



The American Legion celebrates

105th Birthday

Since 1919, the Legion has been serving American veterans and their families around the world!

Paris Post 1

NEWS & EVENTS

IMPORTANT DATES

1. March 15-17th: Paris Post 1 Founder's Day ceremony and events
2. March 20th: Marshall University Chamber Choir Sainte Croix des Arméniens Church
3. April 13th: Paris Post 1 Special Monthly Meeting
4. May 26th: Memorial Day France (ceremony times TBD)
5. June 6th: D-Day Normandy American Cemetery (sign up now)

****Will you be in France for 80th anniversary of D-Day this summer?***

Members of Paris Post 1 who will be attending the 80th D-Day in Normandy please confirm now (space is limited) by emailing commander@parispost1.fr (ASAP)

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CONCERT

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

Chef de Chœur | Conductor David Castleberry
De | From Huntington, West Virginia, USA



PARIS

Mercredi 20 mars 2024 à 20h00

Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at 8 PM

Cathédrale Sainte-Croix des Arméniens

13 Rue du Perche - 75003 Paris

Avec la participation de | Joint Concert with
Gars Sons

Chef de Chœur | Conductor Adam Vidovic



Paris Post 1 of The American Legion celebrates 105 years in France

A historic weekend of ceremonies and events!

Paris Post 1 wishes everyone a pleasant day honoring the founders of The American Legion.

105 years ago in Paris, France at the *Cirque d'Hiver* on rue Ernest Psichari, The American Legion had its first caucus meeting with American Expeditionary Force (AEF) soldiers who served in World War I in France.

This weekend Paris Post 1 will be honoring Founders Day with our annual ceremony and an historic tour of Paris for all of our visitors who joined us. Stay tuned for an updated on our historic weekend in our next newsletter!



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Office National
des Anciens Combattants
et Victimes de Guerre

***Paris Post 1 of The American Legion
inducted into the
Office National des Anciens Combattants et Victime de
Guerre (ONAC-VG)***

For the first time in France's history, a foreign military veterans association has been given this special honor.

An unforgettable gift for Paris Post 1 and American veterans in France for Founders Day!

Paris Post 1 was accepted into the [ONAC-VG](https://www.onac-vg.fr/) as a member of their *Conseil Départemental* in Paris. The goal of Paris Post 1's participation will be to honor the memory and patriotism of veterans (*anciens combattants*) in France.

This special honor was the culmination of several years working with our local leadership in France. Paris Post 1 is very grateful to Directeur André Rakoto PhD for his extraordinary support and dedication to American military veterans and families who live in France. We are very grateful and honored to be a member of the ONAC-VG.

<https://www.onac-vg.fr/>



The Stones of St. Stephen's Church Are Still Speaking: Are We Listening?

Special thanks Dr. Heather Warfield, professor, author, and 2022-2023 Fulbright Research Scholar in France, for her continued dedication to the preservation and research of World War I American history in France.

"On a chilly, rainy day in the autumn of 1929, several thousand people converged on a sacred site 54 miles northeast of Paris, France. This scene was not one of the well-established pilgrimage locations that adorn the geography of France; rather, it was the newly reconstructed Belleau church."

"The pilgrims and attendees were a unique conglomeration of French villagers,

religious leaders such as the Bishop of Soissons, military leaders including General Gouraud, former commander of the 4th French Army, and General Clarence Edwards, former commander of the Yankee Division (both pictured). That all of these individuals had gathered for a pilgrimage was not necessarily unique as many military veterans made pilgrimages to sites along the Western Front after the war."

"What made this pilgrimage notable was the site itself."

Check out Heather's full article by clicking the button below:

<https://www.heatherawarfield.com/blog/the-stones-of-st-stephens-church-are-still-speaking-are-we-listening>



Annual ceremonies at Paris Post 1

A great way to learn more about Paris Post 1 is to join us at our annual ceremonies.

Paris Post 1 is unique with three historic French non-profit associations under one post:

- American Legion
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Sons of The American Legion

Our annual ceremonies include many American and French national days of

remembrance. There are new memorials and ceremonies each year, here are just a few of our annual ceremonies:

- ~ Birthday of The American Legion (March)
- ~ Memorial Day (May)
- ~ Victory in Europe (VE) Day (May)
- ~ 9/11 Remembrance Day (Sept)
- ~ Armistice Day (Nov 11th)
- ~ 4th of July
- ~ Bastille Day (July 14th)
- ~ and more..

All of our associations participate at our annual ceremonies which include all ages (youth and adults). We look forward to seeing you this year!

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