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Program Update - July 20, 2022

Max Hank

Remembering U.S. Sacrifice in Europe



Last week, fellow Rotarian Max Hank shared stories and pictures from his and Patricia's recent trip to France. This trip included a number of bucket list items for Max, including attending the 24 Hours of Le Mans car race, spending time in Paris, and visiting D-Day sites in Normandy. He said that the highlights of the entire three week trip were seeing multiple commemorations of American Founding Fathers in Paris, and those D-Day locations,

from the Pegasus Bridge on the far left flank of the invasion plan to Ste. Mere-Eglise on the far right flank. Max shared the following Facebook post about his visit:

"I seldom post on Facebook, but today was a very special day for me that I would like to share. I fulfilled bucket list items by visiting several D-Day locations, including walking on Omaha Beach and visiting the American Cemetery at Colleville sur Mer just above that beach. These were humbling experiences, and I believe essential ones for any American, or anyone who aspires to become an American, who also has the good fortune to visit France. Attending the 24 hour Le Mans race last week was great, and also a bucket list item, spending almost a week in Paris was wonderful, but today in Normandy was the sort of experience that brings a lump to your throat and maybe a tear or two to your eye. As Patricia and I rode through the Normandy countryside with our travel mates, we were struck by the number of American flags flying in people's yards and fields. This was as touching to me as visiting some of the sites. I think we have found a part of the world where the U.S.A. is still appreciated. There is a touching inscription on the pavement of the U.S. Armed Forces Memorial Garden in Caen, France – "From the heart of our land flows the blood of our youth, given to you in the name of freedom." And all we asked for in return was a proper place to bury our dead. Maybe this sentiment is why we saw all those Stars and Stripes in the Normandy countryside.

Our tour guide shared that France now welcomes German military cemeteries on its soil, recognizing that times change and that most of the German soldiers were young and were fighting under threat from their superiors, but in many other respects were very similar to the young American, British, Canadian, and Free French who were fighting – the difference being that the Americans and their Allies were fighting to ELIMINATE a threat. But here in our own country we seem to now believe that anything having to do with the losing side in our own Civil War must be canceled. Maybe we could take a lesson from those who were both friend and foe 80 years ago..."

Charlie's \$2 Worth

ON D-DAY...

"They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate."
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

"At the core, the American citizen soldiers knew the difference between right and wrong, and they didn't want to live in a world in which wrong prevailed. So they fought, and won, and we, all of us, living and yet to be born, must be forever profoundly grateful."

- Historian Stephen Ambrose

"The waiting for history to be made was the most difficult. I spent much time in prayer. Being cooped up made it worse. Like everyone else, I was seasick and the stench of vomit permeated our craft."

- Private Clair Galdonik

"I cherish the memories of a question my grandson asked me the other day when he said, 'Grandpa, were you a hero in the war?' Grandpa said, 'No, but I served in a company of heroes."

- Major Richard Winters

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Jul 27 - Donnie Emerson - Jared Lanich, Indiana Dept of Corrections HIRE Program
- Aug 3 - Candace Balzano - Maria Larrison, Family Adoption ministry at Plainfield Traders Point Church
- Aug 10 - Max Hank - U.S. Sacrifice in Europe, Part 2
- Aug 17 - Andrew Klinger
- Aug 24 - Selina Lewis
- Aug 31 - Montie Manning - Sarah Wright from Plainfield Library re: oldest & most historic buildings in Plainfield
- Sep 7 - Scott Olinger

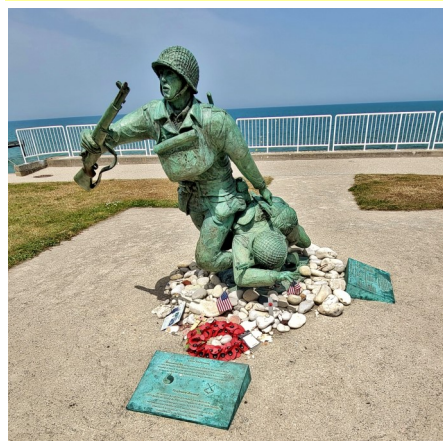
Upcoming Classifications

- Apr 13 - Diane Burks & Montie Manning
- May 11 - Sherry Sighting & Dave Williams
- Jun 8 - Daniel Kinnamon & Selina Lewis
- Jul 13 - Brian Culp & Rocky Turner
- Aug 10 - Jim Beebe & Susan Ament
- Sep 14 - Brad DuBois & Donnie Emerson

Images from Max Hank's France presentation



Normandy American Cemetery, resting place of 9,387 American heroes.



"Ever Forward" statue of American soldiers on Omaha Beach.



George Washington statue in Paris.



UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Aug 3 Candace Balzano	Dec 14 Brad DuBois
Aug 10 Max Hank	Dec 21 Jan Baer
Aug 17 Andrew Klinger	Jan 4 Donnie Emerson
Aug 24 Selina Lewis	Jan 11 Max Hank
Aug 31 Montie Manning	Jan 25 Daniel Kinnamon
Sep 7 Scott Olinger	Feb 1 Andrew Klinger
Sep 14 Ryan Rash	Feb 8 Selina Lewis
Sep 28 Sherry Sighting	Feb 15 Scott Olinger
Oct 5 Rocky Turner	Feb 22 Ryan Rash
Oct 12 David Williams	Mar 1 Sherry Sighting
Oct 19 Susan Ament	Mar 8 Montie Manning
Oct 26 John Baer	Mar 22 Rocky Turner
Nov 2 Jim Beebe	Mar 29 David Williams
Nov 9 Joe Bennett	Apr 5 Susan Ament
Nov 30 Diane Burks	Apr 12 John Baer
Dec 7 Brian Culp	Apr 19 Candace Balzano

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JULY

Beth Shepperd - July 14

Jud Wolfe - July 16

Sherry Sighting - July 18

Royce Carter & Halle Harris - July 24

Selina Lewis - July 27

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

July 13-19 John & Jan Baer

July 20-26 Sherry Sighting

July 27-Aug 2 Royce Carter

Aug 3-9 Max Hank

Aug 10-16 Jim Beebe

Aug 17-23 Ryan Rash

Aug 24-30 Joe Bennett

Aug 31-Sep 6 Brad DuBois

Sep 7-13 Max Hank

Please check supply, refill as needed.

Report any damage to Joe Bennett.

Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank

Finance: Joe Bennett

Foundation: John Baer

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Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois

Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sighting

Membership: Daniel Kinnamon

Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks

Programs: Ryan Rash & Max Hank

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Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD

Service Committees: Daniel Kinnamon

Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett

Teacher of the Year: Max Hank

Youth: Diane Burks

Interact and RYLA: Diane Burks

Scholarships: Max Hank

Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sighting

The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks

Plainfield Chamber of Commerce: Brian Culp

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?

2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL
CONCERNED?

(5. IS IT FUN?)