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**SPECIAL CEREMONY**  
**80th ANNIVERSARY OF**  
**OG PAT OSS**  
**MISSION MEMORIAL DAY**

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**80th ANNIVERSARY OF**  
**Operational Group "Patrick" (OG PAT)**  
**OSS MISSION SOUTH FRANCE**

**Commemorating the OSS Commandos who died for Liberty  
in World War II.**

This Memorial Day in the Tarn region in the south of France, some 15 Americans related to the original commandos of Operational

Group "Patrick" (OG PAT) are making the pilgrimage to attend this year's commemorations. The event will stretch over several days to remember those OSS Commandos who helped defeat the Nazis during WWII.

Meredith Wheeler, a former journalist and author residing in France for over 20 years, has written various articles on their stories, and Cyril Pefaure, a member of France's Federal Union of Veterans' Affairs and retired French Special Forces veteran, join together to revive these commandos incredible stories and missions in the region. They want to bring to light this "Shadow War" which was not well documented and yet, instrumental in the defeat of the Nazi occupation of France.

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## OSS Commandos

**'Real courage': Remembering the OSS commandos who helped defeat the Nazis in Southern France**

[Alexander Reidel from the Stars and Stripes writes:](#)

On June 6, 1944, U.S. troops launched the famous D-Day invasion of Nazi-occupied France.

But the fight did not stop on the beaches of Normandy.

A lesser known but outsized contribution to the war was made by the men of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) who parachuted

into the rural highlands of Southern France near Toulouse to help France's resistance fighters in their struggle against the Nazis.

From Friday through Sunday, a group of French and American visitors headed for sites in the villages of Brassac, Boissezon, Le Vintrou and Lautrec to honor the OSS officers of Operational Group "Patrick," or OG PAT, who parachuted behind enemy lines in 1944 to join the fight.

The visit marked the 80th anniversary of the founding of the OSS in 1942 and was spearheaded by collaboration between American expat Meredith Wheeler and Cyril Pefaure, a member of France's Federal Union of Veterans Affairs and retired French special forces veteran.

[Read Alexander Reidel from the Stars and Stripe \(news article click here!\)](#)



**Founders: Cyril Pefaure, French Special Forces Veteran & Meredith Wheeler, former journalist**

## Schedule for the 80th Anniversary of OG PAT OSS Mission in the Tarn

[Click here for full schedule! \(click here\):](#)

May 29th - Welcome to Lautrec

May 30th - Lunch in Albi followed by Tandem Parachute Jumps (weather permitting). Group dinner in Lautrec

May 31st - Demonstration Parachute Drop by U.S. Special Forces near Viane (weather permitting) followed by lunch in Brassac and Military Museum in Boissezon, special exhibit linked to OG PAT.

June 1st - ceremonies at:

- Le Rialet War Memorial
- Betges
- Le Vintrou

Lunch at Le Reclot—the safe house where OG PAT spent their first night in occupied France. Dinner reception in the evening.

June 2nd (time TBA) Visit:

- the rail bridge in Mazamet that OG PAT blew up.
- Cap au Vent in Labruguiere—site of the derailment of the Nazi train.

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