

# France Tour/Planning Team Timeline

October 15 – 28, 2021

## Sep 16 - Thursday (US)

- Shipping deadline for items to be sent overseas
  - John Wessels (ABMC)
  - % SHGTUS / PP1
  - Unit 9200, Box 1080
  - DPO, AE 09777-1080
- 1420 Furlan arrives on **Air France #69**

## Oct 15 - Friday (Paris)

- 0605 King\_W arrives on **Delta #8399**
- Check into Novotel Paris Eiffel, [with meals and free time on your own](#)
  - 61 Quai de Grenelle, Paris, FR 75015

## Oct 16 - Saturday (Paris)

- 0810 Livingston arrives **Virgin Atlantic #3970**
- Check into Novotel Paris Eiffel, [with meals and free time on your own](#)
  - 61 Quai de Grenelle, Paris, FR 75015

## Oct 17 - Sunday (Paris)

- **TBD** Yeadon arrives via car
- 0655 SPC King arrives w/Centennial Flag Case on **American Airlines #44**
- 0815 Kruger arrives on **Delta #8631**
- 0925 McIlvenna arrives on **American Airlines #48**
  - Pickup rental car (AUSA), Confirmation #: 9913562201
- 1035 Robinson arrives on **Delta #8672**
- 1035 Tate arrives on **Delta #8672**
- 1050 Smith, C arrives on **Air France #377**
- 1115 Brattain arrives on **Air France #65**
- 1340 VanBuren arrives on **KLM #1233**
- Check into Novotel Paris Eiffel, [with meals and free time on your own](#)
  - 61 Quai de Grenelle, Paris, FR 75015

## Oct 18 - Monday (Paris)

*\*\* WWII Candidate not selected is buried at Suresnes American Cemetery in D-1-1\*\**

*Michael & Nicole Robinson's 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: Bryan Schell & Anna Marie Matteson*

*Obtain a bottle of Port or Drambuie for toast on Oct 22*

- 0605 March arrives on **Delta #224**
- 0705 Taylor arrives on **Delta #8517**
- 0745 Basso arrives **United Airlines #57**
- 0925 LeGrand arrives **American Airlines #754**
- 0925 Stemple arrives **British Airways #1536**
- 1035 Maitland arrives on **Air France #99**
- 1305 Fallon arrives from Dublin on **Aer Lingus #524**
- Check into Novotel Paris Eiffel, [with meals and free time on your own](#)
  - 61 Quai de Grenelle, Paris, FR 75015

## **Oct 19 - Tuesday (Paris)**

*\*\* American Cathedral is the location of the first memorial to WWI casualties\*\**

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: Bryan Schell & Anna Marie Matteson*

- 0735 Deal arrives on **United Airlines #915**
- 0810 McCamis arrives on **Delta #82**
- 0810 Hathaway arrives arrives on **Delta #82**
- 0925 Sutliff arrives on **American Airlines #48**
- 0925 Jewell arrives on **American Airlines #48**
- Afternoon May arrives via train
- Afternoon Redden arrives via train
- **1400 (No Later Than) Walking Tour from Hotel**
  - Route **TBD**
- **1700 Dedication of a Never Forget Garden at the American Cathedral in Paris**
  - 23 AVENUE GEORGE V, PARIS 75008
  - Ceremony dedicating a Never Forget rose bush and plaque in the Dean's Garden, tour of the Memorial Cloister. POC: Ellen Hampton
  - **Must** RSVP:
- Check into Novotel Paris Eiffel, [with meals and free time on your own](#)
  - 61 Quai de Grenelle, Paris, FR 75015

## **Oct 20 - Wednesday (Paris >> Reims)**

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: **TBD***

- **0830 (No Later Than)** Checkout and depart Novotel Paris Eiffel, travel to Palace of Versailles
- 0900 Arrive Palace of Versailles, 3hr tour
- 1200 Depart Palace of Versailles, travel to Reims
  - Lunch enroute, **working on location**
- 1530 Arrive Reims and check into Holiday Inn Centre
  - 46 Rue Buirette, 7ème étage, Reims, FR 51100
  - [Hotel has an Italian rooftop restaurant that closes at 2200](#)

- 1900 Dinner for group at **TBD**

## Oct 21 - Thursday (Reims)

American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: **TBD**

- Morning market (Boulingrin Market) or free time
  - *Grab lunch or a snack for the trip before we leave*
- **1100 (No Later Than)** Depart hotel, travel to St. Mihiel Cemetery
- **1300 Arrive St. Mihiel Cemetery**
  - Flag is raised by **Hathaway, LeGrand, March, Livingston**
  - Bathroom break (only two toilets available)
- 1315 Tour of Cemetery starts
- **1420 Ceremony Starts**
  - Flag Bearer: **Craig Fallon** w/TUS100 Flag, **Sarah** w/AGSM flag
- **1420 Opening Remarks**
  - **Joe Alotto**, Saint-Mihiel Superintendent
  - **Gavin McIlvenna**, SHGTUS President
- **1430 National Anthems (FR/US)**
- **1440 Wreath Ceremony**
  - Simultaneous with all groups present
    - **Gavin McIlvenna**, SHGTUS President
    - **Jo Ann Maitland**, AGSM President
    - **Denise VanBuren**, DAR President General
  - Taps (sound system)
  - Moment of Silence
  - Flag is lowered and folded by **Hathaway, LeGrand, March, Livingston**
- 1455 Closing Remarks
  - Pictures, use bathrooms, load buses
- **1525** Tour of Montsec Monument starts
- 1630 Depart for Reims
- 1830 Arrive Reims, *with meals and free time on your own*
  - *Hotel has rooftop restaurant that closes at 2200*

## Oct 22 - Friday (Reims)

*\*\* Anniversary of CPL Nathan Cerillo death in Canada\*\**

*Bring a bottle of Port or Drambuie for toast*

American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: **COL (Ret) Valerie Prehoda**

- **0800 (No Later Than)** Depart hotel, travel to Ainsé-Marne Cemetery
- **0900 Arrive Ainsé-Marne Cemetery**
  - *Large Parking Lot for vehicles*
  - Flag is raised by **Hathaway, Judah, Sutliff, Furlan\_M**
  - *We will need to prep your flag with two small loops of cord*
  - Flag Bearer: **James Tate** w/TUS100 Flag, **Sarah** w/AGSM flag
- 0910 Welcome/Open Remarks by

- Kelley Carrigg, Ainse-Marne Superintendent
  - Denise VanBuren, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- 0915 National Anthems (FR/US) (sound system)
- 0920 Wreath Ceremony
  - Simultaneous with all groups present
    - Lonny LeGrand, SHGTUS Secretary
    - Pam Stemple, AGSM 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
    - Denise VanBuren, DAR President General
  - Taps (sound system)
  - Moment of Silence
- 0930 Closing Remarks
  - Flag is lowered and folded by Hathaway, Judah, Sutliff, Furlan
- 0940 Tour of the Cemetery and Belleau Wood
- 1100 Start Chateau-Thierry American Monument Tour
- 1200 Depart for Somme Cemetery
  - Coordinating for box lunch
- 1415 Flag Team arrives early (ride in van w/Gavin) at Somme Cemetery: Hathaway, King (Will), Jewell (Larry), Jewell (Mary), Livingston
  - *Arrive at the main entrance of the cemetery and park in front of the visitor center, the main bus will park outside the cemetery.*
  - *The flagpole will be prepped and the flag should be raised immediately, the lanyard will accommodate the TUS100 Flag.*
- **1430 Arrive Somme Cemetery**
  - Flag is raised by Hathaway, King (Will), Jewell (Larry), Jewell (Mary)
  - Flag Bearer: James Livingston w/TUS100 Flag, Sarah w/AGSM flag
  - *Note: Only one bathroom on site*
- 1445 Tour of Cemetery Starts (50min) at Chapel
  - Two groups
- 1530 Welcome
  - National Anthems (FR/US) (sound system)
  - Remarks by
    - Eryth Zecher, Somme Superintendent
    - Jo Ann Maitland, American Gold Star Mother President
      - First President of AGSM Son on missing plaque (1LT George V. Seibold)
  - Wreath Ceremony
    - Simultaneous with all groups present
      - David McCamis, SHGTUS
      - Jo Ann Maitland, AGSM President
      - Denise VanBuren, DAR President General
  - Firing three volleys (sound system)
  - Sonnerie-aux-Morts (sound system)
  - Taps (sound system)
  - Moment of Silence
- 1550 Closing Remarks
  - Flag is lowered and folded by Hathaway, King (Will), Jewell (Larry), Jewell (Mary)

- 1600 Bus Tour of Battlefield starts
  - Tour Bellicourt Monument
  - Tour Riqueval Tunnel and Bridge
    - *Steep hike on pavement. It will require shoes with good traction.*
- 1730 Depart for Reims
- 1915 Arrive Reims, *with meals and free time on your own*
  - *Hotel has an Italian rooftop restaurant that closes at 2200*

## Oct 23 - Saturday (Reims >> Chalons-en-Champagne)

*William King's Birthday*

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: COL (Ret) Valerie Prehoda & Ginette Crosely*

*NBC News Now will cover events*

- 0600 Breakfast opens
- **0700 (No Later Than)** Check out of Holiday Inn Centre, travel to Meuse-Argonne Cemetery
- **0900 Arrive Meuse-Argonne Cemetery**
  - *Park along the road leading up to the chapel from the Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (west) side. The bus can drop off in front of the chapel, then go around and park on the bottom. Those riding the bus can just walk down to it when getting ready to leave. The cars & van can park on the right side of the road.*
  - Flag is raised by **Hathaway, Robinson (Brad), Robinson (Nicole), Robinson (Michael)**
  - *The cemetery will only put up one flag and leave the Cunel side (east) for your flag. This flagpole is more visible during the ceremony.*
  - Flag Bearer: **SSG Alex Deal** w/TUS100 Flag, **Sarah** w/AGSM flag
- 0915 Welcome/Open Remarks by
  - **Bruce Malone, Meuse-Argonne Superintendent**
  - **Gavin McIlvenna, SHGTUS President**
- 0920 Wreath Ceremony
  - Simultaneous with all groups present
    - **SPC Samuel King, SHGTUS**
    - **Cynthia Kruger, AGSM Past National President**
    - **Denise VanBuren, DAR President General**
  - Three Rifle Volley (sound system)
  - Sonnerie-aux-Morts (sound system)
  - Moment of Silence
  - Taps (sound system)
- 0930 National Anthem (FR/US)
  - (FR) Sung by Mrs. Malone
  - (US) Sung by **Natalie Jensen**
- 0935 Closing Remarks
  - Flag is lowered and folded by **Hathaway, Robinson (Brad), Robinson (Nicole), Robinson (Michael)**
- 0945 Society Ceremony at Plot G, Row 1, Graves 1-2-3

- Flag is unfolded, presented, and refolded by **Hathaway, Robinson (Brad), Robinson (Nicole), Robinson (Michael)**
- Flag is passed from **Hathaway** to **Ruth**
- **Ruth** passes it to **Elaine** (AGSM Chaplain) who touches it to the headstone of G1 and then passes it to **Furlan\_M**.
- **Furlan\_M** touches the folded flag to the headstone of G2 and then passes it to **Amy** (SHGTUS Bereavement).
- **Amy** (SHGTUS Bereavement) touches the folded flag to the headstone of G3 and then passes it to **Basso**, who puts it back into the case.
  - 50 x white long stem roses
  - 6 x dimes (US)
  - 3 x penny (US)
- 1000 Tour of Cemetery Starts
  - *Starts in front of the chapel with a campaign overview / cemetery history, then offers different places to go depending on interests. The Cemetery Associate and our Interpretive Guide will be there to assist.*
- 1100 Lunch at Romagne 14-18 Museum
  - Menu **TBD**
  - **Cost?**
- 1200 Bus tour starts
  - *We'll take a windshield tour of the battlefield close-in around the cemetery leading you in the direction of Chalons-en-Champagne, then you can just drop me off at the end – most likely Varennes-en-Argonne.*
- 1400 Travel to Chalons-en-Champagne
- 1500 Arrive Chalons-en-Champagne, check in to Ibis Chalons en Champagne
  - Complexe Agricole, Route de Suippes, D 977, 51000 Chalons-en-Champagne, FR
  - **Hotel has a restaurant on site open from 1930-2200**
- 1530 Travel to Hotel de Ville
  - Buss will drop us off in center of town at Hotel de Ville, **exact parking location to follow**
- 1600 Walking Tour of City
- 1700 -2000 Vigil Ceremony @ Hotel de Ville
  - Flag team will drape flag on casket **Hathaway, LeGrand, March, Livingston, McIlvenna\_G**
  - Casket will remain in Hotel de Ville overnight, secured
- 1800 Evening entertainment (**TBD** by city), **meals and free time on your own**

## Oct 24 - Sunday (Chalons-en-Champagne >> Normandy)

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: COL (Ret) Valerie Prehoda & Ginette Crosely*

- **0900 (No Later Than)** Checkout of Ibis Chalons en Champagne
- 1000 Military Music begins
  - **Flag to be used on casket**
- 1015 Welcome by Mayor
- 1030 Flag bearers & military units in place
  - Flag Bearer: **Craig Fallon** w/TUS100 Flag, **Sarah** w/AGSM flag
- 1050 Official Party leave Hotel de Ville

- Mayor of Chalons-en-Champagne
- US Representative TBD
- SHGTUS President
- 1100 Ceremony @ Hotel de Ville
  - National Anthems (US/FR)
  - Inspection of military troops
  - Mayor Speech
  - US Authority Speech
  - Cannon Fire (2)
  - Military Music
  - Parade to War Memorial (300m)
  - Wreath Ceremony
    - Gavin McIlvenna, SHGTUS President
    - Jo Ann Maitland, AGSM President
    - Denise VanBuren, DAR President General
    - PP1
  - Ringing of the Dead, moment of silence
  - Salute by Flag bearers
  - Ceremony complete
    - Re-fold flag at conclusion of ceremony Hathaway, LeGrand, March, Livingston, McIlvenna\_G
- 1200 Reception at Hotel de Ville
  - Small drinks
- 1330 (**No Later Than**) Travel to Normandy (estimated 5-6hr trip)
  - 3 x 15min breaks along the way
- 1730 Stop for Dinner
  - Location (TBD)
- 2000 (**estimated**) Arrive Normandy, check into Mercure Omaha Beach hotel, with meals and free time on your own
  - Chemin du Colombier, 14520 PORT EN BESSIN, FRANCE
  - Hotel has restaurant/bar on site that is open 1900-2130

## Oct 25 - Monday (Normandy >> Le Havre >> Normandy Area)

*\*\* WWII Candidate not selected buried at Normandy American Cemetery J-6-33 \*\**

*Mark Furlan's Birthday*

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: TBD*

*NBC News Now will cover events*

- **0745 (No Later Than)** Depart for Normandy American Cemetery
- **0800** Arrive at **Normandy American Cemetery**
- 0805 Tour of Cemetery and Visitor Center starts
  - Visit World War II candidate not selected at J-6-33
- 0930 Ceremony Starts
  - Flag Bearer: Craig Smith w/TUS100 Flag, Sarah w/AGSM flag

- Welcome/Open Remarks by Scott Desjardins, Normandy Superintendent
  - Remarks: Gavin McIlvenna, SHGTUS President
- **TBD** National Anthem (FR/US) (sound system)
- **TBD** Wreath Ceremony
  - Simultaneous with all groups present
    - Clifford Redden, SHGTUS
    - Elaine Brattain, AGSM Chaplain
    - Denise VanBuren, DAR President General
  - Three Rifle Volley (sound system)
  - Sonnerie-aux-Morts (sound system)
  - Moment of Silence
  - Taps (sound system)
- **TBD** Closing Remarks
  - **TBD**
- 1030 Start Omaha Beach Windshield Tour
  - St. Laurent
  - WN68 Anti-Aircraft Bunker
  - First American Cemetery during World War II
  - WN70 Bunker
  - Point de Hoc
- **1030 (No Later Than)** Gavin & Amy Depart for Le Havre
- **1200 (No Later Than)** Depart for Le Havre
  - Box lunch
- 1230 Lunch with the Mayor of Le Havre
  - Location: 1517 Pl. de l'Hôtel de ville, 76600 Le Havre, France
    - Mayor Edouard Philippe
    - Gavin McIlvenna, SHGTUS President
    - Mrs. McIlvenna
    - Senators
    - City Officials
- 1400 Arrive **Le Havre** at the **Quai Roger Meunier**
  - Prepare for the ceremony
  - Bus Parking Location: **TBD**
- 1500 Ceremony begins
  - Flag is used in ceremony **Hathaway, Basso, McIlvenna (Amy), Jensen**
  - Flag Bearer: **Brand Robinson** w/TUS100 Flag, **Elaine** w/AGSM flag
  - Reception of the civil and military authorities
  - Unveiling of the plaque
    - Edouard Philippe, Mayor of Le Havre
    - Gavin McIlvenna, SHGTUS
  - Reading of a text by **TBD**
  - Speeches
    - **Mayor**
    - SHGTUS President, 5 min
    - **FR Minister of VA**
  - Wreath ceremony



- Ruth Robinson, SHGTUS BoD Member
  - Sarah Taylor, AGSM 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - Denise VanBuren, DAR President General
- TBD Ceremony ends
- Cocktail
- TBD (1:45hr drive) Return to Mercure Omaha Beach hotel, with meals and free time on your own
  - Chemin du Colombier, 14520 Port en Bessin FR
  - Hotel has restaurant/bar on site that is open 1900-2130

## Oct 26 - Tuesday (Normandy Area >> Paris)

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: COL (Ret) Valerie Prehoda & Ginette Crosely & Bryan Schell*

*Clifford Redden's Birthday*

- **1000 (No Later Than)** Checkout of Mercure Omaha Beach hotel, travel to Paris
- 1400 Check into Novotel Paris Eiffel
  - 61 Quai de Grenelle, Paris, FR 75015
- **1600 (No Later Than)** Depart hotel, travel to Arc de Triomphe
  - Place Charles de Gaulle, 75008 Paris
- 1700 Tour on top of Arc de Triomphe
- 1730 Prepare for Ceremony
- 1800 Ceremony at Arc de Triomphe
  - Flag is used TBD
  - Flag Bearer: Craig Fallon w/TUS100 Flag, Sarah w/AGSM flag
  - Wreaths are presented in a group
    - Gavin McIlvenna, SHGTUS President
    - Jo Ann Maitland, AGSM President
    - Denise VanBuren, DAR President General
    - Individual Flowers *approved*
- 1845 Travel to Ecole Militaire, 1 Place Joffre, 75007 Paris
- 1900 Gala opens
  - Flag will be on display in its case
  - L'apéritif: mKir royal, Whiskey, Champagne, beer, Coca-cola, juice
- 2000 Dinner starts
  - **Starter, dinner and dessert:**
    - Carrot and parsnip soup, Duck Parmentier with Mesclun Salad
      - *\*Vegetarian Risotto in lieu of duck available by special request*
    - Hot caramelized apples with orange and chocolate sauce
  - Dinner drinks: Red wine, sparkling/natural water/coffee
- TBD Return into Novotel Paris Eiffel by own means
  - 61 Quai de Grenelle, Paris, FR 75015

## Oct 27 - Wednesday (Paris)

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: Bryan Schell*

- Covid Test Time **TBD**
  - Estimated 50 Euro per person
- Free Time
- **2030 (No Later Than)** Arrive at Capitaine Fracasse Dinner Cruise **by own means**
  - Location: Middle of the Bridge of Bir-Hakeim, 10min walk out from the Hotel
- 2045 Dinner “Wine Lovers Cruise”
  - <https://www.lecapitainefracasse.com/en/formules-et-tarifs/champagne/>
- 2300 Dinner cruise ends
- **TBD** Return into Novotel Paris Eiffel **by own means**
  - 61 Quai de Grenelle, Paris, FR 75015

## Oct 28 - Thursday (Paris >> Home)

*American Legion Paris Post 1 POC: Bryan Schell*

- Checkout of Novotel Paris Eiffel, transit to airport
- Plan on **2hrs prior** to departure time to arrive at airport
  - Mid-Morning Yeadon depart via car
  - **0510** / 0710 McCamis departs on **Delta #8400**
  - **0740** / 0940 LeGrand departs on **American Airlines #755**

**0800** - Bus will depart for the Airport for all who wish to use it, all others will arrange their own travel to the airport via taxi, meto, or other means of transportation

- **0810** / 1010 May departs on **TBD**
- **0820** / 1020 Fallon departs **Aer Lingus #521**
- **0820** / 1020 Taylor departs **Delta #8504**
- **0825** / 1025 Hathaway departs on **Delta #225**
- **0835** / 1035 Vanburen departs on **Delta #263**
- **0905** / 1105 Tate departs on **Delta #83**
- **0925** / 1125 McIlvenna departs on **American Airlines #49**
- **0925** / 1125 Jewell departs on **American Airlines #49**
- **0925** / 1125 Sutliff departs on **American Airlines #49**
- **1010** / 1210 Stemple departs on **British Airways #309**
- **1025** / 1225 Basso departs **United Airlines #914**
- **1115** / 1315 Furlan departs on **Air France #72**
- **1115** / 1315 Brattain departs on **Air France #72**
- **1120** / 1320 Redden departs on **Delta #265**
- **1120** / 1320 King\_W departs on **Delta #8604**
- **1140** / 1340 Livingston departs **Air France #45**
- **1140** / 1340 Robinson departs on **Delta #8606**
- **1145** / 1345 Maitland departs on **Air France #90**
- **1245** / 1445 Deal departs on **Air Canada #871**
- **1340** / 1540 Smith, C departs on **Air France #378**
- **1340** / 1540 March departs on **TBD**
- **1440** / 1640 Kruger departs on **Delta #8358**

## Oct 30 - Saturday (Paris >> Home)

- 1015/ 1215 SPC King departs w/Centennial Flag Case on **American Airlines #45**