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The 14 - 15 - 16 September 2018

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AISNE - VAUXAILLON - FRANCE

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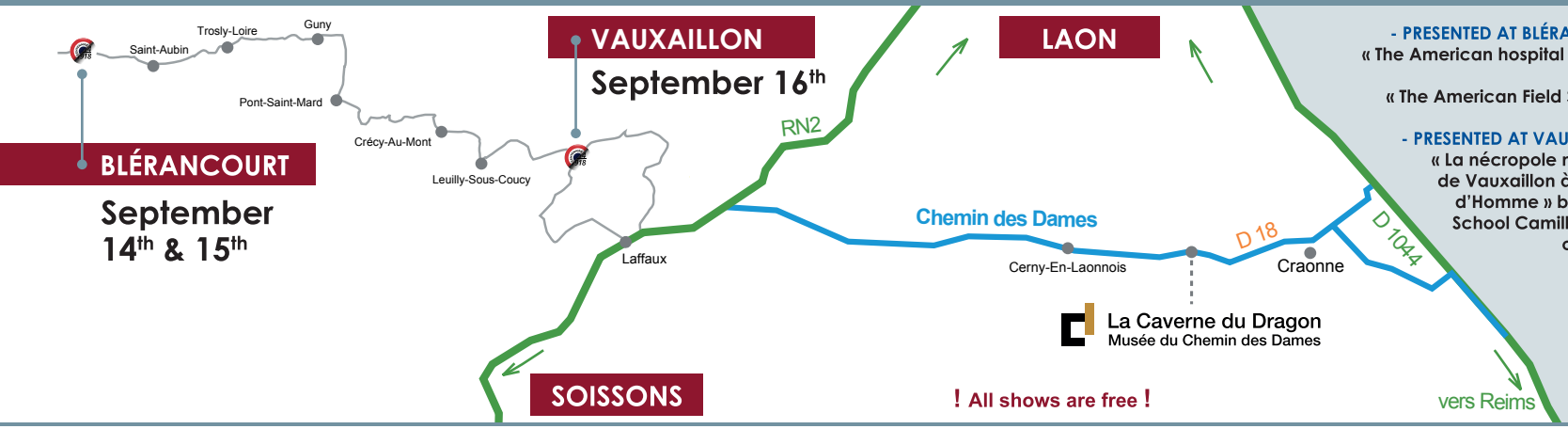

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EXHIBITIONS

- PRESENTED AT BLÉRANCOURT

« The American hospital of Paris »

« The American Field Service »

- PRESENTED AT VAUXAILLON

« La nécropole nationale de Vauxaillon à hauteur d'Homme » by Middle School Camille Guérin of Poitiers

- PRESENTED AT BLÉRANCOURT AND VAUXAILLON

« The 370th RIUS » by the lycée français de Chicago and Léonard de Vinci High School of Soissons

« Putain de Guerre » by Jacques Tardi

« American Ladies » by French-American Heritage Museum Blérancourt

« Alan Seeger » by Alan Seeger Middle School of Vailly-sur-Aisne

BLÉRANCOURT September 14th

Movies

10 AM	Welcome > **Salle des Fêtes**
10:15 AM	Documentary « **Le 1er jour le plus long** » (2014) by Philippe Abalan American soldiers arrival and departure
11:30 AM	Movies & archives images
12 PM	**Apéritif-concert** : Music and reading « Guerre & Femmes »
	LUNCH BREAK
2 PM	Movie « **Westfront** » (« 4 de l'infanterie ») (1930) by Georg Wilhelm Pabst With English and French subtitles
4 PM	Movies & archives images
5 PM	Movie « **Shoulder Arms** » (1918) by Charlie Chaplin silent
6 PM	**Apéritif-concert :** Louis Sandras Middle School's Choir from Anizy-Le-Château

In the Evening at BLÉRANCOURT

8:30 PM	Newsreel from September 1918 Movie « Captain Conan » (1996) by Bertrand Tavernier with English subtitles Projection in the presence of actor Philippe Torreton (Subject)

BLÉRANCOURT September 15th

Conferences

10 AM	Welcome > **Salle des Fêtes**
10:15 AM	Arrival and departure of the US Army in France during the Great War by Alain Boulaire, historian, Mission Centenaire 14-18 of Brest-Finistère
11:15 AM	African Americans in Aisne, history and memory of the 370th American Infantry Regiment by Franck Viltart, historian, Centenary project manager 14-18
12 PM	**Apéritif-concert :** Choreography and readings by Camille Guérin of Poitiers and Saint-Just of Soissons Middle Schools
	LUNCH BREAK
2 PM	The commitment of Moroccan soldiers alongside France during the Great War by Jean-Pierre Riera, History Teacher, Lyautey High School of Casablanca (Morocco)
3 PM	Father Marquette pioneer of French-American friendship by Eric Thierry, Chairman of Historical Society of Haute Picardie
4:30 PM	American Ladies by Carole Gragez, curator - French-American Heritage Museum Blérancourt
6 PM	**Apéritif-concert** : Jazz band from Martin Luther High School and Nerval High School Choir

In the Evening at SOISSONS

Cité de la Musique et de la Danse

8:30 PM	**Concert :** Jazz with the French-American pianist Jacky Terrasson

VAUXAILLON September 16th

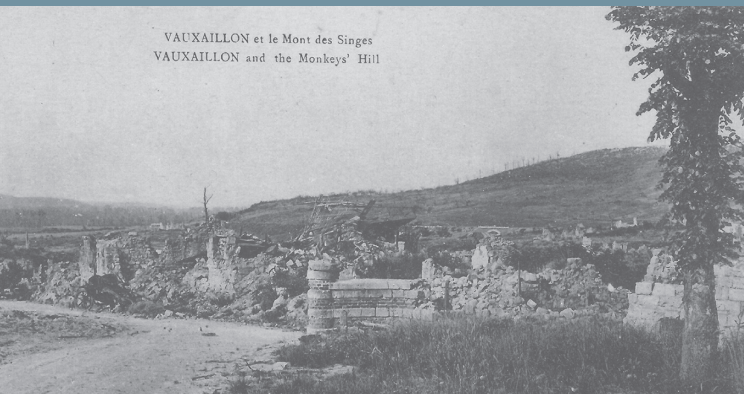
On memory places

8 AM	Walk from the Mont des Singes to the quarry of Antioch in the steps of the soldiers. Readings, Lectures and Music Departure from Vauxaillon - Soccer Field. Duration : 2h30mn – difficulty : Medium If you wish, you can stop the walk half way
12 PM	**Apéritif-concert** : Jazz band from Martin Luther King High School (Chicago).
	LUNCH BREAK
2:30 PM	Under the high patronage of Monsieur Emmanuel Macron, Président de la République **Ceremony at the National Necropolis** With the participation of elementary, middle school and high school students and the music of Armée de l'Air.
4:30 PM	- **Inauguration of the stele in homage to the 370th RIUS** homage from American Colonel Eugene Scott. - **Inauguration of Abel Ferry Square** MP, mortally wounded at Vauxaillon in September 1918. **Reading** by **Nicolas Offenstadt**, University lecturer - Paris I Sorbonne University

In the Evening at LAON

Notre-Dame Cathedral

8:30 PM	**Concert :** Brass Band of Armée de l'Air - Jazz band : Martin Luther King High School. Choirs : Anizy, Vailly, Poitiers Middle Schools and Nerval High School



Vauxaillon, a village at the West Gate of the Chemin des Dames, was occupied beginning on August 30th of 1914, then evacuated on February 1917 during the strategic retreat of the German army. It saw its first destruction during attacks in the spring and fall of 1917 and again in September 1918. Liberated in September 1918, the village was left in ruins.

Shield
370th RIUS
The Black Devils

Unit Journal - 59th Division :

« Situation of the troops on the date of 16 [September 1918] 232th RI on the right with 2 battalions in line, between points 7966 and 8257, 325th left with 2 battalions of Champ Vailly in point 7966.

A number of companies of the 370th RIUS are distributed among the battalions of the French regiments. The rest of the regiment is in the area of the Antioch Farm.

At 4.15 pm after a strong artillery preparation, 2 battalions of the 325th attacked the Mont des Singes in the south-north direction, and 1 battalion of the 232th attacked the edge of the plateau of Moisy. »

« American Ladies », Anne Morgan and wealthy young American women help the people on their return, both with supplies and morale : hygiene, food, leisure, culture, etc.
We have to thank them for the mobile-librairy, one of their achievements, which still continues today and throughout France.

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF :

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS : Quierzy, Vauxaillon
- MIDDLE SCHOOLS : Vailly-sur-Aisne (Alan Seeger),
  Anizy-Le-Château (Louis Sandras)
  Soissons (Saint-Just)
  and POITIERS (Camille Guérin)
- HIGH SCHOOLS : Paul Claudel of Laon, Gérard de Nerval and Léonard de Vinci of Soissons
- HIGH SCHOOLS : Lyautey of CASABLANCA (Morocco)
- HIGH SCHOOLS FROM CHICAGO :
  Chicago Military Academy
  Martin Luther King (its jazz band)
  Lycée français de Chicago

WITH THE SUPPORT OF :

- The League of Education
- The ONAC-VG of Aisne
- The « Souvenir Français »

IN COLLABORATION WITH :

- Association for the preservation of Pinon's historic heritage and its surroundings
- Association of the Ailette hikers
- Association of development of the territory
- Association « Tourisme-Emploi-Loisirs blérancourtois »
- Association « AD'Aisne »

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