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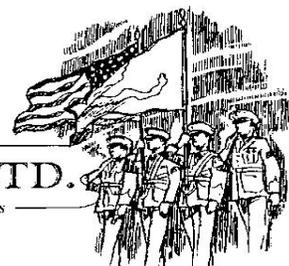
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## American Expeditionary Force—Pershing's Doughboys Tour with Michael Hanlon Preliminary Itinerary and Cost for Our August 7 to 17, 2018 Tour

### A Message from Tour Director Michael Hanlon:

More than any other trip I have planned for Valor Tours, we are working to include all the sites of personal interest for the participants in our 2018 Pershing's Doughboys Tour. Our journey together, of course, will include a comprehensive study of all the major American battlefields on the Western Front. You will see step-by-step how the battles unfolded, where the toughest fighting was, where legends like the Lost Battalion and the Devil Dogs at Belleau Wood were born, and all the magnificent monuments and memorials to our nation's sacrifices that are beautifully maintained to this day.

On top of that, however, this trip is a chance for families to remember and honor their heritage. If your loved one went over the top, we will take you to that very spot and let you walk in their footsteps. If you have someone buried overseas we will help you with a wreath laying..

The key to fitting all these special stops into our itinerary is to give me all the information you have on your relative as early as you can. I've been researching the AEF for a quarter century and I've helped dozens of travelers like yourself find the place that are meaningful to the. Please take a look at our general program below. As I learn the specific interests of our group, it will be adjusted a bit, but I've allowed enough flexibility and time to visit just about any place an American fought in France and Flanders.

I hope you will be able to join us. Contact me for a consultation at: [greatwar@earthlink.net](mailto:greatwar@earthlink.net)



**Tues: 7 Aug**

Arrive Paris – Welcome Dinner. Overnight Golden Tulip Hotel, CDG Paris.

**Weds: 8 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: Cantigny, Hamel, Chipilly Ridge, Serre, Mont Kemmel. Heritage Sites: Flanders Fields Museum, Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony. Overnight: Hotel Novotel Ieper Centrum Flanders Fields.

**Thurs: 9 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: Flanders Campaign, St. Quentin Canal, II Corps Final Advance. Heritage Sites: US Flanders Fields & Somme Cemeteries, Blérancourt French-American Friendship Museum. Overnight: Best Western Plus, Hotel Des Francs, Soissons.

**Fri: 10 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: Belleau Wood, Vaux, Château-Thierry, Soissons. In-Depth: The U.S. Marines Take Belleau Wood Heritage Sites: US Aisne-Marne Cemetery, Hill 204 Memorial, Churches at Belleau & Château-Thierry. Overnight: BW, Soissons.

**Sat: 11 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: The Second Battle of the Marne In-Depth: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Division's Rock of the Marne, the Rainbow Division at Croix Rouge Farm and the Ourcq River. Heritage Sites: US Oise-Aisne Cemetery, Landowski's Second Battle of the Marne Memorial. Overnight: BW, Soissons.

**Sun: 12 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: Fismes, Navarin Farm, Blanc Mont, Sechault, Argonne Forest Flank. In-Depth: Forgotten Victory at Blanc Mont, the Buffalo Soldiers & Harlem Hellfighters and the Lost Battalion. Overnight: Les Jardins du Mess, Verdun.

**Mon: 13 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: The St. Mihiel Salient — Early Combat, First Army Offensive, Second Army Offensive. In-Depth: The Invaluable Yankee Division, George Patton Leads America's First Tank Attack, and the Limited Trench Warfare Experience of the AEF. Heritage: Montsec Memorial, US St. Mihiel Cemetery. Overnight: LJMess, Verdun.

**Tues: 14 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: The Meuse-Argonne Offensive — Opening Attack, Fighting for the Heights In-Depth: The Fight for Montfaucon; Sgt. York's Big Day, Success along the Meuse. Heritage: Capt. Truman's War, Montfaucon Memorial, US Romagne Cemetery. Overnight: LJMess, Verdun.

**Weds: 15 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: The Meuse-Argonne Offensive — Capturing the Meuse Heights, Attack of 1 November. In-Depth: The Breakthrough to Sedan Heritage: Henry Gunther—Last to Fall, Memorial; 1916 Verdun—Memorial and Ossuary. Overnight: LJMess, Verdun.

**Thurs: 16 Aug**

AEF Sites: First Army Hq., Souilly, Air Service Field at Remicourt, Selection Site of America's Unknown Soldier, Chalons Champagne Luncheon at Epernay. Heritage: Musée de la Grande Guerre at Meaux. Farewell dinner buffet at Golden Tulip Hotel.

**Fri: 17 Aug**

Check out after breakfast. Tour ends.

Itinerary subject to change.

**Tour cost \$3750.00 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$600.00.**

**Includes ten nights hotel accommodations at hotels listed (or similar), portorage at hotels, breakfast daily, welcome and farewell dinners at CDG Paris hotel, three lunches, private deluxe coach from August 7 to 17, entrance fees, local guides, tour book, local taxes, emergency travel insurance coverage.**

Not included: Air fare, passport fees, tipping to driver and local guides, cancellation insurance coverage, airport departure taxes, alcoholic beverages with meals included, meals not indicated in above and items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, etc.

**Based on Foreign Currency Exchange Rates in Effect, September 2016**

## GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$600 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. Personal check or credit card can be accepted for payment. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due 90 days prior to commencement of tour. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation, description of insurance coverage (included in the cost) and reading list, with a travel tips newsletter to follow before departure. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Cost based upon a minimum of 10 participants traveling together and current rates.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to 90 days prior to commencement of tour. Cancellations received between 90 and 30 days subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation received within 30 days of tour commencement or "no shows" are non refundable. Cancellation insurance is not included in tour cost, but is available upon request. See Travel Insurance. Personal deviations and extensions to tour are subject to the same penalties. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process. Payments made by credit card must be credited back to your credit card account and may take up to 60 days to appear on your statement.

### HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

A passport valid at least six months beyond date of travel is required. Visas and inoculations are not required, however we recommend getting Tetanus updated. Recommended reading list, description of travel cancellation insurance coverage and detailed itinerary sent to passengers on deposit only. Travel documents including ID badge, baggage tags, final instructions and tour book will be sent to all fully paid passengers about two weeks prior to tour commencement. If you have any questions; call Valor Tours, Ltd. at 1-800-842-4504.

### WHAT TO BRING

Casual and comfortable travel clothes, comfortable walking shoes, brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, 2 wire coat hangers, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, nap sack to carry water and other personal items, binoculars. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, passport, cash on your person – do not pack in suitcase, as there are occasional delays. Travel light – one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please.



U.S Marine Memorial, Belleau Wood

### SINGLE TRAVELERS

When a tour member asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement would apply.

### NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST

Air Fare, Foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itinerary, passport fees, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, and items of a personal nature, cancellation insurance coverage and tips to driver and local guides.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable emergency travel insurance at no additional cost to you. This coverage is provided by TRAVELEX Insurance Services. A description of insurance coverage will be sent to each participant upon receipt of his/her application and deposit. Coverage includes sickness and accident medical expense; trip delay or missed flight connections; medical evacuation and repatriation; baggage and personal effects loss or delay; assistance services worldwide. Cancellation/trip interruption coverage is not included but available upon request.

\$3000 worth of coverage per person - \$187.00

\$4000 worth of coverage per person - \$248.00

\$5000 worth of coverage per person - \$313.00

\$6000 worth of coverage per person - \$373.00

And so on.

Due to the absence of handicap and disability laws in Europe, any tour participant with disabilities must be accompanied by a companion who is fully responsible for assisting the disabled tour member at all times throughout the tour. Our tour coach does not have a wheelchair lift and staff is not permitted to offer physical assistance. Travel emergency insurance coverage is included in the tour package.

See application form attached.



Our experienced Western Front tour leader Michael Hanlon is a former U.S. Air Force Weather and Operations Officer and a manager of large projects for both corporate and governmental clients. He is the author of "About the Great War: An Introduction to the Most Momentous Event of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. and has appeared on the History Channel as a commentator on the First World War's events and secrets. He is also the editor of the award winning "Doughboy Center" website and produces a number publications including "Over the Top" Magazine, the online newsletter, the "St. Mihiel Trip-Wire," and the daily blog "Roads to the Great War. He is a partner with the United States World War I Centennial Commemoration Commission.

For more information on WWI, previous tours to France, Belgium, Turkey and Italy recommended reading list, and to communicate with Michael Hanlon by email directly [greatwar@earthlink.net](mailto:greatwar@earthlink.net) or refer to [www.worldwar1.com](http://www.worldwar1.com)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (days) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to reserve \_\_\_ spaces on a \_\_\_ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room), or \_\_\_ single basis (I am traveling alone and do not wish to share). \_\_\_ Smoking, or \_\_\_ Non smoking.

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$600 per person), or please charge my credit card  
\_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

WWI places of special interest to me/us: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we need assistance with air arrangements from \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris to coincide with the tour.

I/we would like \_\_\_\_\_ extra nights at the CDG Hotel prior to tour commencement and/or \_\_\_\_\_ extra night at CDG Hotel at end of tour. (This does not have to be decided now)

Next of kin (name/phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read and understand the terms set forth in this brochure

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature* *Date*

Special needs: