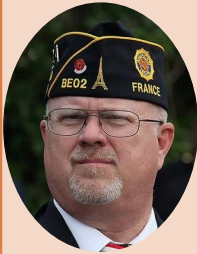




The American Legion Flanders Field Post BE02



August was a very busy month with several “Welcome” events, a fundraiser at Chièvres, several ceremonies and of course American Day. I want to personally thank each Post member, their families and their friends that helped us with these events. The Post could not have accomplished these events without your help.



September will also be a very busy month. I would like to ask our membership if they are able to help out at least one of these events., your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

You may be questioning why I continuously ask our member to renew their membership. First, the membership year is from 01 January to 31 December. However, the Post begins its renewal campaign for the next year starting on 01 July. National Headquarters then sets goal dates for each Post to attempt to achieve. For example, by 01 September, a Post should have reached 50%. Department of France’s award system is based on achieving these goals. If a Post reaches 100% by 01 December, the Post receives a monetary award. This helps us with our programs and projects.

Our theme for this year is:

“Providing Opportunities for Our Youth”

Ceremony for Francis Kelly, MOH

The date for the dedication ceremony has now been set, 25th 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

Flanders Field Post BEO2 Officers



Laura Buckner: Finance Officer

As the Post Finance Officer I record our expenses, deposit any funds received, disburse funds, and help develop the budget. This year we have a number of big ticket expenses that will help the post do a variety of fun activities and will eventually save us money. These include items that cost too much to rent from MWR or off base sources. We have already purchased a large portable grill, but it needs a trailer or large capacity vehicle to move around. So plans are underway to find a trailer and work the cost into our accounts.

We have had little sustainable fundraising over the past 3 years. One year we make money at an event and the next we don't. There are reasons for this but none of them are because we failed to do something. Circumstances beyond our control changed the outcomes. So we are in need of ideas for consistent fundraising, be it an event or sales of some sort that we can rely on to consistently bring in some cash. For example, we would like to hold a book and bake sale at NATO or SHAPE but need someone with access who can coordinate such an event. We also invested in nice plastic Post BEO2 16 oz cups that are for sale for \$5 or euros. If you haven't bought yours yet, please do! They also make a nice gift.

To be clear we are a non-profit and all funds raised go right back out into our communities as projects, memorials to the fallen, support to veterans, children and youth, and other activities the Legion is known for. But our financial status dictates how much we can do for our community. More funds, more support. Therefore we will also be seeking Belgian non-profit status - at a cost - that will allow us to ask for corporate support for our big projects like Boys/Girls State, Oratorical Contest, isolated graves memorials, veteran's and orphans programs.

As members of the American Legion we all signed up to give back in some way. Your support in dues, donations, time or talent allow the Post to uphold those ideals of service and support. Please renew and volunteer to help on our activities and make us a better post.

Laura Buckner

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
- LOCATE AND ARMY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
- 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

Post Service Officer: postbe02.service.officer@gmail.com

Office Hours:

- USAG Brussels, American Legion Office, Bldg 3
Friday, 14 September: 10:00—17:00
- SHAPE, SHAPE International Library,
Friday, 28 September: 10:00—17:00

Hearing Loss

www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-0960N-1-ARE.pdf

Your general examining physician CANNOT perform the tests necessary to rate a hearing impairment. Only a licensed audiologist can ensure a proper rating. Ratings are based on the results of two tests: a controlled speech discrimination test, and a puretone audiometry test.

Hearing Loss Rating System

The rating system for hearing loss is a bit complicated, but we're going to go through it step by step. Ratings for hearing loss are based on the hearing ability of BOTH ears. Each ear is not rated separately and only 1 rating can be given for both ears. Even if an ear has no hearing loss, it is factored in to determine the overall disability that results from hearing loss for both ears.

First, there are two tests that must be done to determine your hearing impairment. To get a proper rating, both ears need to be tested. If one has not been tested, it is assumed that that ear is perfectly normal.

The first test needing to be done is a speech discrimination test that determines your ability to understand words due to hearing loss. The tester will say various words in a controlled environment and you have to repeat them back. The results for this test are percentages. This percentage is what you'll need to rate your condition.

There are cases where a speech discrimination test would not be a true reflection of hearing impairment. The audiologist may choose not to conduct this test in circumstances where there is already an impairment that is not related to hearing loss or in other conditions where language difficulties would not accurately demonstrate a true hearing impairment. If this is the case, the condition will be rated only on the second test, below.

The second test needed to rate hearing loss is a puretone audiometry test. This test measures the loudness (measured in decibels) and pitches (high or low; measured in frequencies) at which you can first hear a sound. These numbers are called hearing "thresholds". The test scores various high and low pitches by playing them at different volumes. A score of 0 means that you can hear that pitch normally. The higher the score (0-110), the louder it had to be for you to hear it.

High numbers indicate significant hearing loss. The important final result is a reading at four different frequencies: 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hertz. These frequencies are the ones most used to hear people speak. To calculate hearing loss the 4 thresholds are averaged (the sum of the results of thresholds 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hertz, divided by 4).



POW/MIA Committee Report, Chairperson Mark Altmeyer

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, accounted-for from World War II, are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Army Air Forces Flight Officer Richard W. Lane, 21, of Beatrice, Nebraska, accounted for on April 23, will be buried Aug. 9 in Gage, Nebraska. In December 1944, Lane served with the 815th Bombardment Squadron, 483rd Bombardment Group (Heavy), 15th Air Force. He was killed on Dec. 27, 1944 when the B-17G aircraft he co-piloted was shot down on a bombardment mission over Austria. As Allied aircraft neared the target at Linz, Austria, they encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire. Lane's aircraft took a direct hit over Linz and reportedly crashed near St. Florian, Austria.

Lane and three other crew members were listed as buried in St. Florian Cemetery on Dec. 29, 1944.

In May 1945, the American Graves Registration Command, in an effort to investigate unresolved casualties that occurred in Europe, concluded that one of the Airmen in Lane's aircraft was the only unresolved Airman killed in close proximity to the recovery location. The remains were then reinterred in the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Belgium, on Aug. 2, 1950.

On June 8, 2017, a team from the U.S. Army Regional Mortuary-Europe/Africa, working with the American Battle Monuments Commission, exhumed the grave from the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery. The remains were transferred to DPAA for analysis.

To identify Lane's remains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial (mtDNA) DNA analysis, as well as dental and anthropological analysis, and circumstantial evidence.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently there are 72,906 service members (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II.



POW / MIA Recognition Day 21 Sep 2018

Join the membership of the Flanders Field Post BEO2 family at the AAFES PX on Chièvres Airbase on Friday, 21 September from 10:00—14:00 as we honor those Americans who are still Missing in action.



New USAG BENELUX Commander: Colonel Sean Hunt Kuester



Flanders Fields Post BEO2 would like to welcome the new USAG Benelux Commander to Belgium. As you may have already know, the Colonel and his family helped at the American Day Event.

Sons of the American Legion: Ceremony commemorating the liberation of the city of Troyes, France (25 Aug 1944) -25 Aug 2018. Our Post BEO2 SAL members carrying the US Flag along with daughter as the ALA flag bearer



Welcome Expo at Chiévres Saturday, 11 August

The Post BEO2 membership would also like to thank Tom & Laura Buckner, Kevin Jordan, Johnny Rosado William Audretsch, Leah Treppel and Alexandra Mikolajczak & friend for their help in making the fundraiser a great success



American Day



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

Membership Goals

The American Legion National 2019 membership campaign begun on 01 July. The Post's 2019 membership campaign will begin on Saturday, 04 August with the Posts first awareness drive at the AAFES PX on the Cheivres Airbase. We will begin and go until 1700. If you can assist, even for a short, time, will be greatly helpful.

Our goals for the 2019 membership are:

- **150 American Legion members**
- **50 American Legion Auxiliary members**
- **50 Sons of the American Legion members**
- **20 American Legion Riders**
- **95% renewal rate**

New Membership Discounts

Post BE02 Legion Dues: **\$40**

1) New Member Family Discounts:

- New Legion member + New Legion member: \$5 discount
- New Legion + New Auxiliary member: \$5 discount
 - ◆ If the Auxiliary member does both the Legion & Auxiliary, National provides a \$9 discount
- New Legion member + New Legion/Auxiliary + one new SAL/Auxiliary: \$10 discount
 - ◆ Each additional SAL/Auxiliary is another \$5 discount

2) New Member 2 year membership: \$70 (\$10 discount)

Upcoming Activities & Events

Here are the upcoming events for the next 4 months. Your help would be greatly appreciated at any of the following events. Thank you

- 01 Sept, Saturday: **Membership Drive at AAFES PX**
- 06 Sept, Thursday: **Career Fair & Volunteer Expo, SHAPE Club @ 11:00 – 14:00**
- 09 Sept, Sunday: **Borlo Liberation Ceremony and Wreath Laying**
- 15 Sept, Saturday: **Post BE02 General Meeting at the SHAPE International Library @ 10:30**
- 15 Sept, Saturday: **US Tommy Adoption Ceremony, Ieper (Menin Gate) @ 17:00**
- 21 Sept, Friday: **POW / MIA Recognition Table event, AAFES PX @ 10:00 – 14:00**
- 04 Oct, Thursday: **370th Infantry Regiment, 93rd Div ceremony, Location & Time TBD**
- 06 Oct, Saturday: **Membership Drive at AAFES PX**
- 13 Oct, Saturday: **Post BE02 General Meeting at the SHAPE International Library @ 10:30**
- 25 Oct, Thursday: **Francis Kelly, MOH - Dedication at Glasgow, Scotland**
- 26 Oct, Friday: **Trunk or Treat at Chiévres – Haunted house, fundraiser and giving out candy**
- 27 Oct, Saturday: **Retiree Appreciation Day – SHAPE Health Clinic**
- 31 Oct, Wednesday: **Spooky Bash at USAG Brussels – Fundraiser and giving out candy**
- 03 Nov, Saturday: **Membership Drive at AAFES PX**
- 10 Nov, Saturday: **Post BE02 General Meeting at the USAG Brussels @ 10:30**
- 11 Nov, Sunday: **Veteran's Day activities – Ieper Poppy Parade & Flanders Field American Cemetery**
- 01 Dec, Saturday: **Membership Drive at AAFES PX**
- 08 Dec, Saturday: **Post BE02 General Meeting at the Brussels American High School @ 09:00**
- 08 Dec, Saturday: **Oratorical Contest at Brussels American High School**
- 14-16 Dec, Fri-Sun: **Bastogne BBQ & Information table - fundraiser, ceremony**
- 19 Dec, Wednesday **Orphanage Christmas Party at Chiévres CAC**

Flanders Field Post BE02 2018-19 Youth Programs Fundraiser



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:

During the next several months, we will attempt to provide you information regarding the many programs and projects that our Americanism Committee manages. As it is our largest committee, we need members to step-up and volunteer to help. This is your opportunity to "Provide Opportunities for Our Youth"

Junior Law Cadet

American Legion Junior Law Cadet is a participative law enforcement vocational learning program that exposes high school students to realistic and demanding training, patterned after authentic recruit training.



Join us at the Menin Gate in Ieper (Ypres) on Saturday, 15 September for the adoption ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 16:30 with music played by the SHAPE International Brass Quartet. At 17:00, the VIPs will arrive and provide short speeches.

At 20:00, members of the Post will lay a wreath during the Last Post ceremony

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 participate in 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

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

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*)

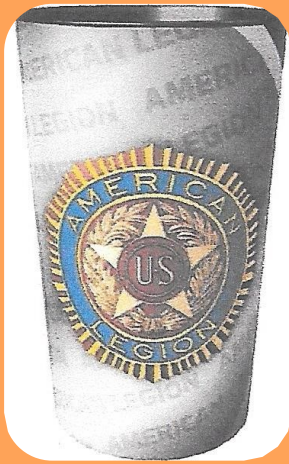
SUBMIT

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

American Legion Riders - Flanders Field Chapter BEO2

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

Adopt-a-Grave program’s website:

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

The American Legion Centennial Celebration

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

Event Calendar: September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Membership Campaign AAFES PX
2	3	4	5	6 Employment Career Fair and Volunteer Expo SHAPE Club	7 SHAPE Fest	8 SHAPE Fest
9 Borlo Liberation Ceremony	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 Service Officer Office Hours USAG Brussel 10:00 - 17:00	15 - General Mtg SHAPE - US Tommy Adoption Ceremony
16	17	18	19	20	21 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	22
23 / 30	24	25	26 Visit of 7th Regiment from New York	27 Visit of 7th Regiment from New York	28 Service Officer Office Hours SHAPE 10:00 - 17:00	29