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Airbus factory wall repainted—wow!

The Airbus Saint Eloi Factory by Toulouse always had a discrete plaque honoring a fallen American pilot on its outside wall. A P-38 was shot out of the sky on 17 August 44 and the pilot's lifeless body landed against this wall via parachute 3 days before the liberation of Toulouse. German soldiers quickly wrapped the remains in the parachute and drove them away. The people of Toulouse didn't find out his identity until 53 years later due to some transatlantic genealogy sleuthing. A new plaque honoring LT Daniel Haley was dedicated in the presence of his emotional family on 20 August 1997. But the site has



recently been transformed by a wonderful new mural of more than 20 square meters, financed by the city of Toulouse and painted by the local graphics firm *Korail*. Done in street-art style, it surrounds the plaque, includes a portrait of LT Haley, and transforms not only the wall but the neighborhood. It was dedicated on 11 November.



The WWI Centennial



2018 promises to be an exciting year for commemorations, ceremonies, and memorials, as we celebrate the centennial of the end of the war on 11 November. We are constantly being asked when and where interesting ceremonies will take place, so we offer the following resources:
-for US events, The US WWI Centennial Commission is the central organization. They have an event list on their website at www.worldwar1centennial.org.

-for US ceremonies overseas, the American Battle Monuments Commission is hosting major ceremonies in all WWI cemeteries on 11 November, but also separate ceremonies at the centennial of American battles. See abmc.gov for the schedule.
-the French WWI centennial commission is at centenaire.org. They have a wonderful collection of English language articles (click EN at the upper right of the home page) and an exhaustive list of ceremonies (unfortunately only in French—click L'agenda du Centenaire from the French home page).
-the Belgian WWI centennial commission is at www.be14-18.be and has their entire site, including ceremony schedules, in four languages, including English.
Keep in mind the dates of major American actions 100 years ago if you are planning a trip to France this year—Cantigny in May, Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood in June, Champagne-Marne in July, St Mihiel and Meuse Argonne in September/October, and the Armistice on 11 November at 1100.

About AWMO



We have received some beautiful pins and stickers which we will be distributing as

a thanks for all donations in 2018. Donations under \$50 will receive a 3-inch sticker (below) and donations above \$50 will get a 1-inch pin (above). Also, please remember that you can support us via Amazon Smile with all of your Amazon purchases by using the link below.



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