I hope that all of you had a great Halloween now we can get back to work on Membership we had a great turn out at the 2 Dec in St Avold, thanks all post and members. I had the opportunity to Participate, in GR 42 Early Bird Dinner, along with Adjutant James Settle all that were there had a great time and brought the Legion closer together, my cap is off to those that organized this event, it was well planned and executed.

Commander Charles Vaughn and his post members are still working hard to serve the Veterans, the Community, and State and National, their programs are ongoing. I had the opportunity to Participate in GR 01 Early Bird Dinner. It was also well planned. I also had the opportunity to attend the Halloween Dinner at GR 30, a big turn out. I attend the SAL DEC IN Schweinfurt a good DEC, I phoned with the sick, Comrade Edgar Marshburn GR30—Bill Marshall GR 42—George Hall GR 03—Sidney Jenkins GR30—Harry Hall GR 42—PHIL GATCHELL GR 03—Claudious Jackson GR 14. I also visit Commander Jenkins at his home he is doing fine.

Membership Statistics for 2012 65% Target dates for November. The Department of France has 27 Post out of 27 we have 24 post made the 65% for November and that’s good we have 8 post with 100% My cap is off for a great job well done but don’t stop now keep the memberships coming. We have two new committee member’s Gary Miller Oratorical Director replace Douglas Clemence the Dept contest is a 18 Feb in Stuttgart the place is TBA and the other committee member constitution-by-laws is Keith Abernathy replace James Dennis. Veterans Day 11 November i will be going to St Avold with the legion family Auxiliary President Isolde Settle, SAL Commander Joshua Settle and the Department Adjutant James Settle don’t forget Veterans Day I hope all posts visit grave sites. Thanksgiving is on 24 November if your post is having a Thanksgiving Dinner let your Vice Commander or VCAL know, he will come to your Dinner. The 3rd DEC will be in Schweinfurt, we need a post to step up and host the 88 Convention. In closing i want to say Thanks to all the members of the Department for all you have done to keep the Department of France strong during this trying year. 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, Airman, and Marines, that are still in harm’s way that they may return home safely to their loved ones. May God bless you all. If you are having any problems please do not hesitate to contact your post officers, Department officers or myself. I will like to thanks John Fleming for membership committee—H OWNBY and George Seeburger for CONSTITUTION-BY-LAWS—Stephen Ward for Recruiter—Gary Miller for a good Finance Officer—Michael Young for reservation for the 2 DEC IN St Avold—Keith Abernathy and Carl Hale for good leadership, and a big thanks to Adjutant James Settle: legionbrown@hotmail.com CELL--01701888034

For GOD and Country
Joe D. Brown
Department Commander
From the Department Adjutant:

My Fellow Legionnaires,
I still have not heard anything on the online renewals from National. I have sent out an E-mail requesting the status on our renewal checks, I will let all know when I receive word on the status.
The holidays are approaching upon us very fast, in just a few weeks Thanksgiving will be here, along with the start of the holidays. Congratulations to all that have made their 100% in Membership, and to the Department in whole for a 65% in Membership over all.
I would remind you that the 3rd DEC will be held in Schweinfurt in March 2012 We still need a post to step up and support the Department Convention. if no one decides to host the Convention, the Department will make arrangements for the Convention to be held in Saint Avold, France you that supply inputs to the Department Newsletter please send your input to pisces@t-online.de . 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

I recently began my Report to our DEC Meeting in a very positive note with the most recent Membership Numbers once again congratulations to all who have the Effort to put the Department of France high up on the list. Our National Vice Commander Jim Hales has e-mailed us to congratulate our Department on our showing to date. Keep up the Drive for Renewals and Recruit use the great expertise of Stephen Ward and others too, last week I signed anew member in Dublin a lovely man aged 88 years young a WW2 Veteran welcome Sam.

Our most recent DEC Meeting was very well attended with some new faces young and older all of whom stated that they would be back, the Meeting itself was very productive and ran very smoothly before and after one episode revolving around the ongoing saga between our Department Charly Brown and Post GR 79. This problem has to be finally solved once and forever for the good of all sides and mostly for the Good of the Legion. A request for an Internal Affairs Meeting has been requested, lets hope that this Meeting will bring it to a successful conclusion. the month of October was another busy time for me as your NECMAN attending the NEC Meeting in Indianapolis, Due to the non availability of both our Department Commander and Adjutant it made my attendance at meetings other than those assigned to the NECMEN a must, I travelled out early and attended most of the time allotted to the Adjutant and Commanders special meetings called by National Commander Fang A. Wong, there was a lot of information forthcoming from these and all other sessions, Made a Report for our DEC Meeting and some Copies were taken up, thank you. All together the 7 days were worthwhile, had meetings with the National Commander re his
Visit to our Department which we hope will be a little longer than last year, already we have one request to host Nat. Commander Wong, we will consider all offers in due course, I will keep you all up to date on happenings on the Visit. My thanks to Doug Haggan and H Ownby for their Attendance at the NEC Meeting they were both of great help and very pleasant Company to be in. The Following Appointments were confirmed concerning members from Dept. France:


John Odom Represented our SAL Members at their Meetings, I had a brief appearance at one the Meetings and can relate to you that John is very highly thought of at National. During our DEC Meeting I had the Honor of Presenting National Commander Coins from Fang A. Wong to the following members of our Department Commander Brown, Adjutant Settle, Membership Chairman Fleming, Alternate NECMAN Miller.

Every month a lot of useful information comes to our Department and our Adjutant sends out thru the wonderful world of e-mails relevant information so

it is essential that all Post Members receive this information so I appeal to all Post Officers read their Notice Boards and pass on such useful information. We can all source out Information on www.legion.org/ scholarships as an example just type in the Query you have instead the one shown by my example.

Our National Commander Fang A. Wong gave a few very strong and forceful speeches recently at the NEC Meeting and when he spent several days in Washington one being to the 4 members of the 12 "super committee" we all need to contact our Senators and House Representatives now by whatever ways possible as we need to show the President and Joint House Of Congress that Veterans cannot take anymore cuts especially here in Europe with the state of the Dollar please do it now.

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in Headquarters and we will be submitting further ideas etc from Department, you are all welcome to contribute to this Major project as your NECMAN I will be Putting a Report together over the Christmas Season and together with H. it will go to National.

Don’t forget that if you need information re anything relating to our Legion please let me know and I will endeavor to get the answer for you or direct you in the right direction.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving Day have a lookout for our less fortunate members on the day and help them if you can. Looking forward to seeing many of you in St.Avold next week, have a trip to Paris Post and we have Celebrations on Thanksgiving with all 3 Posts on 24th November.

Thank you all for your Efforts especially on Membership Keep it up.

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Vice Commander at Large
Ronald Moore
GR45,GR1982 New Post Development/Revitalization

New Post Development and Revitalization.
I have been in contact with my two Posts. I have attempted to contact all department vice commanders, but we will see how that goes during the next quarter which will be a guideline for determining satisfactory officer service for the year. We’re all voluntary, but we did take an oath to perform the responsibilities associated with our elected or appointed position.

We had a good turnout for the 2nd
DEC and were able to get important business completed. Unfortunately, we also had a lot of unnecessary disruptions because some Legionnaires are not familiar with (or think they can disregard) National and Department Constitution and Bylaws.

Revitalization -
There are quite a few ideas concerning new Posts, but we should not forget the revitalization of our present Posts. Maybe revitalization is a difficult concept to understand, so let’s break it down into some basic parts: Your Post can’t grow and be vital if your membership numbers decrease. It’s worth it to fight for every member renewal you can obtain. No community available? You will find that every member knows of one person who could be a prospective new member. Go get that member now. Try a local advertisement indicating where the Post is and who to contact. Place info on bulletin boards at local shopping centers and libraries. Your Post can’t expect to continue to serve the community and Post with the same members every year. Consider that you might want to do another position or take a vacation one year, so mentor some individuals to be your replacement. It’s easy to do now while you’re in the position, but difficult once you change to a new one and have to learn new responsibilities. Keep a Post Operations Manual and ensure all Post officers update it regularly. Use your Post MyLegion logon to find possible members in your area. Check out the features under “Help me grow my Post.” Have any other good ideas? Send me some of your suggestions please.

Membership - Every Post within the department should already be at 90% for 2012 which should mean that our department is already at 90% by 15th of November. Please don’t hold up your transmittals to wait for one or two more renewals. Veterans Day is one of the days where we typically receive new members. Sign them up and transmit ASAP. If you are running low on blank membership cards, contact your membership chairman, Comrade John Fleming.

Legionnaire Presentation -
I mentioned it last time, but it can’t hurt to remind some of our backsliders. Do us all a favor and clean-up your language for the Good of the Legion and your Post.

Please work closely with your assigned Department Vice Commander and Department officers. Please inform them of your planned events with a copy to me so that I can attempt to coordinate Department officer presence at your event.

I wish you and your family a blessed Veterans Day. Please don’t forget to count your blessings during Thanksgiving and have an enjoyable time together. There are a lot of blessings we sometimes forget to consider. Invite someone to share your Thanksgiving dinner with you and you may learn to see more of them.

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Vice Commander Corner

Stephen Ward
GR05, GR07, GR14, GR79, IR02, IR03, IR63
Greetings Commanders & Comrades,
Had the honor to visit many Posts throughout the Department of France. Thank you, Commanders and Comrades for taking the time to conduct the events and ceremonies in your local areas. Conducted Post Visits to Commodore John Barry Post IR-03 (2 October) Claremorris, Ireland. Many thanks to NEC Kane for picking up my family and me at Kerry Airport. Ireland is a beautiful country with many castles, rolling hills, green landscape, and rock walls. Met the Post IR-02 Adjutant (Glen Foy) which he treated us for lunch at the Bunratty Inn near the Bunratty Castle (County Clare). Enjoyed the hospitality from the Post Commander Ron Howko, Post Adjutant Michael Noone, and Comrades from Post IR-03 (Claremorris) Dalton Inn. After the meeting, the Post treated a dinner at the McWilliams Hotel (Claremorris). NEC Kane, family, and attended...
the Mayo Memo Peace Park located in the city of Castlebar (County Mayo). The Peace Park and Garden of Remembrance is to honor their citizens who served valiantly and gave their lives in a foreign country. The wall of Remembrance reminds me of the Vietnam Memorial Wall (Washington, D.C.) The website: http://www.mayomemorialpeacepark.org/ Comrade Noone produces an Outstanding Post Newsletter. Grave Re-dedication at the Bekan (Thomas Carey) to be aired November 11. The Dail Trip schedule December 6, 2011, 3:30 p.m. Dail Eireann. The Dublin Post IR-63 plans a Turkey dinner (November 24). The Saint Patrick Parade is schedule March 17 (Kilarney). Attended the Leroy Riley Pitts Post GR07 meeting (4 October 11). Post GR07 plans to conduct Poppy/Recruitment drives at the Mannheim PX and Commissary (15/29/30 October). Attended the John Wayne Post 79 General Membership Meeting (9 October) at the Neckarsulmer Brauhaus. The 1st Vice Commander/Adjutant (Larry D. Nichols) informs the Post Membership by emails and calendar events.

Attended the TWB Post GR14 Post meeting (12 October) 8 p.m. at the Gasstatte Schroth Buedingen-Orleshausen. Thomas W. Barnett Post GR14 plans to conduct a Veterans Day Ceremony, 13th of November, 10:45 a.m., at the German grave yard (Buedingen). Any questions about the event, please contact the Post Adjutant (Carl Hackworth) Email: carl@hackworth.de Fr. Francis P. Duffy Post IR02 conducted its Annual General Membership Meeting (October 16, 2011) at the Flesk Restaurant, Main Street, Killarney, County Kerry, 3 p.m.

Attended the IAC (Internal Affairs Committee) 11 a.m. and the 2nd DEC meeting (22 October) 1 p.m. It was great to meet the Post Commanders, their Post delegates, and Post members. Noted, first time attendees at the 2nd DEC. Awards were presented from the Past Department Commander (Robert Gray), and past Department Adjutant (John Fleming). As the Department of France VFW Liaison Chairman, District III (The Frontiersmen) is hosting the 2011 Veterans Day Ceremony (Rokycany, Czech Republic). Starts Friday, 11 November, and concludes Sunday, 13 November. Check-in at the Bily Lev Hotel (Rokycany) Social gathering there. Saturday, 12 November wreath laying ceremonies at the Demarcation Memorial. Please bring your official Legion cap, dark blue or black civilian coat, dark trousers, white shirt, black hand tie, black shoes and socks. . Bus departs (Saturday evening) the Bily Lev Hotel at 5:45 p.m. for a plan Barbecue at the Ranch near the town of Hradk. Sunday, 13 November blessing of the Post flags in front of the church in the town square. Wreath laying at the town hall of Rokycany. Information of the event, contact the Committee Chairman (Tony Classe) Email: avclasse@web.de The Oratorical contest held in Stuttgart late February 2012, more details from the Department of France Adjutant (James Settle). On Veterans Day (11/11/11), we honor our fallen Comrades who gave their lives to protect our freedoms we have today. We honor the service, achievements, and sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces by visiting the local gravesites, and the American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries: Aisne-Marne, France, Ardennes, Belgium, Brittany, France, Brookwood, England, Cambridge, England, Corozal, Panama, Epinal, France, Flanders Field, Belgium, Florence, Italy, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, Lorraine, France, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Manila, Philippines, Meuse-Argonne, France, Mexico City, Mexico, Netherlands, Netherlands, Normandy, France, North Africa, Tunisia, Oise-Aisne, France, Rhone, France, Sicily-Rome, Italy, Somme, France, St. Mihiel, France, Suresnes, France. A soldier son from Schweinfurt requires a bone marrow transplant. The soldier son is diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. If you are in the age of 18 to 60 years and good health condition, you can volunteer for the DoD C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program. Good health means if you could donate blood. Details of the problem listed on the website: http://www.dodmarrow.org The donor sites are: Heidelberg Military Hospital, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Ramstein Clinic, and Rota Spain Naval Hospital. Commanders; and Comrades, we need to think about membership. Are the Posts reaching their target goals? Remember, membership is our voice on Capitol Hill. Numbers do count. If your Post requires any recruitment assistance, please contact me. Are we contacting our Post members to let them know we care? Many thanks for what your Post is doing for the Communities. And thank-you for supporting your Post.

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Chaplains Corner

Special Days/Legion Events: 11 Nov 2011 – Veterans Day.


Jewish Holidays: None that I know of.


Buddhism: None that I know of.

Hindu: None that I know of.

Please Remember to Worship – Visit the Church, Temple, Synagogue, Tabernacle or Mosque of your choice!

Post Everlasting Reported Until 31 October 2011:

Charles Dennehy IR02/IR63, PNC Ray Smith A.L. Post 109

No other deaths were reported to me but please continue to pray for those Comrades, Family Members and Friends of the Legion who have passed away or are ill.

Prayers for the Sick:

I have received new members to update on Sickness or Illness Prayer List. Also, We will continue to pray for those that have been on our Prayer List in the past month as follows:

The Wife of Comrade Voyageur Bryce Mason
Harry Hall Family in Distress from Fire
Joe D. (Charly) Brown (IPDC) GR42
A. Ray Cline GR14
George Hall – GR03
Brenda Dearborn Dept of Maine Present Americanism and Past Chaplain
Comrade Eddie Haynes GR09
Comrade Willie Summers GR79 Post Chaplain
Arthur Beasley
Tom Davis (Washington)

PNC Robert S. Turner
PNC Michael J Kogutek
George Seeberger Dept. Judge Advocate, GR14
PNC Bill Galbraith
Comrade Bryce Mason GR01
Conrad Roberson Texas NECman
Comrade Jimmy Gunn GR30
NECman Robert J Proctor
Don Ellis GR14
Woodrow (Woody) Ervin GR01

Please Note:

Our Prayer List has become quite long and is possibly no longer up to date. If You know of someone who should be placed on the Sick and Prayer List, Please report them to the Department Chaplain or the Department Adjutant no later than the last day of each month for inclusion in the Newsletter. If someone is ill or wishes to be placed on the Sick/Prayer List for the following month, please send the Name and Post Affiliation to the previous mentioned persons. Only those members so reported will be included in the current Newsletter!

Hello Comrades, and Brothers, Sisters and Friends of the American Legion Family:
I was at the 2nd DEC in Saint Avold, France on the 22nd of October. I must say that I am confused about some of the things that happened there, but I have taken the attitude that I will keep my opinion to myself for the time being and see what happens next.
I mentioned that there are a number of things I need to know when someone is reported to be put on the Sick/Prayer List or when someone has been reported as transferring to PEL. I will now restate the information I need in both cases mentioned above:
In the “Please Note” section of the chaplain's page, it is stated “If someone is ill or wishes to be placed on the Sick/Prayer List or if someone has transferred to PEL, and needs to be listed for the following month, Please send the NAME and POST AFFILIATION to the Department Chaplain or the Department Adjutant.”, However, I continue to receive email from various sources that only state the Comrade or Persons Name to be listed with no affiliation indicated or no Snail Mail Address and in the email sender's address, there is no indication of which post the email came from only the person's name that sent it.

SO, Please, in the future, indicate in the “SUBJECT” area of the email sent to the Department Chaplain or the Department Adjutant, Sick/Prayer list request or PEL Notification, for member of..... (then the Post Name and Number). In the body of the email, Please indicate the Current Mailing address of the person that has been requested to be added to the Sick/Prayer list, or the address of the Immediate Family of the person that has reported to PEL. This will make the sending of “Get Well” or “Sympathy” cards much more expedient.

Thank You!

May God bless and keep each and everyone of us as we go about our worship, our lives and work during the remaining months of the year.

May God Bless Our Armed Forces and All that have been put in harms way to secure our way of life!

May God Continue to Bless America... One Nation Under God with Liberty and Justice for All!

Service to God and Country

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POST REPORT

Seven Members from GR09 attended the Department 2nd DEC in St Avold, France. These Legionnaires also Visited the Lorrain American Cemetery where the Uncle of Legionnaire Charles Courtney is Buried. We visited the Grave took pictures and then went to the Dec.

The next General Membership Meeting for GR09 will be on the 19th of November 2011 and our annual Christmas party will be held on the 17 of December 2011,

We had two members operated on in October:

Sam Garner had a knee replacement and
Charles Courtney had a bypass operation
Kenneth Grasser is doing well and Joe Teel won a bout with Food Poisoning.

GR09 has been notified by the Department Membership Chairman that we are the first Small Post over the top. I thank all GR09 members for this distinctive recognition.

Keith Abernathy
Commander
Thank you for all the Photographs from our recent Department Convention they will become part of our Department Records. Please submit reports/photos from your 4th July celebrations you must have plenty of them my e-mail address is tommyc76@gmail.com I want every Post to submit some post happening e.g. AGM, Party or anything of note, at the end of the year 2011/2012 I intend to award a prize to the best Photograph submitted to me from either a member or a Post if you're not in you cannot win' Looking forward to seeing you every month in our Newsletter. Michael Coyne

Michael Coyne
Department Historian

National Security

TOPIC 1: PRESIDENT OBAMA TAKING ALL TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ
President Obama confirmed plans today to have all U.S. troops out of Iraq by Jan. 1, formally ending the war that began in the spring of 2003 and has taken more than 4,400 American lives.

"After nearly nine years, America's war in Iraq will be over," Obama said at the White House, adding that most U.S. troops will be "home for the holidays."

Obama noted that he pledged to end the Iraq War during his 2008 presidential campaign.

"The coming months will be another season of homecomings," Obama said. "Across America, our servicemen and women will be reunited with their families. This December will be a time to reflect on all that we've been through in this war."

The president spoke in the White House briefing room after holding a secure video conference with Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Obama said he and the Iraqi leader are in "full agreement about how to move forward."

The U.S. has had a long-standing agreement to withdraw all combat troops from Iraq by the end of this year, but officials from both countries had discussed maintaining a U.S. residual force to train Iraqi forces.

But the U.S. eventually balked at maintaining a residual force because Iraq has refused to grant American troops legal immunity in Iraqi courts.

Obama praised the U.S. troops for their efforts in Iraq, saying they will leave "with their heads held high, proud of their success, and knowing that the American people stand united in our support for our troops."

He also pledged assistance and "a strong and enduring partnership" with the government in Iraq.

"With our diplomats and civilian advisers in the lead, we will help Iraqis strengthen institutions that are just, representative and accountable," Obama said. "We'll build new ties of trade and of commerce, culture and education that unleash the potential of the Iraqi people."

The president also appeared to deliver a warning Iran, which he has accused of helping insurgents in Iraq. "We'll partner with an Iraq that contributes to regional security and peace, just as we insist that other nations respect Iraq's sovereignty," Obama said.

The announcement came a day after the death of former Libya dictator Moammar Gadhafi, bringing that conflict to an end.

The president also noted he is planning to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan, a process hoped to be completed by 2014.
The American Legion fully supports the men, women and leadership of our armed forces as they are engaged in the global war on terrorism. The American Legion urges all Americans and freedom-loving peoples everywhere to stand united in their support of the global war on terrorism and united in their support of the troops who are engaged in protecting our values and way of life.

**TOPIC 2: SOLDIER MADE 14 DEPLOYMENTS TO IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN; KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN ON SATURDAY**

An Army Ranger who was on his 14th deployment to a combat zone has been killed in Afghanistan.

Sgt. First Class Kristoffer B. Domeij, 29, was killed Saturday when the assault force he was with triggered a hidden roadside bomb in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province.

Domeij served four deployments in Iraq and another nine stints in Afghanistan. During that time he was awarded two Bronze Stars. His third Bronze Star, earned during his final tour in Afghanistan, will be awarded posthumously, according to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Also killed in Saturday's blast were First Lieutenant Ashley White, 24, a Cultural Support Team member, and fellow Ranger Private First Class Christopher A. Horns, 20, who was on his first combat deployment.

His battalion commander, Lt. Col. David Hodne, described Domeij as "one of those men who was known by all as much for his humor, enthusiasm, and loyal friendship, as he was for his unparalleled skill and bravery under fire."

"This was a Ranger you wanted at your side when the chips were down... He is irreplaceable ... in our formation ... and in our hearts," Hodne said.

Domeij, who grew up in San Diego, Calif. and Colorado Springs, Colo., and lived in Lacey, Wash., was married and had two young daughters.

Rangers are some of the Army's most elite special operations forces and have seen almost continual combat in Afghanistan since October 2001 when they were part of the original airborne assault into the country.

Rangers serve three to four month tours of duty that are significantly shorter than the year-long deployments served by soldiers in conventional units. But during those short deployments they see a constant churn of intense combat missions. On average, a Ranger battalion will conduct between 400 to 500 missions during a combat deployment.

Tracy Bailey, a spokesperson for the 75th Ranger Regiment, says Domeij had a combined total of 48 months deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Higher ranking enlisted Rangers, like Domeij, typically have between nine and 12 deployments if they were with the 75th Ranger Regiment prior to or shortly after Sept. 11, 2001. Domeij had enlisted in the Army in July 2001 and joined the 2nd battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in April 2002.

With his 14 deployments, Domeij becomes the Ranger with the most deployments to date killed in action. Just a year ago this month, fellow Ranger SFC Lance Vogeler was killed in Afghanistan during his 12th deployment, becoming at that time the Ranger with the most deployments killed in action.

Domeij had the distinction of being one of the first Rangers to be qualified as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC), a position usually reserved for Air Force airmen who serve with ground combat units and call in airstrikes from fighters or bombers flying overhead.

Col. Mark W. Odom, commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment, called Domeij "the prototypical special operations NCO" whose abilities as a JTAC "made him a game changer on the battlefield—an operator who in real terms had the value of an entire strike force on the battlefield."

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Douglas Haggan
National Security Committee Chairman
Legion Riders Report

It's hard to tell all of the possibilities that the Legion Riders Program opens for our Posts. Take a look at the Legion.org Legion Riders website for a few ideas: http://www.legion.org/riders

Just remember the 2013 Legacy Scholarship Run is in the planning. Check back there frequently.

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Ronald Moore

S.A.L. Detachment Commander

On the 30th of October I attended the 16th annual Omar Bradley Post Early Bird Dinner. The program was well planned and thought out, thanks to Commander Vaughn and post members, for an outstanding event, and good time. I received the 2010-2011 CWF plaque from past Adjutant Comrade Dennis, which came from National for the Top Ten Detachment per capita giving, along with this each squadron along with the detachment should receive a ribbon for their Colors. Thanks to Comrade Odom CWF Chairman for the Detachment of France for his hard work and support of this program. I will be at Saint Avold on the 11th of November to participate in laying a wreath at Lorrain Cemetery for Veterans Day. I do hope all of you have some plans made to visit grave sites in your area, on this day of remembrance. Thanksgiving Day is upon us, and I wish all of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and the start of the holidays.

The Department Oratorical Contest will be held in February 2012, in Stuttgart at a time and place to be announced. If you have questions, please contact Comrade Gary Miller. In addition it’s that time again to select an Eagle Scout of the year, if your Squadron or Post has a candidate for this program please contact Comrade David Sears. Please keep in mind our 3rd DEC will be held in Stuttgart in March 2012 at a time and place to be announced, more information will be coming out on this event in the near future. Please ensure you get your transmittals into our Membership Chairman Comrade Brown. In closing please keep those in harm’s way and their families, not only in your thoughts, put your prayers as well.

Yours in Comradeship
Service to God and Country

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As all of you know the 2nd DEC was held in Saint Avold, France. We had more auxiliary members present this time, but was still shy of a quorum. We discussed future events, and our part in them. We did have a fun filled day full of discussion and getting re-acquainted.

I will also be at Saint Avold on the 11th of November, along with the Department Commander Comrade Brown, and the SAL Detachment Commander Settle. The laying of the wreath is such a solemn event, full of respect for those that gave their all.

Thanksgiving Day is not far out; I would take this time to wish all of you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day, and the start of the holidays. In closing please remember to keep those in harm’s way and their families not only in your thought, but in your prayers too.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for

Veterans, God and Country
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Membership

John Fleming
Department Membership Chairman

Legionnaires, please go to the Department website and click on Membership on the left column, you will find lots of Membership information, including Department Membership Reports. I updated the page extensively recently. Thanks.

2011 - 2012 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

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*This date is also a renewal notice cutoff date.
Department Target dates fall on Saturday, 1 ½ weeks prior to the National Target date.
POST EVENTS
OMAR BRADLEY POST GR42 EARLBIRD DINNER
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KAISERSLAUTREN POST GR01 EARLY BIRD DINNER
POST EVENTS
Audie Murphy POST GR 30 Halloween Party
SAL DETACHMENT
2nd DEC Schweinfurt
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 Wednesday day 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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