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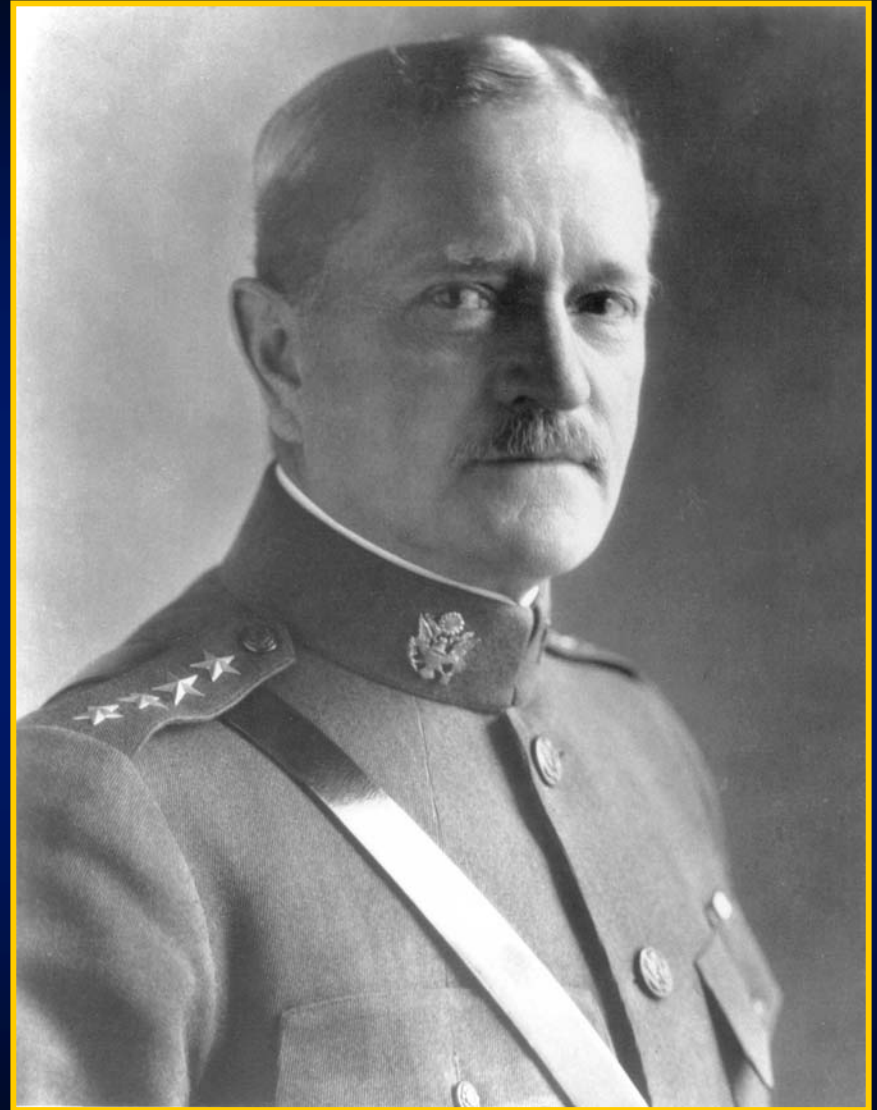
ABMC Background

✦ Federal Agency

- Executive Branch
- Established 1923

✦ John J. Pershing

- General of the Armies
- First Chairman
- 1923-1948

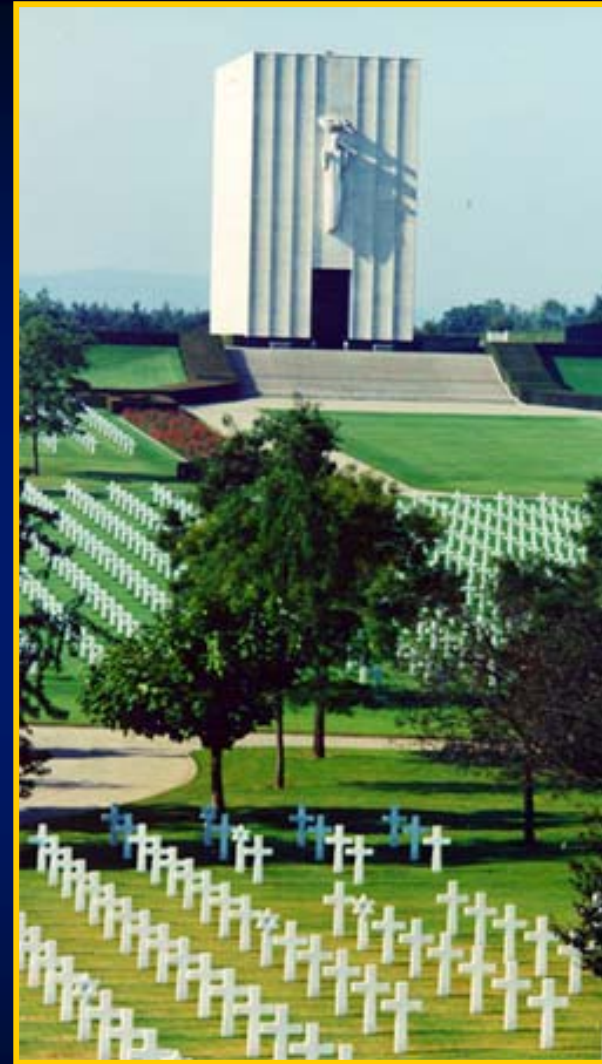


ABMC Chairmen

- ✦ GEN John J. Pershing, USA (Ret) 1923 – 1948
- ✦ GEN George C. Marshall, USA (Ret) 1949 – 1959
- ✦ GEN Jacob L. Devers, USA (Ret) 1960 – 1969
- ✦ GEN Mark W. Clark, USA (Ret) 1969 – 1984
- ✦ GEN Andrew J. Goodpaster, USA (Ret) 1985 – 1990
- ✦ GEN P. X. Kelley, USMC (Ret) 1990 – 1994
- ✦ GEN Frederick F. Woerner, USA (Ret) 1994 – 2001
- ✦ GEN P. X. Kelley, USMC (Ret) 2001 – 2005
- ✦ GEN Frederick M. Franks, Jr., USA (Ret) 2005 –

Mission

The American Battle
Monuments Commission –
guardian of America's
overseas commemorative
cemeteries and
memorials – honors the
service, achievements
and sacrifice of United
States Armed Forces.



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✧ Quality Control of other Memorials

- Control Design and Construction
- Public and Private Agencies, Organizations, Citizens
- Encourage Maintenance of Private Memorials

Current Commissioners

GEN Frederick M. Franks, Jr., USA (Ret) – **Chairman**

Honorable Leslie G. Baker

Reverend Chester L. Berryhill, Jr.

Honorable Donald T. Bollinger

Ambassador James B. Culbertson

Honorable James B. Francis, Jr.

Honorable Victor Davis Hanson

BG Jerry L. Laws, USA (Ret)

Senator Zell B. Miller

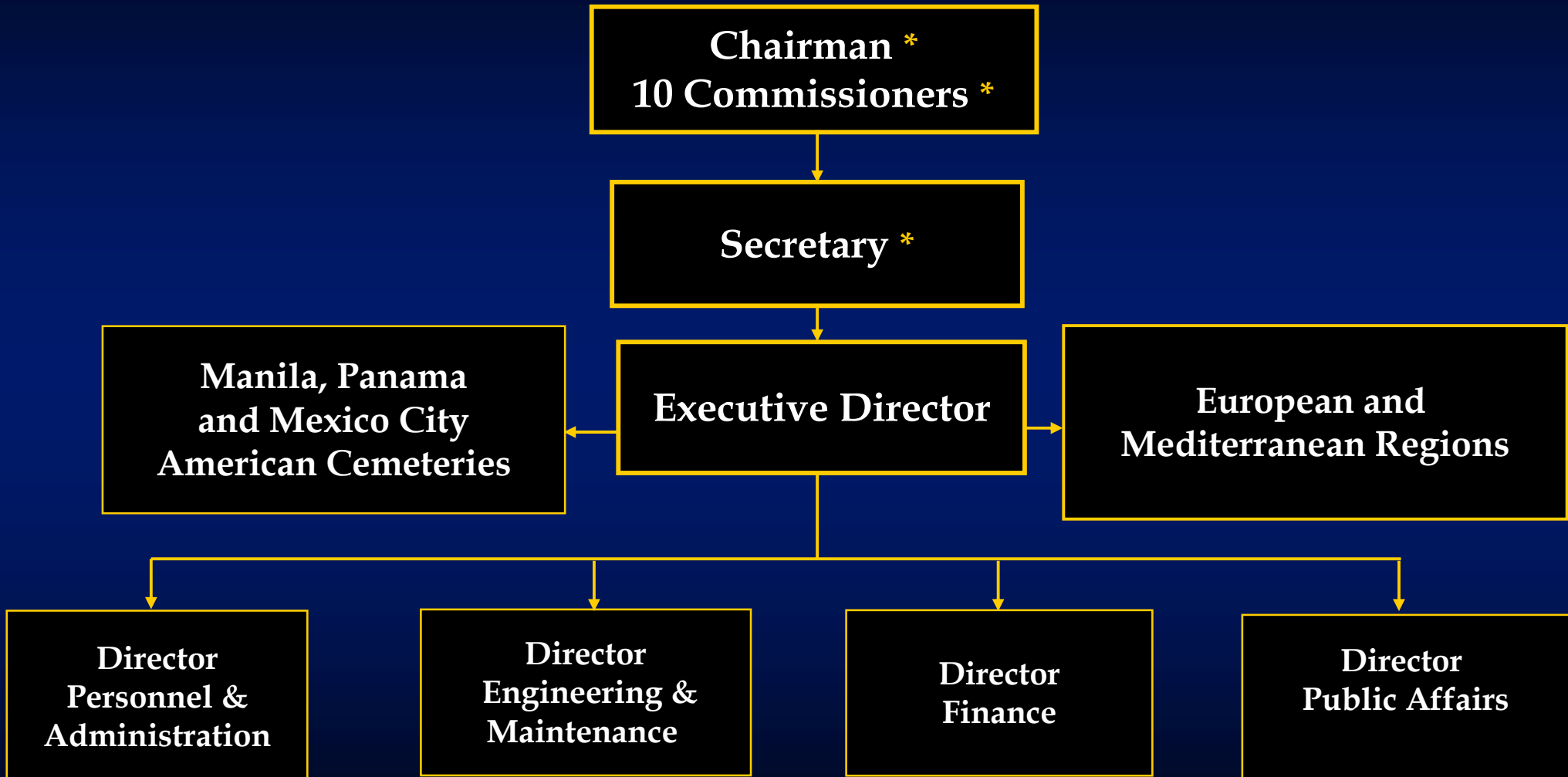
LTG Carol A. Mutter, USMC (Ret)

Honorable James M. Reynolds, III

BG John W. Nicholson, USA (Ret) – **Secretary**

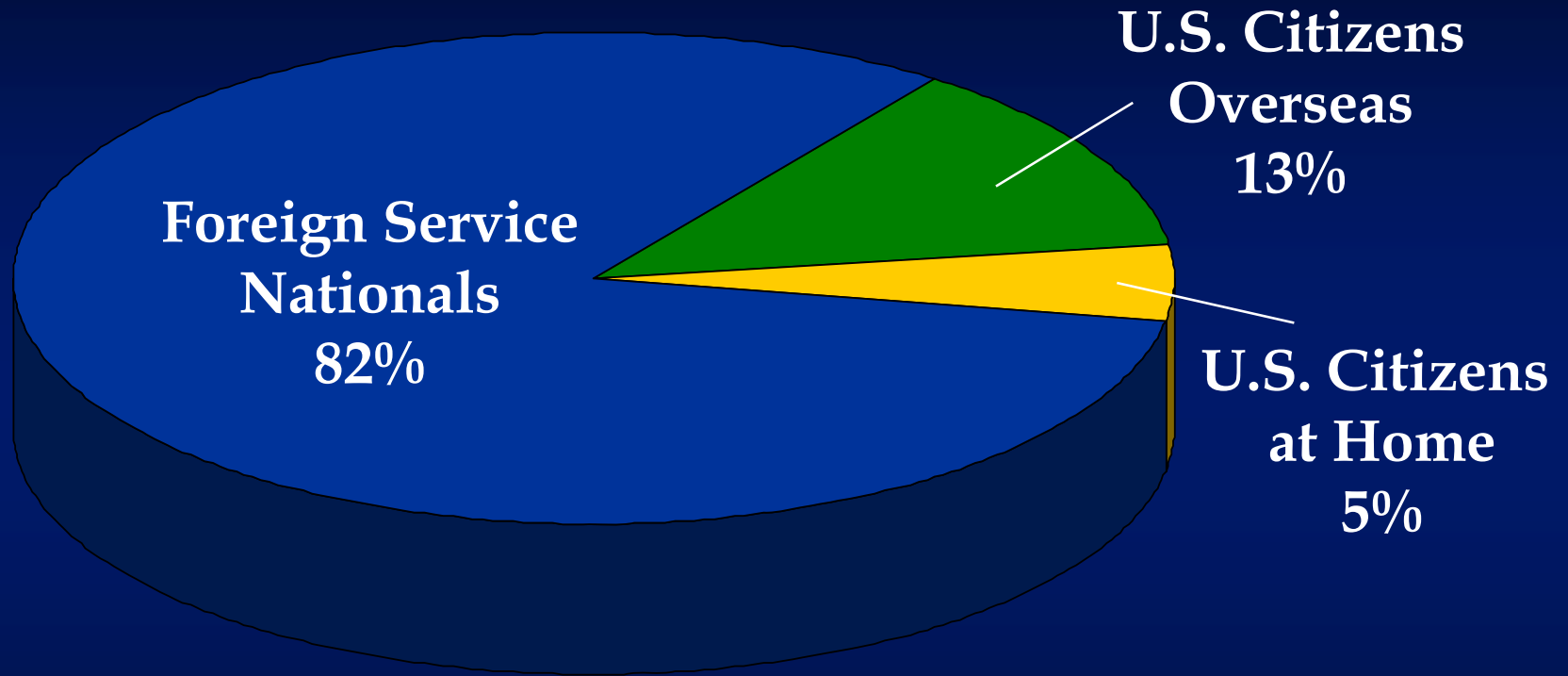
BG William J. Leszczynski, USA (Ret) – **Executive Director**

ABMC Organization



* Appointed by the President

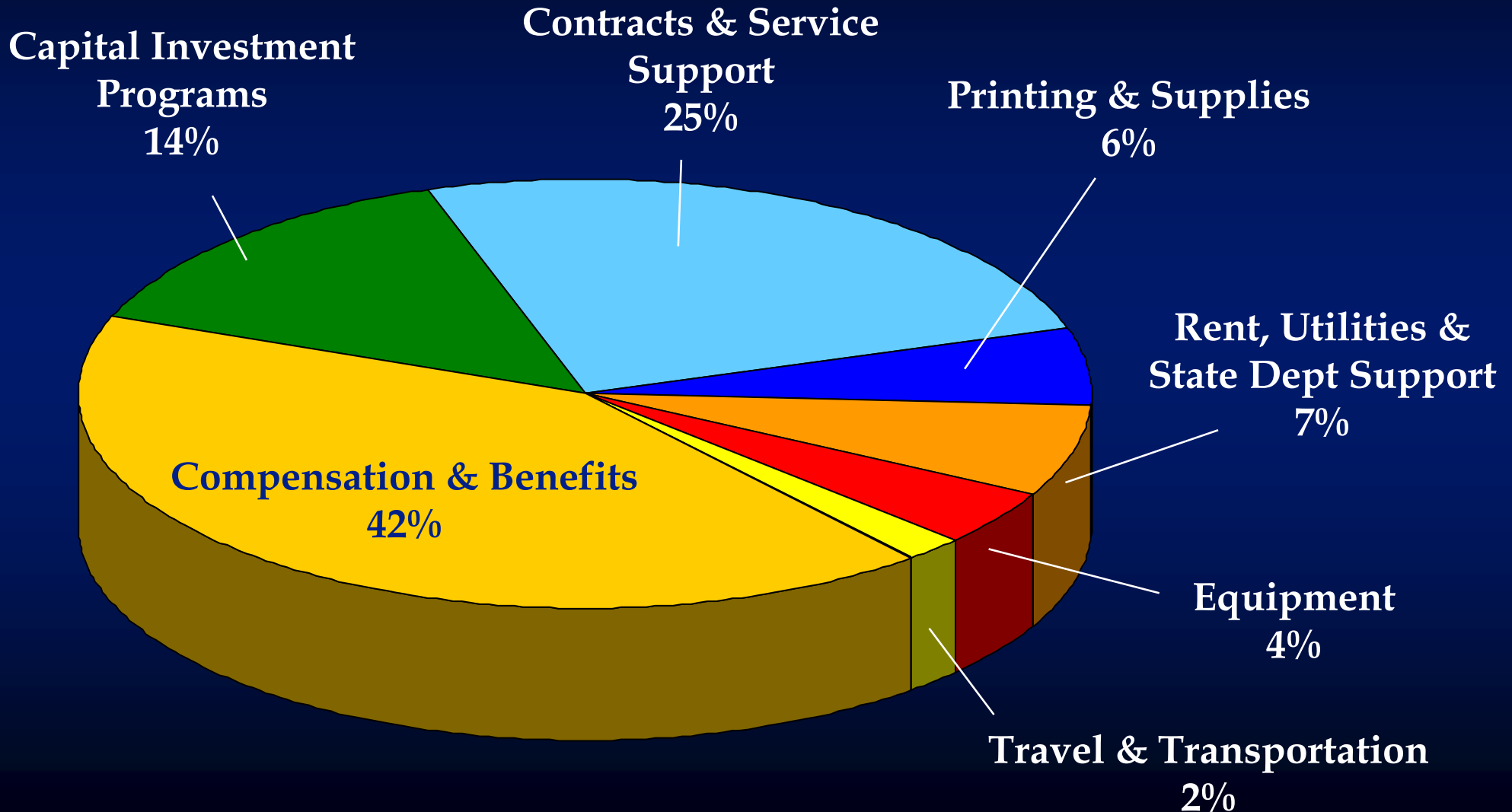
PERSONNEL - FY 2009



- 95% of Personnel Overseas

• Foreign Nationals	336
• U.S. Citizens Overseas	52
• U.S. Citizens at Home	<u>21</u>
	409

RESOURCES - FY 2009



Cemeteries and Memorials

✦ World War I

- 8 Cemeteries

- 15 Monuments, Memorials, Markers

✦ World War II

- 14 Cemeteries

- 10 Monuments, Memorials, Markers

✦ Others

- 2 Cemeteries (Mexico City and Panama)



Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial
Cambridge, England



Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial

Romagne (Meuse), France



Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial

Normandy, France



Corozal American Cemetery

Corozal, Panama



Mexico City National Cemetery

Mexico City, Mexico



Manila American Cemetery and Memorial

Manila, Republic of the Philippines



Chateau-Thierry Monument (France)



Montsec Monument (France)



Honolulu Memorial (Hawaii)



World War II Memorial

Washington, D.C.

Interpretive Program

✧ Normandy American Cemetery Visitor Center

- ✧ Dedicated on 6 June 2007

- ✧ Provides historical context for a visit to the cemetery grounds

✧ Interpretive Program Development

- ✧ Perpetuate stories of those who can no longer tell the stories themselves





Florence American Cemetery and Memorial

Florence, Italy

Tell the Story

- ✦ Cemeteries and memorials represent American values, our willingness as a nation to come to the defense of others
- ✦ Honor U.S. Armed Forces whose competence, courage and sacrifice preserved freedom throughout the world
- ✦ U.S. asked for nothing in return but enough land to bury our dead

Tell the Story

- ✦ Teach History
- ✦ Instill Patriotism
- ✦ Evoke Gratitude



Our Goal

To have ABMC commemorative sites recognized worldwide as inspirational and educational visitor destinations.





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