DEPARTMENT COMMANDER...James Dennis

Fellow Legionnaires and Legion families,
It has been 2 months in the new year 2018-2019 membership year. We are over 50% right now. We need to continue to get those renewal in. We attained the 100% for the 2017-2018 year and we can continue to attain 100% plus this year. I will be speaking to the VCAL and Vice Commanders upon my return on our status to progress in our membership events. We will be keeping all of you informed on these events.

July updates;

At our Memorial Day ceremony in St. Avold France on the 27th. As the Legion Family we were represented by the Department of France, District of France Auxiliary, The Detachment of France, The Legion Riders, Kaiserslautern Post GR01, and the Grand du Germany 40/8. I had the privilege of laying the wreath for the Department. It was a great ceremony. Our members then went to Kaiserslautern Post GR01 for their Memorial Day cook out. I was unable to attend due to my commitment to greet the National Commander’s party at Frankfurt on the 28th at 0800.

National Commander Denise Rohan, National President Diane Duscheck, the Sons of the American Legion Commander Danny Smith are visiting our Department. Accompanying them is Comrade Mike Rohan (Aide to the National Commander), National Secretary Mary Buckler, Auxiliary member Donna Smith (wife to the S.A.L. National Commander), John Raughter a National Media representative, and Ms Verna Jones & Mr. Joe Sharpe representing the Veterans Affairs Division. We travelled to Stuttgart, Wiesbaden, Ramstein, Landstuhl, and Kaiserslautern. We were greeted by many of our members and was escorted by Mrs. Margo Ziegler from the Legion Riders while we were in Wiesbaden. As they continued their travels to Normandy then to Paris to end their tour. I would like to thank all the Posts, members, and their families for the great support on this event.

At our Convention on 21 June to 24 June in Wustenrot, Germany. I am proud to say, the meeting all went well and professionally. First, I would like to thank all my staff from the 2017-2018 year for their hard work and dedication. Second, I would like to welcome the new staff for the 2018-2019 year. I have been elected as Department Commander for the second year and will carry on with the missions at hand and all to come before this Department. We have a lot of work before us and we, the Department of France, will need the support and assistance of all the Posts, Units, and Squadrons. Our new Officers list and the Post mailing list will go out soon Please all Posts, Units, and Squadrons get the Officers list to the Department Adjutant Rice, Detachment Adjutant Dennis and Unit Secretary Mattson to comprise a master list to keep the Department family in the loop of information to come from this Department. Thank you again goes out to Heilbronn Post GR79 who worked very hard to insure a good atmosphere and comradery. Sonja and I had a great time.

The Department list of Newly Elected Officers are as follows;
National Executive Committee: James Settle
Alternate National Executive Committee: Hans Stockenberger
Commander: James Dennis
Vice Commander at Large: Joe “Charlie” Brown
4 Vice Commanders: Casby Logan, Jimmy Dale, Dennis Owens, and Donald Chamberlain
Historian: Ray Perez
Sgt. @ Arms: Andy Clevenger
Chaplain: Harvey Briggs
NEC Maloney is in the United States. She is doing well but still has a long way to go for a complete recovery. She is in good spirits and eager to join us.

August Update;
I would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, and e-mails over my father’s passing. Sonja and I are deeply grateful for our legion family. Upon his passing at the beginning of the month, I returned for a week to aid my family. My mother and family are doing well and thanks everyone for their concerns and condolences.
The National Convention was quite interesting. The Department was represented by Comrade’s Settle, Haggan, Shanahan, Stockenberger, and myself. Our new National Commander Brett Reistad from Virginia is an Army veteran from the Vietnam era. Married to Jessica Sabatino and his 4 children Brenna Leigh, Alan Hunter, Philip Andrew and Isabel Taylor. Our New National Vice Commander is Paul Spedaliere from Connecticut. I am looking forward to working with them this year.
Our new Sons of the Legion Commander is “Doc” Gibbs from New York and our National Vice Commander is Mike Cotten from Delaware.

I would like to inform the department of my agenda for the month of July-August.
October 13-19 Fall commander and Adjutants meeting in Indianapolis.
October 6, Sons of the Legion Detachment DEC
October 27, Department DEC in Netherlands
Please contact me in advance if you wish me to stop by. If I have missed any dates, contact me please.
James Dennis/Commander/Department of France

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Reistad to lead Legion in 100th year
Brett Reistad of Virginia was elected during the 100th National Convention of The American Legion in Minneapolis.

VA Disability Benefits
The Pentagon is easing its controversial new GI Bill restrictions — but only for some troops

Department of France Past Commanders Club
PCC President Leland Zickuhr
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Who is eligible to join the Department of France Past Commanders Club?
past and present Department Commanders, Department Vice Commanders At Large, Department Vice Commanders, Post Commanders, SAL Detachment Commanders, SAL Squadron Commanders, Auxiliary Department Presidents, Auxiliary Unit Presidents…so if you were just voted into office you are eligible to join

Initial dues for the Past Commanders Club is only $25.00
Renewal dues for the Past Commanders Club is only $10.00

Our next meeting is planned in conjunction with the Department of France Second DEC 2018
DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER AT LARGE  Joe D. Brown

My fellow Legionaries, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. Members, communication within the Department. I challenge all of us to do better job in this arena, so that we can better support, and guide the Post, and accomplish the Department missions. In addition, we need to support each other, that is if you need help ask, I am sure with the wealth of knowledge we have within this Department someone is capable, and willing to help Department of France if you need help or want to do a membership drive tell me I will help you make your 100%

September was a good month. I visited Post GR03 and picked up a post check for the transmittal from the Past Post Commander, George Hall. Vice commander Logan and myself conducted an awareness drive in Stuggart at Post GR06 which resulted in 27 new members.

Vice Commander Logan and myself also went to Paris Post FR01 for their general membership meeting and discussed in detail were their plan for the centennial for this membership year 2019 to be held in March. The turnout for the meeting was good present were members from the post, the Axillary and there were three guests.

John Wayne Post GR79 Legion Riders participated in a toy run that was conducted in St. Leon-Rot. I also attended along with vice commander Owens. The commander held a commander meeting in Heibronn and present were The Department NEC, VCAL, and all Vice Commanders to discuss the commander’s expectations for the department for this membership year.

Vice Commander Dale and myself attended Post GR01 Early Bird dinner and I presented the Legionnaire Of The Year award. The awareness drive in Weisbaden Post GR07 was success and in attendance were Vice Commanders Dale, and Logan along with myself and also the support of members from the post. The end results were 26 new members, 24 for Post GR07, one for GR14, and one for Post GR01 Kaiserslautern. On Sunday Vice Commander Logan and myself were in Katterbach for an awareness drive which resulted in 4 new members. I would like to thank commander Houston for the success they are having in supporting the Ansbach community.

GR 05 conducted their first GMM in Waldorf and filled a few elected and appointed positions. For the first meeting it was a nice turnout. First Vice Quincy returned from Turkey and will be a great asset to the post new origination. At the meeting GR05 paid their SAL dues for all members and reaching the 100% mark.

This membership year I would like to congratulate the 4 Posts that have achieved their 100% membership. DK01, SP292, NL01, and GR79. There are posts within the department that still have not submitted a transmittal for this membership year 2019. Membership overall is doing good we met the 50% target date and well ahead of the next target date of 55%.

There are posts that are still not registered in my legion with a bank account. Starting the membership year 2020 all post must be registered and have a bank account. For all post that do not have a bank account you can get in touch with the department finance officer Gary Miller to obtain a bank account.

For the department there will be training to for membership and online renewals. The date will be determined during the 2ND DEC and the training will be held in Weisbaden at Post GR07.

Last but not least all posts that hold elections needs to notify the department adjutant and cc myself with the date the election will be held. The yearly Oratorical contest is fast approaching and for the post if you have not been communicating with the school staff now is the time to do so. We would like to have more posts participating that have a high school or home-schooled students within their communities. The past few years have not been as good as wished or could be. The following post should be participating alone or with other post: BE02, EG02, GR01, GR02, GR06, GR07, GR45, GR1982. Do not forget about Veterans Day to be held at St. Avold, if you plan to attend please contact the department adjutant.

Posts need to be more involved with those programs. I would strive to make that happen. Post Commanders, when you have your General Membership Meeting you need your POW–MIA Table, American Flag and your Post Legion Flag. We have post out there do not do this so start this year.

If you have Legionaries in your Post Sick or in the Hospital or Deceased, please e-mail the Department Adjutant and the Department Chaplain

As always, remember if you need to contact me I am just an E-mail away vcalbrown50@gmail.com. M-0170-1888034. In closing, please keep those in harm’s way and their families, not only in your thoughts but your prayers as well.

VCAL /Membership Chairman...Charlie Brown.
Legion Riders Toy Run St. Leon-Rot, Rhein-Valley Legion Chapter
Graceful Riders Toy Run St. Leon-Rot, 15 September 2018

GR01 Early Bird Dinner, September 2018

GR03 Past Post Commander

Commanders Meeting in Heilbronn, 16 September 2018

GR1982 Awareness Drive, 30 September 2018

FR01 General Membership Meeting
Village for Homeless Veterans

Do you want to see what the other Departments / Posts are doing?
Do you want to let other Post know what you are doing?
Do you want to keep up to date on what is happening?
Do you need to get in touch with other Post Members?
Do you want to learn some of the Department´s history?

The answer is the Department of France website…

http://www.amerlegiondeptfrance.org/index.php?id=1

If you have any comments, suggestions or need to update information on the web site contact the Site Administrator Doug Haggan…dhaggan@sbcglobal.net

GR 06 Awareness Drive in Stuttgart

An awareness Drive for Stuttgart Post GR06…recruited 26 news members for the post, renewed 3 members and one new member for GR79 Heilbronn. A total of 27 members

VCAL / Membership Chairman Charlie Brown
The Challenges facing effective Post Service Officers outside of CONUS.

Being outside of the continental United States (OCONUS), the American Legion faces a big challenge. Instead of being in one of the 50 States, where there are numerous Districts and Counties established, the Department of France is responsible for a continent. The Department of France area of responsibility extends from Portugal to Thailand and from Ireland to Greece – an everything between. The Department of France has a membership that some individual cities exceed.

The financial resources are non-existent for the Department of France. The Department cannot afford a professional Service Officer. In CONUS, most of the States pay one half of the salary and the State Legion pays for the other half. In our situation, we are ALL volunteers.

The Department of France has 33 Posts, but only a few Post Service Officers. We need your help!

We need more PSO’s to assist our Veterans. Many of our veterans do not reside close to an American Legion post who has a post service officer. We need to expand our footprint / coverage to effectively assist more veterans.

The Department of France provides training for new and older Post Service Officers. There is a possibility for the POS to achieve the accreditation status, with the VA, through the Department of France.

In naming the Post Service Officer (PSO) for each Post, the American Legion is creating a vital link between the American Legion and our veterans. The PSO can provide the post community with a unique service that will benefit the veteran and their dependents. This is, also, a great membership recruitment instrument.

1. The American Legion’s post service officer (PSO) is a volunteer position within an individual post. A PSO serves as a link between the veteran or dependent and a representative holding American Legion accreditation. An effective PSO understands benefits afforded to the veterans and dependents; however, the PSO is not authorized to file any claims on behalf of the claimant. PSO’s serve as valuable resources to veterans in local posts to ensure that our veterans and their dependents receive their earned benefits.

2. There are legal liability considerations to consider. It is strictly prohibited to solicit a FEE for services rendered. It is a federal crime. A PSO must always maintain confidentiality. The PSO should maintain a reputation of Honesty and Integrity. The PSO should never GUESS answers. PSO’s are expected to know answers. But they are expected to know WHERE to obtain answers. The PSO should know the local resources available and be in contact with the Department Service Officer (DSO).

The PSO will assist members of the Post, their widows and orphans and other worthy cases brought forward in obtaining rightful benefits from federal and state governments.

The PSO will be the contact point for obtaining the proper forms and assembling evidence to be forwarded to the DSO (NOT OBTAINING EVIDENCE). The PSOs’ work shall be performed in accordance with the American Legion Guide for Post Service Officers with supervision from the Department Service Officer (DSO).

A PSO is NOT bonded like a Department Service Officer and can be personally sued for giving incorrect claim advice.
GR07 Sponsors Membership Drive
On 28 Sep 18 Post GR07 sponsored a membership drive. Post members and Department of France Officers assisted with the drive which was a huge success that resulted in gaining 24 new members and 2 new SAL members for Post GR07. Welcome new Post GRO7 Members!

GR07 Supports Community Blood Drive
Post Gr07 sponsored an information table and helped recently at the Wiesbaden Army Garrison Blood Drive. Post Gr07 makes every effort to assist the military community and provide support for its Soldiers, Family Members, Veterans and Civilians.

Newsletter Editor…David N. Greaux
REMINDER…all newsletter articles should be turned in prior to months end!

Davidg1939@t-online.de
Canada's forgotten war comes to Calgary

Chris Nelson, For The Calgary Herald

Canadian and Vietnam veteran Darley Frizzell served with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam and after the war around the world. He retired as a staff sergeant. Frizzell and his experiences are part of a new exhibit at the Military Museums about Canadians who served in the Vietnam War. Frizzell was photographed next to a Sabre jet fighter at the Military Museums on Tuesday September 18, 2018. Gavin Young/Postmedia

GR 09 hosts yearly grill party

On Saturday, 25 August, the William D. Nelson Post, GR 09, Neu-Ulm, together with the Donau Americans and Friends group hosted the annual American Legion/Ulmer Artillery Association (Traditionsverein Ulmer Artilleristen) grill party and pot luck dinner.

This yearly affair was first suggested by Post Commander Aman to the Artillery’s board of advisors in 2011 and although at first greeted with some skepticism (“You mean that everyone brings a side dish and we eat ribs?”) however at the conclusion of that first grill party everyone agreed that this should be a yearly event and that the German group would reciprocate on alternate years with traditional pork steaks and sausages.

As with every year when GR 09 hosts the event the German guests were anxiously looking forward to enjoying BBQ ribs and hamburgers grilled by GR 09’s “grill meisters” and again they were not disappointed. The 43 participants quickly put away 15 kilos of spare ribs and 64 hamburgers while enjoying many of the mouthwatering side dishes. After dinner everyone settled down to a festive social evening.

Special guest of GR 09 was Heiko Schmidt, Chairman of the Ulm/Neu-Ulm Chapter of the Bundeswehrverband (German Armed Forces Association) and his wife.

As they departed the German guests thanked the Post Commander for another great evening and again commented on how efficiently the GR 09 Legion members organized and pulled off this event. Aman assured everyone that without the help of the volunteers this would have been a “non-event”.

Former Department of France Sergeant-of-Arms Hal Rittenberg receiving a friendly greeting
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ENJOY A
THANKSGIVING DINNER PARTY

with Family, Friends, Guests and Legionnaires.
Planned Food includes: Turkey, Ham, different Salads and much more.
For Adults a Ticket is 15€ or our Early Bird Tickets for 12€
(if purchased by November 18, 2018).
The Dinner and Comradeship there is free for your enjoyment.

Come on out to the:

BTC FRIM
Austraße 32
74172 NSU-Obereisheim

The Activities sponsored by JWP-79 Members, Families & Friends.
The Begin is at 14:00Uhr (2PM) on November 24, 2018.
Please contact us as soon as possible with the Number of Guests that
you plan to bring, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

POC: Vice Commander Brown, 0170-1888034,
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Vice Commander Portale, johnportale@arcor.
CALL TO SECOND DEC

When
SATURDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2018

Time
1200 – 1300 Registration
1300 – Second DEC

Where
“My Place” (GR30 Post Home)
Rudolf Diesel Str. 21
97318 Kitzingen, Germany.

Hosted by Omar Bradley Squadron GR42

POC is Comrade James Dennis
Phone Numbers: 01705712861 or 09321-31644 (post home)
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Hi All Legion Riders,

I guess that I will start with what I did in September. My wife and I attended GR05 membership meeting on 2 September. There were not very many people there but, it was a good productive meeting.

Next, I would like to ask that the Directors from each Legion Riders Chapter contact me through E-mail as I would like to put a roster together for the Department Legion Riders. The Department Commander has told me that it is required for me to have the contact information for the Chapter Directors throughout the Department. Please help me get this requirement done. If other chapters are doing rides that might interest the other chapters, please let me know and I will get it into the newsletter so that others can participate. This is probably the best way the chapters can get the word out to the other Legion Riders Chapters within the Department as to upcoming events in their areas.

The Legacy run is completed for this year and was another success. I would like to start planning for next year so that we can get a donation together for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. If your chapter has collected funds to donate, please get them to me so that I can combine the donation and send it to national. All the chapters that donate will be mentioned in the final donation sent to National. Please bring your donations to any DEC or Annual Convention. Thank you in advance for donating to this worthy cause.

Speaking of DEC, the next DEC will be held in the Netherlands. I am sure that everyone has seen the flyer by now, at least I hope you have! I will be attending and have made my hotel reservations for Friday, 26 October to Sunday, 28 October. I am hoping to see many Legion Riders at this DEC as possible. We would like to set down and have a conversation as to upcoming events for next year and possible events that we could put together to enhance our comradery and just get to know everyone. Many things are possible, we just must try.

Should any chapter in the Department of France like me to attend a function please let me know with plenty of time for me to plan. I will do my best to attend. Thank you all again for being a part of the Department Legion Riders program.

“For God and Country”
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The Navy’s Birthday is a holiday which is celebrated in the United States by those who currently serve, are related to someone who currently serves, or by those who may have once served in the United States Navy. This day falls on October 13th and celebrates this branch’s establishment in 1775.
Hi Legion and Auxiliary members, July update:

Congratulations to all the Officers of the 2018–2019 year and Thank you to all the Officer's 2017–2018.

I like to Thank John Wayne Post 79 for holding the Convention and I like to Thank all Unit's that attend at the DEC's and Convention. I would like to Thank everyone for voting me at the District President for the 2018–2019 year. I was happy that I could attend this year Convention. You may of heard that I been ill for many months. I am doing better and will continue to assist this Department and District. I like to intrude the American Legion Auxiliary District of France Officer's for 2018–2019 year.

President: Sonja Dennis
1. Vice President: Anne Marie Mattson
2. Vice President: Carolyn Cochran
3. Vice President: Isolde Settle
Secretary: Anne Marie Mattson
Treasure: Isolde Settle
Historian: vacant
Chaplain: Margot Ziegler
Sargent at Arms: Karin Fleming

We still have the Position of the District Historian open this time. If anyone is interested in being Historian contact me or one of my Officer's.

I would like Thank all of you one more time for great meeting and a great Convention. Also, I like to Thank Comrade Charly Brown for allowing us to have the Memorial Service for our departed members again. Everyone present I believe was touched by the Ceremony. I was asked to continue with this Ceremony at our next Convention. I would be honored and privilege to continue this Ceremony. I would like to give a special Thanks to Past Chaplain Chamberlain, District Chaplain Ziegler, Commander Dennis and 2nd Vice President Cochran for their assistance in this Memorial Service.

I hope to see you all of you on the 27.7. in October at the 2nd DEC.

August update:

I like to Congratulation my husband Commander Dennis for the Commander for the year. This is for the Presidents, Commanders, Secretaries and Adjutants. If you have members who will be 50, 55, 60 years old and so on please send us an e-mail or call to Margot Ziegler, so we can send a special birthday card to the President or Secretary or Commander or Adjutant, so they can give the card to the member. This is what we like to do.

We like to start the history of the Department of France Auxiliary. Somebody brought it up at the Convention. So, this means the ladies who started the Department years ago will have to get together and give me or the others time to get pictures and information of those Ladies.

Our Chaplain will organize a project to comfort Veterans and Widows living alone. She will contact Military bases (Wiesbaden) for information.

For the 100-year Birthday Legion Commander Dennis mentioned that he wants the help of the ALA during this time. This time will be Centennial Commemoration of the end of WWI in Paris, March 12–20th 2019. The main events will take place March 15–17th with tour days three days before and three days after. If you like to help, please send E-mail to the secretary or e-mails to the President. Thank you.

I have a wish for the Auxiliary. For the 100-year birthday Legion if would be nice if ALA members who participate in events wear the same outfit i.e. Navy–blue pants and the other like Auxiliary t-shirts, blouse, but only the cloth in red white and blue and the caps can be purchased on the American Legion Auxiliary website or in the emblem sale book.

So now I like to get the information every month from the American Legion Post and Department Chaplain, American Legion Auxiliary, District and Unit Chaplain who has passed away in the month. Why? I like to have another Memorial Service at the 2018–2019 Convention. Providing, I am allowed to do one.

We are planning to go to the USO again. This will be the discussion at the next DEC.

I wish everybody good days and luck whatever you do.

God bless you and be save.

Sonja Dennis/President/District of France
American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad will award his national commander “Membership Excellence: Team 100” incentive pin to any Legion Family member who obtains three new members into The American Legion.

A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2019 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2018 membership year.

Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of Sons of The American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it. Reistad’s pin incentive program will end June 30, 2019, or when supplies are exhausted.

Download the incentive pin form at www.legion.org/commander/pin
26 October Friday
For members arriving by rail, Post NLO can provide transportation to and from train stations in Gelsenkirchen, Maastricht, Heerlen and Sittard. Hotel guests can check-in and take advantage of the pre-registration during the icebreaker on the Terrace Bar @ 19:00-close.

Lunch & Dinner
26/27 Oct: 18:00 – 20:30
Live-cooking buffet incl. drinks – €13.50 Per Person
Hotel Kitchen Team presents:
Soup of the Season/Parade of cold and warm starter/Rich salad buffet
Meat, fish, and pasta dishes a la minute prepared by their cooks.
Wok dishes and fresh vegetables/Pastry chefs serve homemade sweets, different kinds of ice cream, and chocolate fountain.
During the 2.5 hours the following drinks included: House wines, Amstel beer, Alcoholic-free beer, soft drinks, juices, coffee and tea.
27 Oct: 12:00 – 14:00
Lunch buffet – €15.50 Per Person
Various types of bread, cheese, meat, and confectionery/Homemade salads with dressing, cold meat and/or fish dishes/Soup of the day.
Live-Cooking Meat, fish, and pasta dishes or a delicious dish from the week.
Daily variety of hot dishes composed by the chef.
Two different desserts.
Pudding, yoghurt and fresh fruit of the season/Unlimited coffee, tea, espresso, cappuccino, or latte, fresh orange juice, smoothie, and milk.
(À la carte menu is also available)

27 October Saturday
11:00 - 13:00 - Registration @ Chillout Zone
11:00 - 11:45 - IA Meeting @ Mijnstreek Room
11:45 - 12:15 - Past Cmdrs. Meeting @ Mijnstreek Room
12:00 - 13:00 - Lunch Buffet
12:00 - 18:00 - DEC - Plenary Conference Room (50/50)
(Conference Room Fee €4.50 Per Person) (Pay at Conference Desk)
18:00 - 20:00 - Dinner - Live Cooking Buffet
19:00 - 20:00 - Professional Portrait Studio by Dennis Owens
20:00 - 21:00 - Auction - MC Harvey Briggs @ The Terrace Bar
21:00 - 24:00 - Music & Vets @ Terrace Bar Area
28 Oct: Breakfast and Checkout
(Post can provide transport to local rail stations as needed.)

Champagne & Chocolate Basket
Champagne, Beer, and Chocolate Basket will be one of the special baskets that will be up for bid at the auction. Along with hand signed items, we will also have one of kind made to order service walking sticks.

A Soldier’s Story - General Omar Bradley
Signed by the author, this book is the behind-the-scenes eyewitness account of the war that shaped our century: the tremendous manpower at work, the unprecedented alliance, the battles that almost led to defeat, the larger-than-life personalities, and brilliant generals ( Patton, Eisenhower, Montgomery) who masterminded it all. One of the two books on which the movie Patton was based.

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The Department of France
To The
2nd Department Executive Committee
2018
26-28 October

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U.S. Mint unveils Legion centennial coin designs

Military Times: Trump signs the largest VA budget ever

By: Leo Shane III

President Donald Trump hands a pen to Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie during a spending bill signing ceremony at VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System on Sept. 21, 2018, in Las Vegas.

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Children & Youth Publications

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Designed for children and adults. Facts on “Trick or Treat” safety.