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From the Editor

Please send all input for the Department Newsletter to my e-mail address **by the 26th of the month.** Please use Word document format. Constructive suggestions to improve the Newsletter are also welcome.

Thank You.

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Vice Commander At Large Corner

My Fellow Comrades

I hope all of you had a safe and Merry Christmas. I was able to join Post Commander Brown (GR79) and the members of the post in their Christmas party on the 15th of December, though the turnout was not what was expected, all there had a great time. GR07's Commander Casby Logan also attended the event. This was a welcomed surprise for Commander Brown, and the both of them talked about what they could do together to promote The American Legion. I thought this was a great show of one post assisting another post's event. Keep up the great work GR79, you are moving ahead rapidly.

We need to work harder in the membership arena, we are six months into the membership year, and our standing at National is 80.783%, (see attached documents) and rated at number 41 on the Department Membership Standings. I have discussed this with the Department Membership Chairman Comrade Brown, and he is hopeful that after the New Year we will turn this around.

On a good note I was informed by Commander Carl Hale (FR01) that he has a member Comrade Joseph Schram who wants to be transferred to BE02. Comrade Schram desires to try and turn Post BE02 into an active Post. I understand that Post Commander Hale, Post Adjutant Sperandieu, and Comrade Schram discussed his transfer into BE02, (see attached picture) and this will happen shortly. We wish Comrade Schram the best of luck, in this endeavor, and fully support him.

The Department Oratorical Contest will be conducted on 16 February 2013 at 1300 hours on Patch Barracks Stuttgart, Germany, in building 2345 Patch Community Club. The Oratorical Chairmen Comrade Gary Miller sent out an information sheet on this event. If you have any questions concerning this event please contact Comrade Miller. If you have the time, please come out, and support this event, and support not only the Department, but these young adults.

We sadly had two members from the department's of France report

to PEL in December Comrade William Perry Payne GR05, and long time Auxiliary Member Edith Chonko GR01, please keep these families not only in your thoughts, but your prayers.

I have attached a Casualty Assistance Action Sheet to this Newsletter, if you have not completed one, and discussed this with your spouse, and other family members, I highly recommend, you do so.

My contact information is provided below. In closing, America lost a great hero on Thursday the 26th of December General (Retired) H. Norman "Stormin Norman" Schwarzkopf died, please keep him and his family, those and their families in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers.

Wishing all of you and your families a very Happy and Prosperous NEW Year.

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Vice Commanders Corner

Greetings Commanders & Legionnaires,

I had knee surgery performed at the BG Klinikum, Ludwigshafen Medical Center, 14 December 12. The surgery corrected problems with my right knee.

The Holiday Season shared with family and friends. Leroy Riley Pitts Post GR07 had their Christmas party at the Akpopolis Restaurant (Mannheim) 9 December 12. I appreciate the many holiday greeting cards from Department staff and Post members. The New Year (2013) is upon us. The top leadership from Department needs to communicate to the Posts. VCAL Settle stressed the importance of communication, membership, and involvement. VCAL Settle reminded the Posts about the upcoming Department Oratorical, 1300, 16 February 2013, at the Patch Community Club, Bldg. 2345, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart. I stress the importance of membership in the Posts, Department, and the National Organization. Membership is our Voice on Capitol Hill. Rhein Main Post GR05 is over 103% (66) members, Riley Leroy Pitts Post GR07 at 106% (64) members, Thomas W. Barnett GR14 101% (57) members, Father Francis Duffy Post IR02 at 96.72% (59) members, Comm. John Barry Post IR03 at 92.59% (25) members, and John F. Kennedy Post IR63 at 71.87% (23) members. I encourage the Posts to transmit each month to Department Membership Chairman Brown.

The next Leroy Riley Pitts Post GR07 Post meeting is 8 January 13. The next Thomas W. Barnett (TWB) Post GR14 meeting is 9 January 13. TWB Post GR14 held their Post Elections 13 December 12, at Gastatte Schroth, Buedingen Orleshausen.

John F. Kennedy Post IR63 has submitted a bid to host the Department of France Convention, 13 – 16 June 2013. Information of the event was sent to the Department Adjutant. The Adjutant sent a Department Electronic Vote to the Department Officers and Post Delegates who attended the 2nd DEC. The results of the electronic vote is after 6 January 13. Father Francis Duffy Post IR02 plans to march with the other Irish Legion Posts in the town of Killarney, Ireland 17 March 2013. More details later. Post IR02 participated in the Remembrance/Veterans Day wreath laying and parade in the town of Limerick City, Ireland, with the Royal British, Legion Posts, U.N. Veterans, and other Organizations. The Irish Posts website:

www.americanlegion-ireland.com

Doug Haggan, FODPAL Secretary, is asking the Department and Posts to submit pictures and small articles to the FODPAL website: <http://www.legion.org>. Click FODPAL site listed below the Legion Homepage. FODPAL (Foreign and Outlying Departments and Posts of The American Legion) is asking for traveling tips

in Germany and other Countries, special programs and events from the Department and Post, and Facebook sites.

Attended the Veterans Day Observance at Rokycany, Czech Republic, 9 – 11 November 2012. Attached are the pictures from the event. Wreath laying ceremony at the Demarcation Memorial, 10 November 12, outside the town of Rokycany. The Demarcation Line was created during World War II when the Russian Army and the American Army met at this point. Standing beside me is the VFW Department Chaplain Hall, Rokycany Mayor Vladmir Stolk, and Past VFW District 3 Commander Howard. Czech students with pictures at the town hall, Rokycany, and wreaths laid at the city town hall, Rokycany. Afterwards, mayor's lunch at the Hotel Bily Lev which I address the mayor, deputy mayor, and other guests. Comrade Jerry O'Tool and I laid a wreath to the General Patton statue located in the front of the General Patton Primary School, Dysian, Czech Republic. Commanders & Fellow Legionnaires, many thanks for what you do for your Posts and the communities you serve.

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SAL Commanders Corner

My fellow Comrades

I hope all had a safe and very Merry Christmas.

On 8 December, I was invited to attend the 40&8 Mid Winter Dinner. While there I was presented with an **Excellence Award** for the Detachment of France. This award is presented to the top ten Detachments with the highest per capita contribution average, to the Child Welfare Fund, for 2011-2012. The award was presented by Detachment NECMan John Odom Sr. Big thanks to all the Squadrons, and to Child Welfare Chairman Odom Sr., without your help and support, the Detachment could not have achieved this.

On 15 December I attended John Wayne Post GR79's Christmas Party. There I had the opportunity to speak with members of the Post, Auxiliary members and Post Commander Brown. Hopefully we can convince GR79 to reactivate their Squadron.

I am very surprised, and shocked with the membership this year. The Detachment is doing much, much better this year than last year at this time. We are currently at 182 renewed/new members, 95.789 % and at present we are number one at National Detachment standings, we only need eight members to reach 100%. This is really a surprise since Mannheim and Heidelberg is closing, and we lost some members to this fact. Big thanks to the Squadrons, Detachment Membership Chairman Brown for a job better than well done.

The Department Oratorical finals will be conducted on 16 February 2013 on Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany in building 2345 Patch Community Club, at 1300 hours. I plan on attending this event, and listen to these High School Students, give their pre-

pared speech on the Constitution of the United States. If you have the time, I would encourage you to attend this event. It is something to see, and one of these candidates just might be one of America's future leaders.

A very Late notice; on 11 November 2012, Department Commander Moore, Department VCAL Settle, Department Auxiliary President Settle, myself, and 40&8 Grand Chef de Gare Starke, and about thirty people, attended a Veterans Day Ceremony at St. Avold. Like always I was honored and privileged to participate in this Ceremony, laying a wreath in the SAL Detachment of France's name honoring our fallen heroes.

In closing please keep those and their families in harm's way not only in your thoughts but your prayers also.

Yours in Comradeship
Service to God and Country

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Commander, GR79

I hope all of you had a nice and safe Merry Christmas. John Wayne Post GR79 is on the go. We had a small Christmas party on 15 December. All that were there had a great time. Department VCAL James Settle was on hand, as was Auxiliary President Isolde Settle, SAL Detachment Commander Joshua Settle, and GR07 Post Commander Casby Logan.

I thank John Wayne Post Members for helping to move the Post to the top. We are striving to make GR79 the best in the Department. With the continued support of the Members, I am positive we will attain that goal.

Second Vice Commander Robert Hale and I attended the Heilbronn CITY KID'S Christmas Fest. John Wayne Post gave thirty Christmas Stockings to the City Kid's children. I was also able to visit two widows from John Wayne Post GR79 during the holiday's, and wished them a Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year.

On the Department side, I visited GR06, Post Home, and the Department Finance Officer, we discussed Legion business. Spoke with Department NECMan John Miller, Past Department NECMan Bill Marshall, and Comrade Mccammon GR06, all were recently hospitalized but all are home now recovering. We sadly had two members from the Department report to PEL, during December Comrade William Perry Payne GR05, and GR01 Auxiliary Member Edith Chonko, please keep their families in your prayers and thoughts.

On Membership the Department is 80.78%. If you have new members send me the Transmittal, don't hold back send me the Transmittals. The SAL membership is doing very good this year with 95.78%.

The Department Oratorical Contest is on the way I hope this year we have contestants, from GR01, GR03, GR06, GR07, GR-1982. These Post have a Community, they could easily participate in this program. John Wayne Post GR79 will assist GR03 with their Oratorical program.

In closing remember to keep those in harm's way and their families in your prayers.

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Veterans Day Observance in Rokycany, Czech Republic



From top left: Vice Commander Ward, Department of France, standing by the demarcation line outside Rokycany, Czech Republic; Comrades and Vice Commander Ward at the demarcation memorial line; Vice Commander Ward standing at the memorial wreaths at the Rokycany Town hall; Vice Commander Ward standing with Czech students in the background, Czech students drawings at the Rokycany, Town hall; Vice Commander Ward with World War II military vehicles in the background in the town square of Rokycany; Vice Commander Ward addressing the Rokycany mayor, deputy mayor, and other guests at the Bily Lev Hotel.



From top Left: Laying of a wreath at the General Patton statue located at the General Patton Primary School, Dysina, Czech Republic, with Comrade Jerry O'Tool and Vice Commander Ward; General Patton statue in front of the General Patton Primary School, Dysina, Czech Republic; Dysina primary school named after General Patton; General Patton statue facing towards the town of Dysina, Czech Republic; MG Ernest C. Harmon Monument located across the street from the Dysina Town hall; Plaque on MG Harmon monument; Vice Commander Ward standing in front of Dysina Town hall.

35th Annual Bastogne Historical

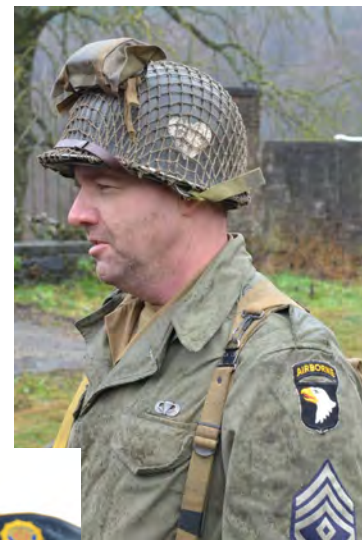
Members of the American Legion Department of France participated in the 35th Annual Bastogne Historical walk commemorating the Battle of the Bulge.

Paris Post FR01 Commander Carl W. Hale lead a group of Boy Scouts of America Troop 457 who completed the 13 kilometer trail.

Paris Post #1 Commander Carl W. Hale and Adjutant Maurice Sperandieu (WWII Veteran of C. Company, 512th Military Police Battalion, 3rd US Army) participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the McAuliffe memorial.

The town of Hemroulle was the sector honored in this year's march.

From historical documents: "Americans keep hold of the village" -- Despite the incessant threats and attacks on Hemroulle, the village stays inside the American defensive perimeter. On December 22 (1944), the 1st Battalion, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division is defending the Champs-Bastogne line. Whereas the regiment CP has set up at the castle of Rolley, the 1/502 CP is installed at Hemroulle with Companies B and C. The 463rd Parachute Field Artillery Battalion of the 101st Abn Div is deployed at the south-west of Hemroulle and installs its CP near 1/502 CP.



Paris Post FR01

Paris Post Commander Carl Hale and Paris Post Adjutant Maurice Sperandieu met on December 27, 2012 with new Legion member Joseph Schram to discuss future plans for increasing the US veteran community membership in the American Legion Belgium Flanders Field Post BE02.



John Wayne Post, GR79



From top left: VCAL James Settle, GR79 Commander Joe Brown, SAL Commander Joshua Settle, and the little man is the newest SAL Member, Joel Moreton; John Wayne Post 79 Auxiliary Members and the Department Auxiliary President Isolde Settle; John Wayne Post 79 Legion Members, GR07 Commander Casby Logan and VCAL James Settle

2013 TAL Membership Report as of: December 27, 2012

* All-Time-High's

	Department	Department Year-End Goal	2013 Actual Mbsp.	% of Goal	Needed To Meet 80% Target 16/01/2013
1	TENNESSEE	23,228	20,968	90.270%	-2,386
2	IOWA	53,942	47,222	87.542%	-4,069
3	MINNESOTA	86,285	75,268	87.232%	-6,240
4	WISCONSIN	59,760	51,885	86.822%	-4,077
5	NORTH CAROLINA	38,104	32,853	86.219%	-2,370
6	DELAWARE	10,846	9,334	86.059%	-658
7	MISSOURI	43,621	37,282	85.468%	-2,386
8	SOUTH DAKOTA	21,516	18,374	85.397%	-1,162
9	UTAH	7,078	6,039	85.321%	-377
10	NEBRASKA	37,232	31,765	85.316%	-1,980
11	KANSAS	34,559	29,436	85.176%	-1,789
12	NORTH DAKOTA	16,553	14,037	84.800%	-795
13	LOUISIANA	22,844	19,330	84.617%	-1,055
14	MICHIGAN	69,808	58,738	84.142%	-2,892
15	VIRGINIA	45,243	38,006	84.004%	-1,812
16	NEVADA	7,579	6,364	83.969%	-301
17	RHODE ISLAND	5,311	4,456	83.901%	-208
18	MASSACHUSETTS	41,038	34,379	83.774%	-1,549
19	ILLINOIS	96,072	80,404	83.691%	-3,547
20	MARYLAND	55,952	46,812	83.665%	-2,051
21	OHIO	105,550	88,147	83.512%	-3,707
22	IDAHO	9,070	7,557	83.319%	-301
23	COLORADO	20,055	16,675	83.146%	-631
24	CALIFORNIA	94,653	78,667	83.111%	-2,945
25	CONNECTICUT	20,428	16,967	83.058%	-625
26	OREGON	18,515	15,367	82.998%	-555
27	NEW JERSEY	51,143	42,436	82.975%	-1,522
28	MAINE	21,200	17,574	82.896%	-614
29	FLORIDA	107,775	89,167	82.734%	-2,947
30	WASHINGTON	27,402	22,457	81.954%	-536
31	MONTANA	11,603	9,450	81.444%	-168
32	VERMONT	13,909	11,326	81.429%	-199
33	WEST VIRGINIA	18,967	15,421	81.304%	-248
34	ARKANSAS	13,592	11,022	81.092%	-149
35	TEXAS	62,812	50,916	81.061%	-667
36	NEW YORK	124,258	100,571	80.937%	-1,165
37	GEORGIA	40,707	32,932	80.900%	-367
38	DIST OF COL	1,861	1,491	80.118%	-3
39	ALASKA	5,977	4,785	80.057%	-4
40	WYOMING	6,667	5,335	80.021%	-2
41	FRANCE	3,013	2,434	80.783%	0
42	PENNSYLVANIA	175,698	139,654	79.485%	904
43	INDIANA	89,500	71,135	79.480%	465
44	ARIZONA	39,325	31,243	79.448%	217
45	HAWAII	2,290	1,808	78.952%	24
46	NEW HAMPSHIRE	18,450	14,529	78.748%	231
47	MISSISSIPPI	16,123	12,583	78.044%	315
48	KENTUCKY	23,580	18,377	77.935%	487
49	NEW MEXICO	10,980	8,546	77.832%	238
50	SOUTH CAROLINA	20,727	15,960	77.001%	621
51	OKLAHOMA	17,962	13,828	76.985%	541
52	ALABAMA	18,767	14,423	76.853%	590
53	PUERTO RICO	5,048	3,765	74.584%	273
54	PHILIPPINES	789	568	71.990%	63
55	MEXICO	1,089	682	62.626%	189
	Grand Totals	1,996,056	1,650,750	82.701%	-53,901

2013 MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS OF DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE JAN 2013 80%										2012-2013 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES			
#	POST	PUFL	REGULAR	NEW PUFL	TOTAL MEMBERS	ON LINE	2013 DEPT. GOAL	PERCENT OF 2013 GOAL	NUMBER TRANSMITTED	2012-2013 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES			
1	DK 01 Copenhagen	1	0	0	1	0	1	100.00%	1	EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	*SEPTEMBER 12.	2012	50%
2	FR 01 France	##	179	1	285	54	285	100.0%	285	FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 17 .	2012	55%
3	GC 01 Athens	3	17	0	20	0	0	13.00%	3	PEARL HARBOR DAY	*DECEMBER 12 .	2012	75%
4	IT 01 Rome	2	20	0	22	1	22	31.81%	7	MID-WINTER	JANUARY 16 .	2013	80%
5	NL 01 Rotterdam	3	0	0	3	0	3	100.00%	3	PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 13.	2013	85%
6	PO 01 Portugal	2	15	0	17	6	17	32.35sa%	14	LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 13.	2013	90%
7	BE 02 Flanders Field	0	7	0	7	0	7	0.00%	0	CHILDREN & YOUTH	*APRIL 10.	2013	95%
8	IR 02 Father Francis Duffy	1	60	0	61	0	61	96.72%	59	ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 08.	2013	100%
9	IR 03 Comm. John Barry	1	26	0	27	1	27	92.59%	25	DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL		
10	FR 05 Riviera	16	15	0	32	0	32	71.87%	23	Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week. In those situations the target date will be moved to Thursday. * This date is also a renewal notice cutoff date			
11	IR 63 John F. Kennedy	2	53	0	55	0	55	12.72%	7				
12	SP 292 Madrid	7	26	0	33	2	33	27.27%	9				
13	GR 01 Kaiserslautern	43	109	0	152	21	152	63.15%	96				
14	GR 03 Rhein Neckar	26	92	0	118	14	118	72.03%	85				
15	GR 05 Rhein Main	28	38	0	64	8	64	103.00%	66				
16	GR 06 Stuttgart	146	148	0	294	26	294	86.73%	255	2012-2013 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES			
17	GR 07 Riley Leroy Pitts	14	46	0	60	9	60	106.00%	64	EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	*SEPTEMBER 03	2012	50%
18	GR 09 William D. Nelson	23	22	0	50	0	50	90.00%	45	FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 08 ,	2012	55%
										VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 05	2012	65%
20	GR 13 Dwight D. Eisenhower	29	42	0	71	8	71	92.95%	66	PEARL HARBOR DAY	*DECEMBER 03	2012	75%
21	GR 14 Thomas W. Barnett	30	26	0	56	10	56	101.00%	57	MID-WINTER	JANUARY 07 ,	2013	80%
22	GR 20 Eifel	19	0	0	19	0	19	100.00%	19	PRESIDENT'S DAY	JANUARY 28	2013	85%
23	GR 30 Audie Murphy	17	36	0	51	8	51	72.54%	37	LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 03,	2013	90%
24	GR 42 Omar Bradley	20	42	0	62	5	62	83.87%	52	CHILDREN & YOUTH	MARCH 31	2013	95%
25	GR 45 Vilseck	1	28	0	28	1	28	0.07%	2	ARMED FORCES DAY	APRIL 29	2013	100%
26	GR 79 John Wayne	10	29		36		36	111.00%	40	DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL		
27										The Department of France Membership Target Dates are key in getting the Transmittals to National on time to meet the National Target Dates. The most important target dates are September, December and April. These are the months that National sends out renewal notices to those members who			
28	GR 1982 Ansbach	14	78	0	92	3	92	86.95%	80				
29	HQ9999	14	59	0	73	31	73	60.27%	45				
30	CH 01 China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0				
	Department Totals for	739	REGULAR 2,217	0	TOTAL 3013	417		20013 DEPT. GOAL3.013	76.13%	2294			
										National Goal for Department is 3013Members			

2013 SAL Membership Report - December 27, 2012

*All Time High		2013 Mbsp.	2013 Membership		1/1/2013	Pct of
#	Detachment	Needed for Goal	1/16/2013 60% Target	Needed for 45% Target	Total	Goal
1	FRANCE	190	114	-68	182	95.789
2	HAWAII	48	28	-7	35	72.917
3	LOUISIANA	2,158	1,294	-272	1,566	72.567
4	IOWA	3,382	2,029	-142	2,171	64.193
5	MONTANA	906	543	-33	576	63.576
6	KANSAS	6,237	3,742	-217	3,959	63.476
7	WISCONSIN	3,560	2,136	-101	2,237	62.837
8	FLORIDA	14,604	8,762	-349	9,111	62.387
9	NORTH CAROLINA	1,803	1,081	-42	1,123	62.285
10	MINNESOTA	10,902	6,541	-249	6,790	62.282
11	NEVADA	286	171	-1	172	60.140
12	VIRGINIA	4,369	2,621	91	2,530	57.908
13	MARYLAND	15,701	9,420	342	9,078	57.818
14	ALABAMA	1,758	1,054	51	1,003	57.053
15	TENNESSEE	1,839	1,103	80	1,023	55.628
16	IDAHO	529	317	27	290	54.820
17	DELAWARE	2,376	1,425	129	1,296	54.545
18	NEW JERSEY	9,385	5,631	513	5,118	54.534
19	MISSOURI	3,416	2,049	196	1,853	54.245
20	SOUTH DAKOTA	491	294	28	266	54.175
21	VERMONT	3,880	2,328	237	2,091	53.892
22	MICHIGAN	20,699	12,419	1,299	11,120	53.722
23	COLORADO	2,690	1,614	174	1,440	53.532
24	CALIFORNIA	10,114	6,068	677	5,391	53.302
25	NEBRASKA	5,665	3,399	419	2,980	52.604
26	ILLINOIS	14,923	8,953	1,155	7,798	52.255
27	OHIO	31,059	18,635	2,471	16,164	52.043
28	NORTH DAKOTA	765	459	64	395	51.634
29	ARIZONA	6,173	3,703	673	3,030	49.085
30	WYOMING	1,169	701	129	572	48.931
31	MISSISSIPPI	547	328	62	266	48.629
32	TEXAS	6,628	3,976	772	3,204	48.340
33	UTAH	552	331	65	266	48.188
34	INDIANA	37,882	22,729	4,483	18,246	48.165
35	GEORGIA	5,140	3,084	616	2,468	48.016
36	NEW YORK	28,980	17,388	3,563	13,825	47.705
37	WASHINGTON	2,642	1,585	329	1,256	47.540
38	PHILIPPINES	41	24	5	19	46.341
39	ALASKA	1,423	853	234	619	43.500
40	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,018	3,610	1,037	2,573	42.755
41	MASSACHUSETTS	5,647	3,388	1,062	2,326	41.190
42	ARKANSAS	548	328	114	214	39.051
43	KENTUCKY	4,099	2,459	879	1,580	38.546
44	CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,120	416	704	37.708
45	NEW MEXICO	1,728	1,036	391	645	37.326
46	PENNSYLVANIA	58,522	35,113	14,299	20,814	35.566
47	MAINE	2,746	1,647	673	974	35.470
48	WEST VIRGINIA	2,869	1,721	714	1,007	35.099
49	OREGON	1,799	1,079	448	631	35.075
50	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,042	625	271	354	33.973
51	OKLAHOMA	918	550	247	303	33.007
52	DIST OF COL	176	105	72	33	18.750
53	RHODE ISLAND	206	123	96	27	13.107
54	MEXICO	0	0	0	0	0.000
55	PUERTO RICO	0	0	0	0	0.000
Grand Totals		353,097	211,836	38,122	173,714	49.197

**Sons of The American Legion
Child Welfare 2012 Donations Report**

	2012 Donations	2012 Membership	CWF Goal	2013 Donations	% of Goal	Per Capita Amount
ALABAMA	\$ 7,250.00	1,758	\$ 1,758.00	\$ 1,950.00	110.9%	\$ 1.11
ALASKA	\$ 3,525.00	1,423	\$ 1,423.00	\$ 1,500.00	105.4%	\$ 1.05
ARIZONA	\$ 77,000.22	6,173	\$ 6,173.00	\$ 10,578.54	171.4%	\$ 1.71
ARKANSAS	\$ 14.00	548	\$ 548.00	\$ 500.00	91.2%	\$ 0.91
CALIFORNIA	\$ 27,738.39	10,114	\$ 10,114.00	\$ 1,440.00	14.2%	\$ 0.14
COLORADO	\$ 31,489.29	2,690	\$ 2,690.00	\$ 8,453.27	314.2%	\$ 3.14
CONNECTICUT	\$ 3,800.00	1,867	\$ 1,867.00	\$ 1,000.00	53.6%	\$ 0.54
DELAWARE	\$ 2,160.00	2,376	\$ 2,376.00		0.0%	\$ -
DIST OF COL	\$ -	176	\$ 176.00		0.0%	\$ -
FLORIDA	\$ 25,415.00	14,604	\$ 14,604.00	\$ 19,104.00	130.8%	\$ 1.31
FRANCE	\$ 1,255.00	190	\$ 190.00	\$ 300.00	157.9%	\$ 1.58
GEORGIA	\$ 5,824.75	5,140	\$ 5,140.00	\$ 3,398.75	66.1%	\$ 0.66
HAWAII	\$ 100.00	48	\$ 48.00		0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 1,142.50	529	\$ 529.00	\$ 692.00	130.8%	\$ 1.31
ILLINOIS	\$ 24,001.00	14,923	\$ 14,923.00	\$ 14,059.80	94.2%	\$ 0.94
INDIANA	\$ 28,220.07	37,882	\$ 37,882.00	\$ 2,250.00	5.9%	\$ 0.06
IOWA	\$ 3,173.00	3,382	\$ 3,382.00	\$ 750.00	22.2%	\$ 0.22
KANSAS	\$ 22,192.46	6,237	\$ 6,237.00	\$ 25.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00
KENTUCKY	\$ 1,300.00	4,099	\$ 4,099.00	\$ 1,027.09	25.1%	\$ 0.25
LOUISIANA	\$ 1,812.75	2,158	\$ 2,158.00	\$ 659.00	30.5%	\$ 0.31
MAINE	\$ 1,284.00	2,747	\$ 2,747.00	\$ 447.00	16.3%	\$ 0.16
MARYLAND	\$ 6,030.00	15,701	\$ 15,701.00	\$ 500.00	3.2%	\$ 0.03
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 2,257.56	5,665	\$ 5,665.00	\$ 50.00	0.9%	\$ 0.01
MICHIGAN	\$ 13,768.59	20,699	\$ 20,699.00	\$ 9,449.99	45.7%	\$ 0.46
MINNESOTA	\$ 7,072.00	10,902	\$ 10,902.00	\$ 2,596.00	23.8%	\$ 0.24
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 4,500.45	547	\$ 547.00		0.0%	\$ -
MISSOURI	\$ 2,901.02	3,416	\$ 3,416.00	\$ 1,300.00	38.1%	\$ 0.38
MONTANA	\$ 855.00	906	\$ 906.00		0.0%	\$ -
NEBRASKA	\$ 6,075.00	5,665	\$ 5,665.00	\$ 964.00	17.0%	\$ 0.17
NEVADA	\$ 1,460.03	286	\$ 286.00	\$ 496.50	173.6%	\$ 1.74
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 5,052.00	6,018	\$ 6,018.00	\$ 3,080.75	51.2%	\$ 0.51
NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,649.00	9,385	\$ 9,385.00	\$ 481.00	5.1%	\$ 0.05
NEW MEXICO	\$ 600.00	1,729	\$ 1,729.00		0.0%	\$ -
NEW YORK	\$ 15,468.37	28,980	\$ 28,980.00	\$ 4,077.00	14.1%	\$ 0.14
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 2,212.00	1,803	\$ 1,803.00	\$ 110.00	6.1%	\$ 0.06
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	765	\$ 765.00	\$ 1,462.00	191.1%	\$ 1.91
OHIO	\$ 65,439.94	31,059	\$ 31,059.00	\$ 5,525.00	17.8%	\$ 0.18
OKLAHOMA	\$ 900.00	918	\$ 918.00		0.0%	\$ -
OREGON	\$ 7,427.34	1,799	\$ 1,799.00	\$ 1,891.03	105.1%	\$ 1.05
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 30,541.00	58,522	\$ 58,522.00	\$ 10,164.21	17.4%	\$ 0.17
PHILIPPINES	\$ -	41	\$ 41.00		0.0%	\$ -
RHODE ISLAND	\$ -	206	\$ 206.00		0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,450.00	1,042	\$ 1,042.00		0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,426.25	491	\$ 491.00		0.0%	\$ -
TENNESSEE	\$ 3,731.00	1,839	\$ 1,839.00	\$ 865.00	47.0%	\$ 0.47
TEXAS	\$ 5,978.57	6,628	\$ 6,628.00	\$ 2,923.00	44.1%	\$ 0.44
UTAH	\$ 585.00	552	\$ 552.00	\$ 25.00	4.5%	\$ 0.05
VERMONT	\$ 4,691.00	3,880	\$ 3,880.00	\$ 1,050.00	27.1%	\$ 0.27
VIRGINIA	\$ 11,607.12	4,369	\$ 4,369.00	\$ 861.00	19.7%	\$ 0.20
WASHINGTON	\$ 5,997.00	2,642	\$ 2,642.00	\$ 4,841.00	183.2%	\$ 1.83
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 2,470.00	2,869	\$ 2,869.00	\$ 1,785.50	62.2%	\$ 0.62
WISCONSIN	\$ 3,750.22	3,560	\$ 3,560.00	\$ 1,052.00	29.6%	\$ 0.30
WYOMING	\$ 4,846.40	1,169	\$ 1,169.00	\$ 200.00	17.1%	\$ 0.17
National	\$ 5,825.00			\$ 35,775.00	----	----
Grand Totals	\$ 506,264.29	353,117	\$ 353,117.00	\$ 159,659.43	45.2%	\$ 0.45

As of: 12/28/12

Casualty Assistance Action Sheet



To receive casualty assistance and military honors in the event a retiree becomes deceased, it is best to contact your local Casualty Assistance Representative (CAR) immediately.

For those residing near Kaiserslautern/Ramstein, Germany, the nearest CAR can be contacted at the 786 Force Support Squadron, Military Personnel Flight at Ramstein AB. Contact the CAR at DSN: 314-480-5759 or Commercial: 06371 47-5759. The CAR will assist you with notifying agencies of the death and assist you with completing paperwork. If you want to begin reporting the death before you speak with the CAR, please follow the instructions below.

You can report the death of an American citizen abroad or retiree by calling 069 7535-2515 or email GermanyACS@state.gov. When reporting a death, please include the deceased person's name, date and place of birth, passport number, last known residence, and the date, place and cause of death. If known, please also provide the name, address, and telephone number(s) of the next-of-kin and/or any relatives. At this time, request 15 copies of a "Certificate of Death an American Overseas." They are free the first time requested, but become expensive if you have to go back for more. You may need them for other purposes in the U.S. For example, most insurance companies in the U.S. won't accept foreign death certificates!

You should also contact the Federal Benefits Unit (FBU) Office at the Embassy 069 905551-103 (English) or 069 905551-203 (German). There is a one-time lump sum payment that the "Next of Kin" may be entitled to, as well as answering any questions about Social Security you may have. This office may also supply to the Next of Kin, the flag for the casket if one is requested.

Additional information that might be of assistance:

Federal Benefits Unit, American Embassy, Frankfurt, Germany: 069 905551-110

DFAS or **Department of Finance**, Cleveland:
Retiree or Annuitant Pay: 1-800-321-1080 and (or the toll free number 0800 5891634 can be dialed from any commercial telephone in Germany).

Address for **Retiree Pay**: DFAS, US Military Retiree Pay, PO Box 7130, London, Ky. 40742-7130
Address for **Annuitants**: DFAS, US Military Annuitant Pay, PO Box 7131, London Ky. 40742-7131; DFAS Website is: www.dod.mil/dfas

National Personnel Records Center,
1 Archives Drive, St. Louis Mo., 63138-1002.
NPRC Website is: www.archives.gov/st-louis/
To obtain copies of records a Veteran or next of kin should go to, try vetrecs.archives.gov

Retiree's Casualty Assistance Checklist

AS OF (DATE) _____

RETIREE'S NAME _____ SSN _____

MILITARY GRADE _____ DATE OF RETIREMENT _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____ YEARS OF SERVICE _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP/POSTCODE _____ CITY _____

SPOUSE'S MAIDEN NAME _____ DOB _____

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

DATE OF MARRIAGE _____ PLACE OF MARRIAGE _____

FATHER'S NAME _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Documents needed to claim death benefits *(Check them off and note location of each)*

- Copies of report(s) of separation from active duty (DD Form 214, etc.) _____
- Copies of retirement orders _____
- Copies of birth and death certificates _____
- Beneficiaries birth certificate(s) and marriage and/or divorce data _____
- Social Security data *(see Part III)* _____
- VA insurance data *(see Part I)* _____

Plus, you should always have the following documents on hand *(note location of each)*

- Updated will and letter of instructions _____
- Names of banks, credit unions, etc. (account numbers) _____
- Updated list of assets and liabilities _____
- Insurance policies, numbers, instructions, payments, etc. _____
- Adoption or naturalization papers *(if applicable)* _____

Part I — Veterans Administration Data *(if applicable)*

VA COMPENSATION \$ _____ DISABILITY CLAIM # _____

REMARKS _____

VA INSURANCE POLICY # _____

VA INSURANCE POLICY # _____ FILE # _____

TYPE _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

LOCATION OF POLICIES _____

ANY KNOWN PAID-UP ADDITIONAL VA INSURANCE \$ _____ AS OF DATE _____

OTHER REMARKS _____

VETERAN'S CLAIM NO. (OTHER) _____ PATIENT'S DATA CARD # _____



Part II — Retirement Pay Data *(see retiree account statements)*

RETIREE PAY DATA AS OF DATE: _____

REMARKS. _____

GROSS PAY \$ _____

DEDUCTION \$ _____ FOR _____

DEDUCTION \$ _____ FOR _____

DEDUCTION \$ _____ FOR _____

DEDUCTION \$ _____ FOR _____

NET PAY \$ _____ TAXABLE INCOME \$ _____

Survivor coverage information

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ANNUITY \$ _____ SBP BASE AMOUNT \$ _____

SUPPLEMENTAL SBP (IF ANY) \$ _____ EFFECTIVE _____

RSFPP ANNUITY \$ _____

Part III — Social Security *(where applicable)*

SOCIAL SECURITY CLAIM # _____ DATE FILED _____

TYPE OF BENEFITS _____

BEGINNING MONTH OF ENTITLEMENT _____ MONTHLY AMOUNT \$ _____

BANK AND ACCOUNT # (DIRECT DEPOSIT) _____

Note: No payment is payable for the month of death (call local SSA office).

Part IV — Miscellaneous *(Things to know and plan for upon a death of a retiree)*

- Disposition instructions for the body (burial, cremation, memorial service, etc.)
- Information required for Death Certification (date/place of birth, father's name, mother's maiden name; it is important that is stated the cause of death)
- Information required for obituary notice (names, relation and locations of appropriate relatives, etc.)
- Widows/widowers will need a new ID card (military, medical, commissary, base exchange, etc.)
- Necessary changes in your DEERS program will have to be made (TRICARE, etc.)
- It may take several months to clear estates (you may require a maximum of 15 copies of death certificate)
- Contents of your safety deposit box should be known (make sure box number and its location and the location of the key are known)
- Direct deposit of Social Security benefits & military retirement payments (entitlements) must be immediately changed
- Named beneficiaries on insurance policies become very important (keep current)
- There may be some entitlement to burial benefits (headstone, payments, etc.) (Check VA)
- Check VA for Presidential Memorial Certificate
- An American flag can be obtained (in Germany, check with the Federal Benefits Unit)
- The survivor should update appropriate will
- Extra credit cards should be destroyed or cancelled
- Appropriate changes should be made to all joint ownerships
- Contact insurance companies as appropriate
- Be prepared to turn in Retiree's ID Card

Retain original documents and provide copies/certified copies to agencies.

Fill in and keep the following office phone numbers (Update periodically):

Casualty Assistance	06371 47-5759	Airmen and Family Readiness Center:
Retiree Activities	06371 47-5486	06371 47-5100 (Air Force Aid Society)
Legal Office	06371 47-5911	DFAS Hotline 0800 5891634
Red Cross	06371 47-2171	VA Hotline 1-800-827-1000
Mortuary Affairs	06371 47-5968	Social Security Hotline 1-800-772-1213

Note: Spouse/Next of Kin should have a copy of this document or know where to locate it. Let a third party (family member) know where it is in case something should happen to both the retiree and spouse or Next of Kin at the same time.