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 wartime 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.

Flanders Field Post BE02's Victoria Geehreng, 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.
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% (9 members 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.

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.
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.


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.
**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 spouse

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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

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American Legion’s National Commander Visit to Belgium

**Sat, 1 Jun**
- 1300hrs Arrive in Bastogne - McAuliffe Square
- 1300hrs 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 Auxiliary & U.S. Girl Scouts are proud to sponsor the 2nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance April 6th 1700-2100

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Ticket sales:
Tuesday, March 12 Rendezvous Cafe, 0900 – 1100
Thursday, March 21 Silver Spoon, 1100 – 1300
Monday, March 25 Rendezvous Cafe, 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

Sponsored by:

Special Thanks to Lucy Styles
Visit lucys_cakes1211 on Instagram
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

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](http://www.legion.org/join/pufl)

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


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)

SUBMIT

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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.
LINKS

American Legion Post BE02 Website:
https://sites.google.com/site/americanlegionpostbe02/home

Flanders Field Post BE02 Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/pages/American-Legion-Flanders-Fields-Post-BE02/152286224925159

American Legion Riders - Flanders Field Chapter BE02
www.facebook.com/legionridersflandersbe02

Flickr account: (Pictures of Post BE02 events)
https://www.flickr.com/photos/130086797@N08/

Flanders Field Post BE02 Youtube website (Videos of Post BE02 events):
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChayGVazQv_uT-7u7Dv7Z8g

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

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American Legion “Flanders Field” Post BE02 Spirit Cups are available for sale. Price $5 / €5
ARMAF-B MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular: _________  Associate: _________

Name: __________________________________________________________

Last                             First                             MI

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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