be divided into 35 additional payments, which will decrease the amount of the monthly payment. National will continue to forward payment coupons to the member once the application has been accepted and processed. A new option has been added to give the member the opportunity for automatic monthly credit card billing.

Members may still pay the full amount at the time of application. To calculate the total cost of a PUFL membership, the member (or post officer) will need to find the monthly payment on the rate chart and multiply it by 36. PLEASE NOTE: The total fee must be entered on the front of the application, regardless of whether the member is paying in full or choosing the Time Payment Plan.

Beginning October 1, 2009, all PUFL applications must be accompanied by a copy of the member’s separation form (DD214 or similar) or a copy of their current active duty military identification. If neither is available, provide a brief explanation and include a copy of the member’s current driver’s license. The PUFL application will not be processed if eligibility documentation is not provided and will be returned to the Department Headquarters for resolution.

Member’s who choose to participate in the Time Payment Plan must complete the Participation Agreement on the back of the application. Any forms received without a signature will be returned to the department for correction. This new form is procedural change from the current system.

Your Department will be shipped a supply of the new PUFL brochures for immediate use as soon as they are received from the printers. In addition all the forms will also be on www.legion.org by August 7th. Also next week, we will forward a computer fill-in form to you for your use. We ask that you use all available means of communication to publicize the impending changes and the cut-off day of September 1st, as well as the October 1st effective date of the new application and rates.

We understand that these are fairly significant changes but they’re necessary in order to keep the PUFL program viable. Thank you for your patience during this transitional period. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact PUFL Processing at 317-630-1221 or 1-800-433-3318 and ask to speak to Sarah Dillard or contact Internal Affairs. See you in Louisville, Jack Querfeld, Director, Internal Affairs.

Those of you that supply inputs to the Department Newsletter please send your input toamericanlegion@hotmail.com . In closing please, remember if you need to contact me I am just an E-mail away pisces@t-online.de . Please keep those in harm’s way and their families, not only in your thoughts but your prayers as well.

James M. Settle
Department Adjutant

Department NECman’s Comments
American Legion Day
Legion Day Cosponsors Needed

Tell your Representative to Support H. Res. 679

On July 24, a resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives that honors The American Legion's 90 years of service to America by recognizing September 16 as American Legion Day, a national day of observance of The American Legion’s goals and ideals in which the country may celebrate, with appropriate programs and activities, the long history of The American Legion and its steadfast and patriotic service to the community, state and nation.

House Resolution (H. Res.) 679 was introduced by Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson and is currently cosponsored by 20 Members of Congress.

In a letter to her colleagues requesting cosponsorship, Rep. Halvorson writes:
Since their Congressional charter on September 16, 1919,
The American Legion has worked tirelessly to serve American veterans and communities across the nation. I ask you to honor The American Legion’s legacy by becoming an original cosponsor of a resolution to designate September 16th as “American Legion Day.”

Every year members of The American Legion donate thousands of hours of community service in veterans’ medical facilities and homes to care for our nation’s heroes. They support active service members’ families, support struggling service families financially, and try to improve the overall quality of life to our nation’s service men and women. Additionally, they sponsor many youth organizations, donate millions of dollars in college scholarships, and provide a high level of service to our nation’s youth.

“American Legion Day” would help to recognize this extraordinary organization, whose members not only fought to protect our country, but continue to serve it long after their military service has ended.

All members of The American Legion family are asked to contact their representative and ask them to become cosponsors of H. Res. 679; if they are already cosponsors, thank them for their support. With Congress out of Washington and in their congressional districts for the full month of August, it is a prime opportunity for you to make contact with your Member of Congress and urge passage of this resolution upon their return to Washington and before September 16.

We thank the current sponsor and cosponsors as of 7/28/09:


William Marshall
Department NECman

Vice Commander’s Corner
Vice Commander at Large Liam Kane
DK01, FR01, IR02, IR03, GC01, NL01, PO01, SP292

July was an interesting and adventurous month for me, had a Post meeting in Dublin, entertained two Legion members from New York who found me thru the US Embassy, Attended the Ambassadors first meeting in Ireland at his residence, Ambassador Dan Rooney of the Pittsburg Steelers fame is our new man, a very nice person a great night was had, have a new member who will be signed up this month, On 4th July Michael and Libby Coyne hosted our first official party and despite the expected rain we had a great turn out of people of all ages we also had members of the Irish Veterans Organization present and the rain stayed away. Everything going fine so far. I was present at Irelands National Day of Commemoration Ceremony in Dublin with fellow members of the American Legion from IR 02 IR 03 and IR 63 a total of 23 members from around the Country wore their Legion and Auxiliary Caps proudly and were seen many times on the live broadcast on our National TV station. A couple of days later I lost the battle in my garden when I stepped on the head of my shovel which promptly hit me in the face oh what a sore mess I now have “a new smile” and a lot less money in my pocket it could have been worse. The appointment of new Vice Commanders has been completed by the Department. Commander Gray and I look forward to reading their reports. I got to meet two of my posts and have made contact with the other 6 by way of phone calls or e-mails during the month. Some of our Officers and members will be travelling to Annual National Convention in Kentucky this month, I will be meeting my Vice Commanders this month for a Meeting and as promised I will issue a draft report on the Awards Manual to all Posts and Officers before the end of August and would appreciate your written comments ASAP in order that that I can put together a package for our next DEC in October. Let’s get our new Membership year off to a flyer and give our new Membership Chairman a good start Fred will be delighted to process your BIG remittals. Don’t forget to use your VCs and VCAL we are here to help. Have a lovely August enjoy the summer.

Liam Kane
Vice Commander at Large

Vice Commander Michael Besant
GR09, GR13, GR30, GR42, GR79
Greetings my fellow Legionaries, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. Members

I ask that we use this year to reconnect with each other and coordinate our Posts’ efforts to strengthen and grow our Department. I have no magic plan, no secret ideas. But I am sure that each of you have a piece to the solution. My goal as VC is to learn from everyone that I come in contact with. Take those ideas, plans and experiences gained and share that knowledge with others. Information dissemination may be the key that stimulates our growth. Share your great ideas! We need to let others know how great the Legion is.

I may be contacted at mbesant@t-online.de or on my phone number 0160-7177-151 0800-2000

Michael Besant
Department Vice Commander
Greetings Comrades, Sisters and Brothers of the American Legion Family,

For a lot of you, this is school vacation time where you get a chance to spend some time with your children or grandchildren.

My mom was a teacher and part of our fun was me going to summer camp to get away from each other. I learned how to interact with other people, how to do important things like

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**Vice Commander/IPC Joe Brown**

GR03, GR14, GR45, GR1982

My fellow Legionaries

I have talked with all the Post Commanders of my area all are doing fine and are actively involved in membership. The following were hospitalized, but are now home and recovering GR03 Comrade Hall, GR13 Comrade Tilman. My E-mail address is djcharlybrown@hotmail.com my handy number is 0171 9259949 you can call me day or night, I am your VC and I am here for you. So let’s start helping our Legion Family. As always, I stress to all of you to take a few moments out of your busy day and say a small prayer for all of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines, that are still in harm’s way that they may return home safely to their loved ones.

Joe Brown

Department Vice Commander/IPC

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**Vice Commander Keith Abernathy**

FR05, BE02, CH01 GR05, IT01, IR63

I have contacted the Adjutant of IT01, Commander’s of BE01, GR05. I have offered my support and help if and when needed. In addition I have E-mailed

Keith Abernathy

Vice Commander

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**Vice Commander James Settle**

GR01, GR06, GR07, GR20

I will be contacting Post GR01, GR06, GR07, and GR20, in the near future. I want to set the ground work to visit your post, and to provide any assistance that you might need. Let’s all work together to keep this department moving forward. If you need to contact me in the meantime, please use the below listed E-mail and phone number.

Contact me at E-mail Address pisces@t-online.de or phone number 07138-67359

For God and Country

James Settle

Department Vice Commander

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**Post Everlasting reported to July 27th**: Donald L. Leonhardy, GR05
Father in law of DSO George Hall, GR03
Alfred Zekas, GR05 (late notice)

**Prayers for the Sick & Ill:**

George Hall, GR-03
Shawn Ashe, GR-42
Doug Clemence, GR-06
Nola Maloney, GR-03 and Past Department Commander
John H. Miller, GR-1982 and PDC & present Dept Alt NEelman
Phil Gatchell, GR-03
Edward Hayes, GR-03
Kenneth Grasser, GR-09
Brenda Dearborn, Dept of Maine present Americanism Chair and past chaplain
Harold M. Wild, GR-13
Ronald (Ron) Hansen, GR-06
Marlene Watson, Widow of GR-13 charter member William Watson
Paul Johnson, Dept of Wyoming 3rd District VC and Past Chaplain
Larry “Yard Dog” Ewerds, GR-07
Edwin F. Hoffman, GR-13
Robert Downs, GR-79
Brian Charters, IR-63
Michelle Gerdeman, daughter of Comrade John Gerdeman, Sr. GR-07
Harry Hall, GR-42
Isadore Pink, GR-07
Niece of Comrade Dave Mendez, GR-01
Cyndia, wife of Comrade Dan Halsey, GR-03
Marie-Anne Godefroid, wife of Comrade Carl Hale, FR-01
James W. Johnson,
Mike Paguaia, GR-03
Jerry Deaver, GR-07
Rose Jeffries, GR-07
Harry Jeffries, GR-07
Gorrell Cheek, GR1982
Dick Knoll, GR-09
Kevin Murphy, GR05
Bill Tilman, GR14
George Davis, GR42

are undergoing, were undergoing or were scheduled for, medical treatment.

No other deaths or other illnesses were reported to me, but we continue to pray for those comrades, family members and friends of the Legion who have passed away or are ill.

Greetings Comrades, Sisters and Brothers of the American Legion Family,
toast marshmallows over an open fire and how to sleep in a sleeping bag away from home. I also learned how nice it is to go back home eventually.

Children learn important lessons by getting out into the world to see and learn new ideas and skills. They may not learn big things or necessarily important things, but they learn things that are necessary to help with their development and integration into the human race. Organizations such as Churches, Boy/Girl Scouts, Community projects, to mention a few, may offer things like that for children too.

As they say, children are our future (just look at you and what they now learn will help them in life. I know it has gotten dangerous to play outdoors, but it is an important part of child development necessary for physical coordination and social interaction with others. Too many kids have too many video activities that keep them in front of a screen somehow. Running, jumping and even screaming are part of child development.

If your children are grown, there are enough children out there who need a kind word and a little guidance and encouragement. Matter of fact, there are enough veterans and their families that could use that too. You will be surprised at how much a few nice words are appreciated by both parties.

If you are heading for the beach or other places where you'll be in the sun, make sure you hydrate and use a liberal portion of sunscreen.

And most of all, don't forget to thank God for the many blessings we have and the opportunity we have to do Good Works in The American Legion under our Preamble of "For God and Country,"

Enjoy the summer and remember your prayers, please. I'll be riding in the 2009 Legacy Run for the third straight year next month. Just as I have the Department of France large patch on my Rider vest, I'll have the Department of France family in my heart.

May God bless you and your family and keep all safe.

God bless our servicemen and women, as well as their families, no matter where they serve.

Service to God and Country!
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Rev. Ronald Moore
Department Chaplain

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**Membership Chairman**
The new Department Membership Chairman is Comrade Fred Lane Commander of GR1982. He can be contacted at the below Address, E-mail and phone number

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**A word from Past Department VC Frank Hanchak**

**John Wayne Post Holds Independence Day Extravaganza**

There were American flags everywhere! I counted fifty before I lost count and started counting again. Some were 3x5 inches; some were 5 x 8 Feet. There were many others in between. I had never seen so many American Flags at one American Legion Post Location.

The members and family of the John Wayne Post GR-79, Heilbronn went all out to make this a truly American holiday. The afternoon began with a short, but reverent ceremony honoring our Country and Our Flag. The pride was evident as the honor Guard stood silently in an honored salute. The membership was also standing reverently silent while rendering the proper respectful salute as the Flag of The United States of America, followed by the POW/MIA Flag, was raised by the Post Commander. Post Chaplain Wilson Daily said a prayer of remembrance for our lost and missing veterans.

The honor guard consisted of Remi Drummond, Don Chamberlain, Max Rice, and Larry Nichols, and was led by Post Commander Darrell Shannon. The Unit Auxiliary sponsored a raffle. Led by Unit President Anita McAndrews, assisted by Treasurer Ulla Hale, they sold many tickets. President McAndrews and the Auxiliary members raffled off over 100 quality items, much of it was fine crystal, or bottles of wines from all over Europe and beyond. While Auxiliary Vice President Waltraud Chamberlain sold raffle tickets, her husband, Post Vice Commander Don Chamberlain manned the grill and served BBQ Ribs, baked chicken and bratwurst in great abundance. Gary Holman sold food and beverages and served refreshments.

The entire post activity was a huge success. Commander Darrell Shannon and the Officers and Members of Heilbronn John Wayne Post GR-79 are to be commended for the finest 4th of July celebration I have witnessed in a long time and I thank them for inviting us.

Frank J. Hanchak
Historian
Omar Bradley Post GR-42
Frank J. Hanchak
Past Vice Commander

**Department Service Officer George Hall**
Please call me or e-mail, if you need help with DFAS, SSA, VA, TRI CARE,

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George Hall
Department Service Officer
Children and Youth Joe Brown

The American Legion believes we need to care for and supply direction to the youth of this Nation.

  1. Strengthen the family unit against the forces of today’s complex society.
  2. Extend support to sound organizations and facilities that provide services for children and youth.
  3. Maintain a well-rounded program that meets the needs of today’s young people.

Family Emphasis

A strong family whatever its makeup is a source of love, pride, security, support and fun. Every family develops its own “style”, much of which is influenced by how the parents were raised, their economic status and their friendships. While all families are unique, a successful family will accept each other’s strengths and weaknesses, maintain an open channel of communication, respect each other, provide guidance when appropriate, and set aside time to enjoy each other’s company.

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention

Successful delinquency prevention strategies must be positive in their orientation and comprehensive in their scope. Children must be provided with opportunities to contribute to their families, schools, peer groups, and communities; provided with the skills to take advantage of opportunities; and receive recognition for their efforts to contribute.

Our current Americanism programs promote the ideals of citizenship, teamwork, loyalty, fair play courage, physical fitness, and mental toughness.

- American Legion Baseball
- Keystone Boys State
- School Awards Program
- Flag Education
- Service to God & Country

Oratorical Contest
- Sons of The American Legion

Immunization

The American Legion’s immunization efforts began in 1944 recruiting the services of members in the early treatment of childhood diseases. Immunization prevents: Diphtheria, Polio, Pertussis, Measles, Tetanus, Mumps, Hepatitis b, Rubella, Haemophilus Influenzae Type b.

Legislative Efforts

There is a great need for informed public participation in local and state government matters. And when it comes to local matters affecting children and youth, the American Legion should make itself heard! We are challenged to support new or amended legislation and public appropriations at the local, state and federal levels of government.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

Through TFA, a Post can call upon the National Organization to lend a hand in providing cash assistance to help meet the basic needs of veterans’ children when it is established there are no other resources available to provide the required assistance.

Child Safety

Child Safety is defined as any external event which may present a significant danger to a child or young person.

  1. Child Abuse and Neglect
  2. Sexual Abuse
  3. Indoor Safety
  4. Outdoor Safety
  5. School Safety
  6. Playground Safety
  7. Missing and Abducted Children
  8. Accidents (drownings, firearms, etc.)
  9. Fire Safety
  10. Bicycle Safety
  11. Substance Abuse
  12. Teenage Suicide

If you are searching for information, please feel free to contact your National Staff. We maintain resource information on a wide variety of national safety programs.

April is Children & Youth Month

Since 1926, the American Legion and its affiliated organizations have donated countless hours of volunteer
effort and over one-half billion dollars in support of programs and activities for the benefit of children and youth.
That is Dedication - Be A Part Of It!

Halloween

The American Legion is the only organization in this country which promotes, sponsors, and takes an active role in a Halloween Safety program for youngsters. Our brochure and Project Guide contains: Safety tips, News Releases, Public service announcements, ideas for program implementation.

Children & Youth Awards and Citations
To award the volunteers in service of our program. It can be a Certificate of Participation, Certificate of Excellence, a plaque or a lapel pin, all Posts and Units are Winners! Citations are very special recognitions. They are given at all levels within The American Legion, and are a very important way of saying, “Thank you for a job well done.”

Child Welfare Foundation
The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has two primary purposes:

1. To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs; and
2. To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

CHILDREN & YOUTH Chairman
JOE BROWN

Sons of The American Legion Frank Hanchak
Fellow Sons of The American Legion,
There will be a Detachment SAL DEC on Saturday, September 26th. The event will be sponsored by Omar Bradley Squadron 42. Details will be sent out by Detachment Adjutant James Dennis real soon.
Don’t forget to support you Child Welfare Chairman (Joe James, and Gino Cantu) by purchasing a 2010 CWF Pin. Buy a few extra to give to deserving youth as an informational tool!

Frank J. Hanchak
Commander,
Detachment of France
Sons of The American Legion

Americanism Carl Hackworth
NO REPORT FOR THIS MONTH
Carl Hackworth
Americanism Chairman

POW/MIA Joe Brown
The below information is on The POW/MIA database

The Vietnam-Era Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Database
This database contains 155,893 records.
Last Update: June 2009

This database has been established to assist researchers interested in investigating the U.S. Government documents pertaining to U.S. military personnel listed as unaccounted for as of December 1991. The title of this collection is “Correlated and Uncorrelated Information Relating to Missing Americans in Southeast Asia.” The documents are declassified by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) and released to the Federal Research Division, Library of Congress, for public access.

Researchers using this database can identify documents of interest by using search terms such as last names, country names, service branches, keywords, and statements such as “downed over Laos.” Once identified, copies of desired documents may be obtained in three ways:

1. Researchers wishing to use this microfilm collection may come to the Library of Congress Microform and Machine Readables Collection Reading Room, located in the Thomas Jefferson Building, First Floor, Room LJ-139B.
2. Microfilmed copies of the material can be sent to the researcher's local library on inter-library loan for viewing. This service is free, but materials must be returned to the Library of Congress.
3. Photocopies or microfilmed copies of desired documents can be ordered from the Library of Congress' Photoduplication Service. These copies must be paid for, but are retained by the researcher.

When ordering photocopies or microfilm, researchers/libraries must provide reel number, and casualty REFNO, Source Number, or Subject of the document folder (the SUBJECT will be in upper case in the Subject/Title field). For ordering information, contact the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The Federal Research Division also maintains the documents from US-Russia Joint Commission on
POW/MIAs, which attempted to locate Americans thought to have been held in the
Joe Brown
POW/MIA Chairman

A.L. PE Department of France Ron Moore
Service to God and Country!

Ron “Gypsy” Moore
Department of France AL PE Coordinator

A word from Past Department VC Frank Hanchak
July 11, 2009 was a very nice day. It was perfect for a family picnic. And it was especially perfect because it was sponsored by SGT William D. Nelson Post GR09. It seemed that everywhere I looked I found Post members working and serving their guests. I looked around and saw Rance Cottingham, Peter Stanper, and Gunther Munpower manning the grill and serving food. George Franklin was insuring the meat was prepared and served properly, and Post Chaplain Tom Snook was serving refreshments and acting as “go fer” when one of the busy folks needed assistance. Adjutant Hal Rittenberger was always in the background doing required work; except when Post Commander Jerry Aman needed his expert paperwork guru around him for advice, (a situation that happens with great regularity because of the expertise of the veteran Post Adjutant).

The whole afternoon was a success largely due to Post Activity Chairman Robert Lindsey. Chairman Lindsey told me that everything the Post does is successful because of the commitment and dedication shown by each and every member of this post. Of course, it doesn’t hurt to have fantastic leader such as Jerry Aman serving behind the gavel!

Anyone who has ever attended an activity at Sgt William D. Nelson American Legion Post GR-09 in Neu Ulm knows exactly what I’m talking about. It may be one small corner of Germany that is hard to find, but when you do, you will know that you are among friends!

Frank J. Hanchak
Historian
Omar Bradley Post GR-42

Department Events

GR13 Past Post Commander Award

Past Post Commander Ewerds Replies.
Past Post Commander Jennifer Ewerds is doing great and wonderful things while deployed. She wants the Department to know that we helped “put a smile on her face” and helped make it a more perfect day.

Thanks Commander Jennifer, keep up the good work and we are proud to know we once served with you; as you serve all of us now!

Frank J. Hanchak
Historian
Omar Bradley Post GR-42
The below pictures are of the selected meeting place for the 2nd DEC in St Avold France
POST HAPPENINGS

Below is a partial listing of Post and their General Membership Meetings and dates. If you would like to attend a post meeting, please contact the respective Commander and or the Adjutant.

GR01: First and third Wednesday of the month at Post Home
GR03: First Thursday of the month Post Home
GR06: Second Wednesday of the month Post Home
GR07: First Tuesday of the month Post Home
GR13: Third Saturday of the month Post Home
GR14: Second Wednesday of the month Post Home
GR42: Third Sunday of the month Post Home
GR79: Second Saturday of the month Post Home
GR1982: Third Wednesday of the month Post Home
PO01: Third Wednesday of the month Past Com. House
IR03: First Saturday in April, first Sat. in Oct for elections

Editor’s Note:
Please support your Newsletter, send all inputs to the below listed E-mail address. Note new suspense date for Newsletter inputs is the 26th of the month. Remember anyone in the Department can submit inputs to the Department Newsletter.
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