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Paris Post 1

NEWS & EVENTS

IMPORTANT DATES

1. March 16th: American Legion born in Paris (1919) & PP1 Meeting
2. May 26th: Memorial Day - multiple ceremonies throughout France
3. June 6th: 80th D-Day - multiple ceremonies throughout France

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This year's oratorical contest was hit! Youth, parents and members of our community joined together to support our local youth contest and to learn about the United States Constitution.

Congratulations to Thomas Ravel oratorical contest winner for 2024!

Everyone was delighted to have our youth contest this year, and we were all happy to learn more about the U.S. Constitution and American history. For his hard work, Thomas received one of Paris Post 1's centennial medallions plus the opportunity for the American Legion's regional contest. Congratulations to Thomas Ravel for all of his hard work and dedication for this years contest, he did an amazing job on his presentations!

Paris Post 1 was honored to have our youth contest at the Roosevelt-Vivau family home. It was truly a historic event for our youth in France. We are very grateful for their generosity, and for their support of our community in Paris!

A very special thank you to our hosts Cordelia and Eloise Roosevelt-Vivau, and a special thank you to Madame Mariana Martini who teaches at the International School of Paris!





Theodore Roosevelt during election speech in New Castle, Wyoming in 1903.

Theodore Roosevelt Sorbonne University Paris

Theodore Roosevelt delivered the speech entitled “Citizenship in a Republic” at the Sorbonne in Paris on April 23, 1910

After Paris Post 1's contest was over, everyone had a special opportunity to discuss history of President Theodore Roosevelt with the Roosevelt family in France.

Theodore Roosevelt delivered the speech entitled “[Citizenship in a Republic](#)” at the Sorbonne in Paris on April 23, 1910. The speech is popularly known as “[The Man in the Arena](#).” His statements at the Sorbonne were part of a larger trip to Europe that also included visits to Vienna, Budapest, and Oslo. On May 5, 1910, he gave his Nobel Prize speech.

Here is an excerpt of his speech:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who

does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Would you like to learn more about Theodore Roosevelt's speech "*Citizenship in a Republic*" from the Sorbonne in Paris? Check out the link below!

[Roosevelt History and Speech: The Man in the Arena](#)



Paris Post 1 Legionnaires laying the Chateau Thierry bridge keystone into the foundation at Paris Post, the American Legion Memorial Building, in 1928 - Photo from Paris Post 1 Historic Archives

Paris Post 1 Annual Report 2023

Paris Post 1 is honored to be the longest serving American veterans non profit association in France.

In 1919, Paris Post 1 started to build its foundation in France. Today, Paris Post 1 is almost 105 years old.

Paris Post 1 has been blessed with the duty and responsibility of supporting our community in France which started after the devastation of World War I.

Through the implementation of programs of The American Legion, Paris Post 1 has been able to help support our community in France by offering veterans, their families and children many unique opportunities and ways to be a part of our Legion family overseas.

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.

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***Announcing 2024 ABMF
Past is Prologue Essay Contest!***

Topic: Air Dominance that enabled the D-Day invasions

On June 6, 1944, a remarkable event unfolded over the skies of Normandy. It was not just a display of military might, but a coordinated ballet of aircraft, each playing a crucial role in one of history's most significant battles. This air dominance was not just about power; it was about strategy, precision, and the unyielding spirit of the Allies. The Allies' air dominance over Normandy meant that all the Allied troops could get across the English channel without air attacks from the German Luftwaffe.

Watch video on this topic

here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L76LnHt_zGo

The ABMF 2024 Past is Prologue Essay Contest invites students ages 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18 to compete within their age group to write an essay about one of two topics: WW II Operation Bodyguard Deception & Misdirection or Air Dominance that enabled the D-Day invasions. Public, private, parochial, charter, military, and homeschoolers welcome!

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place in each age group. The 13-15 and 16-18 age groups can win up to \$10,000 and the 11-12 age group can win up to \$5,000!

The deadline for essay submissions is April 12, 2024. We encourage early submissions.

You will find more details regarding the contest and the application to participate at :

<https://www.abmf.org/past-is-prologue-essay-contest/>

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