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***Paris Post 1 celebrates The American Legion's  
birthday ~ 105 years since the 1st caucus meeting in  
Paris***

**Merci beaucoup to our community for joining us this year, and for your  
many years of supporting American veterans and families in France:**

***Paris Post 1 Legion, Auxiliary & Sons  
American Legion Dept. of France  
VFW Department of Europe  
Benjamin Franklin VFW Post 605  
WICE Paris  
Le Souvenir Francais***

**Paris Post 1  
NEWS & EVENTS**

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## ***IMPORTANT DATES***

1. **May 8th:** Victory in Europe (VE) Day
2. **May 11th:** PP1 Monthly Meeting
3. **May 25th:** 1st Lieutenant Paul Chaufy remembrance ceremony Saint-Ellier-les-Bois (Orne)
4. **May 26th:** Memorial Day
5. **May 31st:** OSS parachute jump Memorial Day in the Tarn region
6. **June 1st:** OSS Memorial Day in the Tarn
7. **June 6th:** 80th D-Day Normandy

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D-DAY & BATAILLE  
DE NORMANDIE

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de l'État



# 1er Lt Paul CHAUFY



**Venez découvrir ici le flyer sur le 1<sup>er</sup>  
lieutenant Paul Chaufy aviateur  
américain mort le 13/08/1944 à Ciral (61 )  
Un petit quiz et infos via le QR code est  
disponible. Cérémonie le 25 mai 2024 à  
Saint-Ellier-Les Bois(61)**

<https://sites.google.com/view/paul-chaufy/accueil>



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Association  
Normande du  
souvenir aérien





## ***The American Legion turns 105 years old!***

**Paris Post 1 was blessed to have so many of our members and community join us this year!**

A group of twenty officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) in France in World War I are credited with planning [The Legion](#) start in Paris in 1919.

A.E.F. Headquarters asked these officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale after the end of the war in France. One officer, [Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.](#), proposed an organization of veterans.



## ***First caucus of The American Legion in Paris, France 1919***

**About 1,000 officers and enlisted attended.**

In February 1919, this group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army.

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Congress granted the Legion a national charter in September 1919. Paris Post 1 received its original charter in December 1919.

This is how The Legion began.



***Special guests the American Legion Department of France***

**Merci beaucoup to our special guests from the Department of France Vice-Commander at Large Dennis Owens, his wife Angelika and Department Vice Commander Quincy Foster for visiting Paris for this**

## historic weekend with Paris Post 1!

Founder's Day was historic with the presence of our leadership from the Department of France. Many speeches were given at the site of the first caucus of The American Legion including our Department leadership, and Paris Post 1's Auxiliary President Ginette Crosley.

Giving thanks to the founders of The American Legion for their wisdom and dedication to



***Special guests VFW Department of Europe and VFW Benjamin Franklin Post 605***

**Merci beaucoup to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of Europe Commander Mark Primmer and VFW Post Commander Timothy Povich (above photo center)!**

Paris Post 1 is grateful for our community partnerships. The VFW and Paris Post 1 have been sharing "the watch" over France's veteran community for a very long time.

Paris Post 1 is thankful to have their support, and we are proud of our dual members like Patrick Morrissey who serves as Paris Post 1's Finance Officer and VFW Post 605's Senior Vice-Commander. We look forward to working together this year for many historic ceremonies and events!



***Lunch together at "Les Parisiennes"***

**Visitors and locals join together to share a meal and celebrate America's**

## largest veterans organization.

The center of Paris Post 1's community in Paris has shifted throughout the years to several different arrondissements. Now, its a fact, the majority of Paris Post 1's members live in the Montmartre neighborhood.

Special thanks to Charlie Dawson (center right) for taking the trip out to Paris for this year's 105th anniversary of The American Legion! While on his visit to France, Charlie had the opportunity to have lunch with Nicky, Tom and Vance (from left to right) who all live in Montmartre along with several other members of our post.

Check out Charlie's video from when he was in town for Founder's Day (link below).

[Founder's Day video by Legionnaire Charlie Dawson](#)



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## ***Pershing Hall Book Collection takes on a new meaning for Scouts in Paris***

### **An historic day for Scout Troop 112 and Paris Post 1.**

This past weekend a group of almost twenty (20) Scouts and almost ten (10) parents joined together to work on a historic collection of books from Pershing Hall.

A lot of enthusiasm and curious questions when our working group spent their weekend handling historic books many from the WWI and WWII era.

Congratulations to Scout Rohan Patel for gathering so many to help with this historic collection of books for his Eagle Scout program. Thanks to his hard work, a large portion of the collection was physically inventoried and analyzed for preservation.



Members of Paris Post 1's Legion, Auxiliary and Sons were present, and actively engaging the youth scouting group on different ways to interpret the history of the books by analyzing the origin data of each book, by viewing the stamps and inscriptions, and by doing searches online for references to the editor and printing of the book.

Special thanks to our post members for their participation including Jason Mankiewicz Vance and Nicky Vaught, .

### **How did Paris Post 1 create it's annual report?**

**Paris Post 1's annual report is a compilation of our news from 2023.**

Please check out our past newsletters and annual report below.



TA very special thanks to all of our scouts! An incredible turnout of our youth and community, and we all had a wonderful time.f .

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