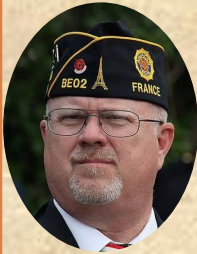




## The American Legion Flanders Field Post BE02



“We need to start rebranding the American Legion and especially Post BE02. Many people have a view of us as being a bunch of old guys drinking beer. Others believe that we are current system caters to the WWII, Korea and the Vietnam era. So how do we get the young veterans to join and be active in the American Legion? How do we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century?”

### **We rebrand!**

What is rebranding: Rebranding is a marketing strategy in which a new name, term, symbol, design, or combination thereof is created for an established brand with the intention of developing a new, differentiated identity in the minds of consumers, investors, competitors, and other stakeholders. In other words, we change the way we have been doing business.

First, we are not going to change the name, the logo or the eligibility. So what do we do! We are going to first brainstorm ideas with anything that comes to mind. Nothing is too crazy. We will make changes slowly so that we can make sure our changes work. We need to get all of the Post BE02 family involved.

How can you help? Help develop ideas and think of why you joined and what you expected from the American Legion. Share this with others. It is all part of the brainstorming activity.

*Today is the start of the new challenge. Let us make it happen!*

### **Ceremony for Francis Kelly, MOH**

The date for the dedication ceremony has now been set, 25<sup>th</sup> October at 12:30 hrs in Glasgow, Scotland.

The Post has been helping with trying to obtain the headstone from the VA for the past year. Mission Complete

If any member would like to attend, please let us now ASAP so that we can inform the organizers



### **AMERICAN LEGION “FLANDERS FIELD” POST BE02**

#### **POST BE02 OFFICERS**

Commander: Joseph Schram  
1st Vice Commander: Kevin Jordan  
2nd Vice Commander: Amanda Hawkins  
Judge Advocate: Vacant  
Historian: Michael Aduhato  
Finance Officer: Laura Buckner  
Chaplain: Thomas Buckner  
Sergeant-at-Arms: William Audretsch

#### **Committees**

Americanism: Vacant  
Children and Youth: Vacant  
Membership: Kevin Jordan  
Post Activities: Vacant  
Ways and Means: Amanda Hawkins  
Graves Registration, Memorial and Ceremonies Committee: Kristine Eetezonne & Phil Colinet  
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee: Joseph Schram & Thomas Buckner  
Sons of The American Legion Committee: Vacant

#### **Legion Riders**

President: Vacant

#### **Legion Auxiliary**

President: Morgan Buckner

#### **Sons of the American Legion**

Commander: Paul Vande Walle

*Laura Buckner, Post Finance Officer*



BE02 is one of the strongest posts in the department of France if judged by our activities. We also look good on paper for membership. But the reality is only a handful of officers and other members really come out and work or show up for meetings. As a result the post isn't as healthy as it could be. The Commander is looking to rebrand the post so the communities and activities we support know what we are committed to doing. Please contribute your thoughts to this effort.

We need input to understand who is willing to do what, why so few members come to meetings and events, what would entice membership to be more active, and what you actually want to do as an American Legion member. Signing up and paying dues is just the first step. Coming out to post meetings so we can elect officers and vote on activities is the second step. Participating in activities is the third step. Recruiting, encouraging and telling others what the Legion Family is and does is the final step.

Our strength as a post doesn't rest on the Commander and few officers. It depends on all of us to do our part. Please send in your comments and ideas for our rebranding effort. Help us become the best post in the Department.



*Post BE02 Legionnaire*

Fleming Outerbridge is a retiree living in the SHAPE community. He has helped Post BE02 in a myriad of ways, when and where he can. By helping at the annual

Orphanage Christmas Part at Chièvres Airbase as well as many other Post BE02 events and activities, his dedication has made the events successful. We would like to thank Fleming for what he has done and what he will continue to do in the future. Without members like Fleming, are Post would not be where it is today.

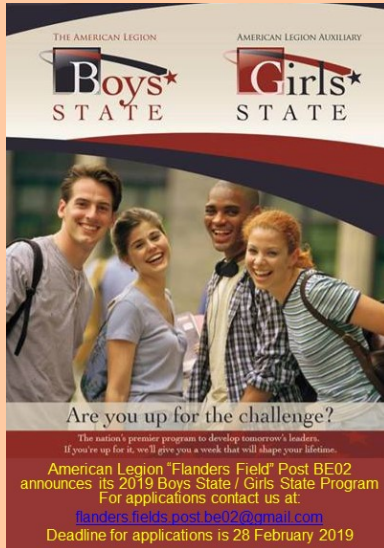
***Veterans Helping Veterans***

**AMERICAN LEGION "FLANDERS FIELD" POST BE02  
AWARENESS / INFORMATION TABLE  
SATURDAY, 06 OCT, 10:00 - 17:00  
CHIÈVRES AAFES PX**



**WE WANT YOU!**

## American Legion Boys State / Girls State program



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
**Boys**  
STATE

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
**Girls**  
STATE

Are you up for the challenge?  
The nation's premier program to develop tomorrow's leaders.  
If you're up for it, we'll give you a week that will shape your lifetime.

American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02  
announces its 2019 Boys State / Girls State Program  
For applications contact us at:  
[flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com)  
Deadline for applications is 28 February 2019

The American Legion Post BE02 announces its 2019 Boys State / Girls State program. Boys State and Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school juniors.

These programs are the premier opportunities to learn how government works, while developing leadership skills and an appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. In this exciting summer program, the student can run for office, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government.

### Brussels American High School visit to the "Battle of Vierstraat Ridge" Saturday, 13 October

The Battle of Vierstraat Ridge was the military action of the 27th & 30th Divisions during Aug/Sep 1918.

The Post will be supporting this event by providing a picnic lunch. We will be cooking the usually American Cuisine (Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Baked Beans) for the group of around 60 people. We need help setting up and cooking. So far only 2 members have agreed to help. We need at least 4 more. We start setting up at 10:00 and finish around 13:00.

Location: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Kemmel,+8956+Heuvelland/>

### Flanders Field American Cemetery 27 Oct 2018, at 3:00pm CEST

Flanders Field American Cemetery in Belgium will host a ceremony on October 27, 2018 at 3 p.m. to mark the 100th anniversary of American operations in Belgium during World War I. Attendance is free and open to the public



### OUR ADOPTER'S APPRECIATION DAY

will continue this year on Saturday, 27 October in Waregem. Since it is also the conclusion of the "commemoration of 100 years of WWI" we found that this time it should be extremely important.

We start at 3 pm at the Flanders Field American Cemetery where we will attend the 100-year anniversary of the American military operations in Belgium during the First World War.

At 5 pm we are expected at the party room "De Hoop" in Waregem where we will come together for snacks and bubbles during an hour-long reception. This will be followed by a buffet style dinner. For reservations or information, please contact us at:

[adoptappreciationday@gmail.com](mailto:adoptappreciationday@gmail.com)

# VA Benefits

## INTENT TO FILE

A new *intent to file* process has been established for Veterans and Survivors who intend to file a claim for VA compensation, pension, or survivors benefits, but need additional time to gather all of the information and evidence needed to support their claim.

### WHAT IS THE INTENT TO FILE PROCESS?

The *intent to file* process allows you additional time to collect all of the information needed to support your claim while protecting the earliest possible effective date for any award of benefits or increased benefits resulting from your claim. The date VA receives your *intent to file* will be protected as your effective date as long as the correct application form is completed and submitted within 1 year.

### HOW DO VETERANS OR SURVIVORS NOTIFY VA OF THEIR INTENT TO FILE

There are three ways you can notify VA of your intent to file a claim.

**1. Electronically** via eBenefits or with the support of a VSO through the Stakeholder Enterprise Portal. a. When submitting through eBenefits, you must initiate a claim, complete the personal information page, and hit “save”, which then establishes your effective date while allowing you up to 1 year to complete your application.

Intent to File

Step 1: **Go to:** <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

Step 2: **Press** - Apply - disability compensation

Step 3: **Press** - Register for an account

- At this step, fill in all of the required information

Step 4: **Go to the bottom of the page and press** – apply for benefits

Step 5: Review the personal information to insure correctness

Step 6: Press - Save & Continue

Step 7: Press – Exit: At Select address for exam

Your “intent to file” is now done

**2. Completing and mailing paper** VA Form 21-0966, *Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC*.

**3. Over the phone or in person.** Claimants can call VA's National Call Centers (800-827-1000), or tell a public contact representative in person at one of VA's regional office.

You may also appoint a recognized representative, such as a Veterans Service Organization (VSO), who can notify VA on your behalf using one of the above three methods.

### INTENT TO FILE PRESERVES THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A POTENTIAL CLAIM

Once VA is notified of your *intent to file*, you have up to 1 year from the date VA receives your *intent to file* to submit a formal claim for benefits and any supporting documentation.

The *intent to file* process also allows VA to award benefits retroactive to the date of your medical diagnosis or treatment as long as the *intent to file* is filed within 1 year of the diagnosis/treatment and the required claim form is filed within 1 year of the *intent to file*.



POW/MIA Committee Report,  
Chairperson Mark Altmeyer

## POW/MIA's from all US Wars

<b>War of the Revolution:</b>	POW - 18,152	MIA - 1,426
<b>War of 1812:</b>	POW - 20,000	MIA - 695
<b>Mexican War:</b>	POW - 46	MIA - 238
<b>Indian Wars (US):</b>	POW - 339	MIA - 11
<b>Indian Wars (Native American):</b>	POW - 2,958	MIA - 40
<b>Civil War - Union:</b>	POW/MIA - 194,743	.
<b>Civil War - Confederacy:</b>	POW/MIA - 214,865	.
<b>Spanish-American War:</b>	POW - 8	MIA - 72
<b>World War I:</b>	POW/MIA - 7,470	.
<b>World War II:</b>	POW - 124,079	MIA - 30,314
<b>Cold War Era:</b>	POW - Classified	MIA - 343
<b>Korean War:</b>	POW - 7,140	MIA - 8,025
<b>Vietnam War:</b>	POW - 766	MIA - 1,719
<b>U.S.S. Pueblo:</b>	POW - 83	.
<b>Grenada:</b>	.	MIA - 4
<b>U.S.S. Stark:</b>	.	MIA - 1
<b>Persian Gulf War:</b>	POWs - 29	MIAs - 21
<b>Somalia:</b>	POW - 6	MIA - 2
<b>Yugoslavia:</b>	POWs - 3	.

### *POW / MIA Recognition Day, 21 Sept*



*Borlo Liberation Ceremony*  
*09 September*



*Adopt a US Tommy Certificate of Adoption Ceremony*  
*Menin Gate, Ieper, 15 Sept*



For more pictures , go to:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/130086797@No8/albums/72157671466395507](http://www.flickr.com/photos/130086797@No8/albums/72157671466395507)

## Last Post at the Menin Gate, Ieper

15 September 2018



For more pictures go to: [www.flickr.com/photos/130086797@No8/albums/72157701886448535](http://www.flickr.com/photos/130086797@No8/albums/72157701886448535)

### **SPOOKY BASH, USAG BRUSSELS, WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 6 PM–8 PM**

The 3 Star Recreation Center is planning a frightfully fun night for the whole family! Enjoy a frightful photo booth and a community costume contest! Devilishly hot beverages, bone-chilling cold drinks and ghoulishly good food will be available for purchase.

The American Legion Post BE02 will be providing the ghoulishly good food. We are looking for members to come and help cook and to hand out candy

### **TRUNK OR TREAT AT CHIÉVRES AIRBASE, FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 5 PM–8 PM**

Don't miss the Trunk-or-Treat at Chiévres Air Base. The community will have a trunk trail near Army Lodging with trunks full of goodies for the kids.

The American Legion Post BE02 will be providing great American Cuisine and hot beverages. We will also be looking at having a haunted house and handing out candy. We need help from the membership at this event.

### **2019 Membership Dues**

Payment Methods:

(Include a message with Your Name)

\$40 - American Legion

\$25 - American Legion Auxiliary

\$23 - Sons of the American Legion

(1) Renew online at: <https://www.legion.org/renew>

(2) By Check (only US checks, no Foreign checks)

Send to:  
American Legion Post BE02  
attn: Post Dues  
Unit 28100, Box 017  
APO AE 09714

(3) Foreign Bank Transfer

ING Account:

IBAN: BE98 3774 3999 7693

BIC: BBRUBEBB

(4) US Bank Transfer or cash deposit

Andrews Federal Credit Union –  
Routing #: 255074111

American Legion Post BE02 - Account #: 82019102

# 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

04 Oct, Thursday:	<b>370<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 93<sup>rd</sup> Div ceremony,</b>
06 Oct, Saturday:	<b>Membership Drive at AAFES PX</b>
13 Oct, Saturday:	<b>Brussels American High School visit to the “Battle of Vierstraat Ridge” - Kemmel; Lunch provide by Post BE02</b>
25 Oct, Thursday:	<b>Francis Kelly, MOH - Dedication at Glasgow, Scotland</b>
26 Oct, Friday:	<b>Trunk or Treat at Chièvres – Haunted house, fundraiser and giving out candy</b>
20 Oct, Saturday:	<b>Retiree Appreciation Day – SHAPE Health Clinic</b>
27 Oct, Saturday	<b>Flanders Field American Cemetery 100 year Ceremony</b>
31 Oct, Wednesday:	<b>Spooky Bash at USAG Brussels – Fundraiser and giving out candy</b>
03 Nov, Saturday:	<b>Membership Drive at AAFES PX</b>
10 Nov, Saturday:	<b>Post BE02 General Meeting at the USAG Brussels @ 10:30</b>
11 Nov, Sunday:	<b>Veteran’s Day activities – Ieper Poppy Parade &amp; Flanders Field American Cemetery</b>
01 Dec, Saturday:	<b>Membership Drive at AAFES PX</b>
08 Dec, Saturday:	<b>Post BE02 General Meeting at the Brussels American High School @ 09:00</b>
08 Dec, Saturday:	<b>Oratorical Contest at Brussels American High School</b>
14-16 Dec, Fri-Sun:	<b>Bastogne BBQ &amp; Information table - fundraiser, ceremony</b>
19 Dec, Wednesday	<b>Orphanage Christmas Party at Chièvres CAC</b>
TBD	<b>Post BE02 Holiday Party</b>

## Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD), Saturday, 20 October

All retirees are invited to this year’s RAD at the SHAPE Clinic. Programs start at 10:00. Many activities are planned to include annual Flu shots, Dental exams, financial counselling and other agencies. This year a VA representative will be available to assist with VA benefits. Also, a VA accredited Service Officer from the American Red Cross will be on site to assist with VA Disability claims. If assistance is need to enter the SHAPE facility, please contact at [flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com)

The Flanders Field Post BE02 will also have a table at the RAD.

# Flanders Field Post BE02 2018-19 Youth Programs Fundraiser



[www.gofundme.com/al-post-be02-201819-youth-programs](http://www.gofundme.com/al-post-be02-201819-youth-programs)

The Post has started a fundraising campaign using a GoFundMe site. For goals is to raise \$5000 to help the Post offset the cost of our Americanism Programs. As little as \$10 can go a long to help "Provide Opportunities for Our Youth"

Please donate today!

## **Americanism Committee:** PROGRAMS OF AMERICANISM

The Legion's pillar of Americanism embodies its devotion to law and order, the raising of wholesome youth, an educated and law-abiding citizenship, and respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances

The Flanders Field Post BE02 2018-2019 Theme: *"Provide Opportunities for Our Youth"*

### **American Legion Boys State:**

This program is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and **state** government, **Boys State** was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs.

## **Volunteer Management Information System**

THE VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (VMIS) ASSISTS THE ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS MANAGE THESE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND ALLOWS VOLUNTEERS A WAY TRACK THEIR HOURS, AWARDS, TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATES.

VOLUNTEERS CAN:

- MANAGE THEIR VOLUNTEER SERVICE RECORD
- APPLY FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- RECORD AND TRACK VOLUNTEER HOURS

For those members in Brussels, contact Wallace "Spider" Turner at ACS. For those in SHAPE/Chièvres, contact the ACS at SHAPE. We need to record all hours that our members have volunteered

## ***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>

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

[http://emblem.legion.org/uniform\\_caps/legion.asp](http://emblem.legion.org/uniform_caps/legion.asp)

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)

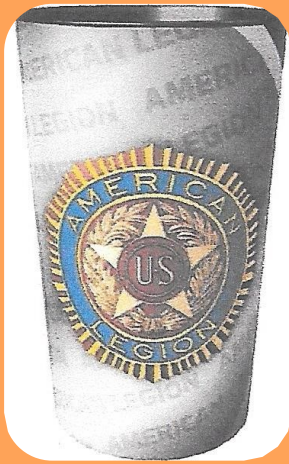
**SUBMIT**

## 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.





American Legion  
 “Flanders Field”  
 Post BEO2 Spirit Cups  
 are available for sale.  
 Price \$5 / €5

## LINKS

**American Legion Post BEO2 Website:**

<https://sites.google.com/site/americanlegionpostbeo2/home>

**Flanders Field Post BEO2 Facebook page:**

[www.facebook.com/pages/American-Legion-Flanders-Fields-Post-BEO2/152286224925159](http://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Legion-Flanders-Fields-Post-BEO2/152286224925159)

**American Legion Riders - Flanders Field Chapter BEO2**

[www.facebook.com/legionridersflandersbeo2](http://www.facebook.com/legionridersflandersbeo2)

**Flickr account: (Pictures of Post BEO2 events)**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/130086797@No8/sets/>

**Flanders Field Post BEO2 Youtube website (Videos of Post BEO2 events):**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHayGVazQv\\_uT-7u7Dy7Z8g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHayGVazQv_uT-7u7Dy7Z8g)

**Adopt-a-Grave program’s website:**

<http://www.sitemn.gr/adoptagraveflandersfield/HOMECONTACT.php>

**The American Legion Centennial Celebration**

<http://centennial.legion.org/>

### Event Calendar: October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 370th Inf Reg Ceremony	5	6 Information Table AAFES PX
7	8	9	10	11	12 VA Claim Office Hours USAG Brussels	13 BAS Tour & Picnic Lunch; Kemmel
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Retiree Appreciation Day
21	22	23	24	25 Francis Kelly, MOH, Dedication Ceremony	26 Trunk or Treat Chièvres	27 Flanders Field American Cemetery Ceremony
28	29	30	31 Spooky Bash USAG Brussels			