



American Legion  
Rhein Main Post GR05  
Postfach 2837  
64537 Moerfelden Walldorf



Rhein Main / Berlin Airlift Memorial, or Luftbrückendenkmal

March 2019

Rhein Main Post GR05 received Temporary Charter on Oct. 18, 1972 then received their permanent charter on Apr 6 1973 in the German State of Hessen. GR05 has contributed various Donations to Organizations such as Fisher House, CWF, and Legacy Fund. Also, our Past Commander Ron Moore had ridden the Legion Riders Run held in the United Sates.

Post Commander: Santos Alvarado, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Quincy Foster  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Empty, Adjutant: Lewis Pullum,  
Finance Officer: Santos Alvarado (Appointed), Service Officer: Quincy Foster  
(Appointed), Chaplain: John Jones, Historian: Empty,  
Sergeant of Arms: Juan Barrenchea, Judge Advocate: Stacey Krueger

Executive Committee:  
Ron Epps, Ernie Cojoe, Michael Blood, Dallas Smith, Walter Becker

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We are planning a special tribute to Rhein Main AB in May's Newsletter; covering from when it first opened to when it closed (including the old Post Home). If you would like to contribute an experience, a memory, or an entertaining story, please email: stacey.marie84@yahoo.com. Pictures are welcomed!

I have also been discussing with Vice Commander Quincy about having a BBQ fundraiser to support our Post. We are projecting this fun outdoor event during Memorial Day Weekend. More to follow.

Also the Kinder Graves site committee has ask for some assistance to help them maintain the graves. They have 2 of them here in our area; Ktown & Frankfurt. These graves sometimes have been forgotten by family over the years and maybe we can try and locate their family as well. More information about these sites are in this newsletter below.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be having their meeting at 1 pm.

**Our next Post meeting will be Saturday, 9 March @ 2 pm, at the Bistro Blitz:  
Am Oberwald 264546 Walldorf**

All are asked to arrive at least 30 mins early for social hour; the Meeting starts promptly @ 2pm.

----If you are to be late, please call 015114959970----

We are also available by Facebook video or Skype (rheinmaingr05); please contact us the day before if you want to use Facebook video

If you would like food during the meeting please let us know at least a week before; The Bistro's owner is willing to assist, but needs time to prepare.

## This Day in History

**4 Mar 1789:** The first meeting of the new Congress under the new U.S. Constitution took place in NYC.

**9 Mar 1864:** Ulysses S. Grant was commissioned as a Lieutenant General and became commander of the Union armies.

**14 Mar 1879:** Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany. His theory of relativity led to new ways of thinking about time, space, matter, and energy. He received a Nobel Prize in 1921 and immigrated to the U.S. in 1933.

**15 Mar 1919:** The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

**17 Mar:** Celebrated as Saint Patrick's Day commemorating the patron saint of Ireland.

**23 Mar 1775:** Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with a speech in Richmond, stating, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

**24 Mar 1874:** Harry Houdini was born (as Erik Weisz) in Budapest, Hungary. He came to the U.S. with his family as an infant and lived in NYC.

**30 Mar 1981:** Newly elected President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest in Washington D.C., following a speech. The president was rushed into surgery to remove a 22-caliber bullet from his left lung. "I should have ducked," Reagan joked.

### **Sons of the American Legion News**



The Sons of The American Legion will soon pass \$8 million in donations to the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF). As of Feb. 8, SAL donations to CWF stood at \$7,992,545.18 since 1988. That includes donations of \$171,879.43 since June 1, 2018. The SAL is the single largest contributor to the CWF. The CWF is a nonprofit that has two primary purposes: to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth and establish more effective uses of knowledge possessed by well-established organizations. To attain these goals, CWF raises donations and awards grants to organizations that help children. All administrative costs of the Child Welfare Foundation are borne by The American Legion, so 100% of all money raised for the foundation is used exclusively for grants.

Find more information at [www.legion.org/childwelfare](http://www.legion.org/childwelfare)

### **American Legion Auxiliary**



Mission Statement:

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Find more information at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

### **American Legion Riders News**



They say a soldier will die twice — first on the field of battle and again when he's forgotten. American Legion Riders Post 55 are making sure that second death never happens by placing cemetery markers on veteran's graves. The ALR's are installing cemetery markers for free, but the families insist to pay them; that money goes to pay for the next marker. Legions Rider Director Jackie Laird said: "There's plenty of work out here to do. In one local funeral home we checked, there are 100 markers laying there now. We don't want anything from the family except for permission to put this down. That's all we need. It's what we're supposed to do." The riders are doing it for the veterans that protected our freedom, and for the families that will always remember them.

Find more information at:

<https://www.legion.org/riders/244814/showing-respect-while-taking-cause>

### **American Legion Post GR05 News:**

- At February's meeting, motion was made to start an Athletic Committee, headed by Comrade Steve Swinger. More to follow.
- There are possible plans for our Post taking part in the city feast this summer!
- The Post Constitution and Bylaws are being redrafted and validated; will distribute once finalized.
- Let us welcome the latest Member to the 2019 100% Membership Club: GR01 Kaiserslautern!

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## February 2019 Post Meeting Highlights



*Ernie Cojoe & Sam Cobb with our Post's Flag*



*Ernie Cojoe awarded his certificate for 7 years!!*

**Let's welcome our 4 newest Legion Members!**



*Alonzo Teamer*



*Joe Davis*



*Peter Zsyk*



*Sam Cobb*

**We are proud to have you at our Post, welcome!**

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### Chaplain's Prayer for 15 March:

Heavenly Father, as we gather to celebrate the Birthday of The American Legion, we believe that not only is this what the Founding Fathers had in mind for our members, but that truly this is what we have been doing these many years, sharing and giving our joys, our talents, ourselves, not only to veterans and their children, but to all races, colors, and creeds. This is our goal — for You, our God and our country; The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion programs —the joy of giving —the joy of sharing. Hear our prayers O Lord, for we pray in Your most Holy Name. Amen.

### Information about the Kinder Graves in Frankfurt and Kaiserslautern:



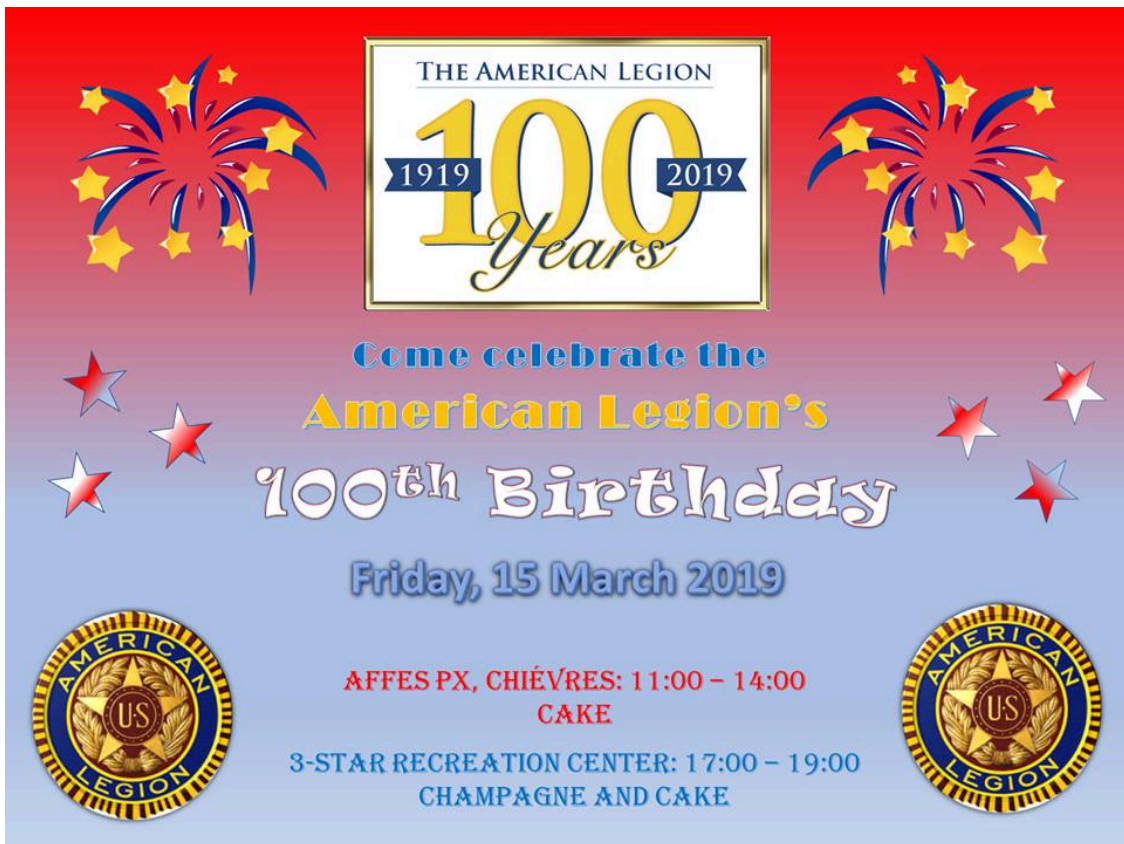
In Kaiserslautern: The Kinder graves serves as the final resting place for 458 American children of service men and women serving Europe during the Cold War, 1952 to 1971. The 2019 volunteer schedule can be found on the Facebook page for the site: American Kindergraves-Kaiserslautern.



In Frankfurt: Burial site for 448 children of American military families from 1947 to 1992; sadly though it only has 176 gravestones. It has been reduced almost one-fourth its original size and in need of volunteer help to keep the area trimmed and preserved. The 2019 volunteer schedule can be found on the Facebook page for the site: American Kinderfeld Frankfurt.

*Contact Commander Alvarado for more information*

## Legion Announcements:



THE AMERICAN LEGION

1919 **100** 2019  
*Years*

Come celebrate the  
**American Legion's**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Friday, 15 March 2019

**AFFES PX, CHIÉVRES: 11:00 – 14:00**  
CAKE


**3-STAR RECREATION CENTER: 17:00 – 19:00**  
CHAMPAGNE AND CAKE

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MARCH 11-18, 2019

# BUDDY CHECK




During Buddy Check week, take time to call on any member or former member who may have lost touch with the post. We need them, and they may need us. Honor the vision of our founders by making **PERSONAL CONTACT** with fellow veterans.

**#TEAM 100**  
[WWW.LEGION.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](http://WWW.LEGION.ORG/MEMBERSHIP)

**From our Commander:**

I am looking for delegates who would like to attend the below event with me. You can drive early in the morning or book a hotel the day prior; I will be departing Friday & spending the night. We must have at least 2 delegates, more the merrier! List of hotels are on the flyers I emailed. Please let me know before 28 February if you'd like to attend with me; I must submit a written confirmation to the Department. It's a good place to meet other Legionnaires from other Posts. Will email more details soon.



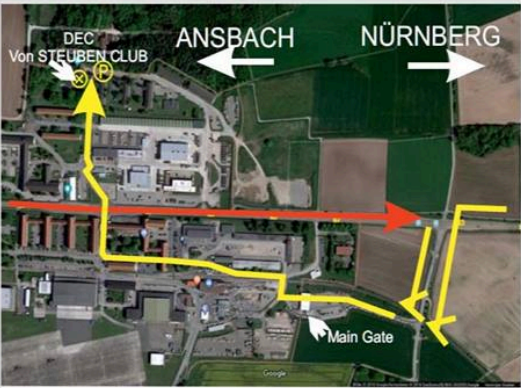
 **LOCATION:**  
Von Steuben Club  
Enter through Main Gate  
Sachsen bei Ansbach  
GPS: 49.311666 / 10.655397

**Accommodations available**


Gasthof Goldner Stern  
Ansbacher Str. 3  
91560 Heilsbronn  
09872 1262

Gasthof Hotel zu Windmühle  
Rummelsberger Str. 1  
91522 Ansbach  
Tel: 0981 972000

Army Ansbach Lodging  
Urlas Housing, Bldg. 8152  
91522 Ansbach  
09802 837014



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before 17 March 2019



Please submit any announcements or items for the newsletter to Comrade Krueger, Editor. Request must be submitted no later than by the 20th of the month for the next Edition @ [rheinmain05@outlook.com](mailto:rheinmain05@outlook.com)

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