

***About the FIU Honors College France Study Abroad program***

The shared history of the United States and France is both ideological and cultural. We are committed to liberty, equality, and the pursuit of universal human rights. The ***France study abroad program*** of the FIU Honors College fosters on an understanding of how the ideals and sacrifices of our **Greatest Generation** enable us to live the free lives we live today.

Every July, students from FIU stand on Omaha Beach and contemplate that the heroes of WWII gave us the gift of opportunity--opportunity to dream; opportunity to live; opportunity to do. It is our responsibility to embrace this freedom, to use it wisely, and to preserve it.

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***About the Legion of Honor***

Created two centuries ago in 1802 by Emperor Napoleon, the *Légion d'honneur* is France's highest distinction and recognizes exceptional service to France in various fields. It rewards distinguished military and civil accomplishments, and today rewards courageous American soldiers, friends and allies who helped France fight against the barbarity of the Nazis and liberate it from its occupied status.

On the 60th anniversary of the Normandy landings, France decided to grant the Legion of Honor to all the surviving U.S veterans who fought on French soil, honoring them and as well as those who gave their lives in the name of freedom and were therefore unable to receive this award. The Legion of Honor is not only a way to thank these heroes who are still among us for their dedication and sacrifice but is also as a symbol of the Franco-American cooperation that has long characterized our countries' relationship.

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If you know of any veterans that would be interested in applying to receive the Legion of Honor, please contact us at:

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**The Consulate General of France in Miami**

and

**Philippe Létrilliart**  
Consul General

in partnership with  
The Honors College  
and the Frost Art Museum  
at Florida International University

present

**A Tribute  
To America's WWII Veterans**

**Friday, February 12, 2016 at 11:00 AM**

**Florida International University  
Miami, Florida**

### From the Consulate General in Miami

Philippe LÉTRILLIART, Consul General of France  
Laurent Lemaire, French National Police Liaison Officer  
Nathalie Cluzet-Bertot, Press Attaché  
Youcef Boubaker, Intern  
Laïla Lipszyc, Intern  
Karina Asvolinsque, Intern

### Knights of the Legion of Honor

Mr. Patsy Capasso  
Mr. Kenneth Elkins  
Mr. George Greenberg  
Mr. John Gellick  
Mr. Frank Feeley  
Mr. Julian Wolfeld

### La Marseillaise

Allons enfants de la Patrie,  
Le jour de gloire est arrivé !  
Contre nous de la tyrannie,  
L'étendard sanglant est levé,  
Entendez-vous dans nos campagnes  
Mugir ces féroces soldats ?  
Ils viennent jusque dans vos bras  
Égorger vos fils, vos compagnes !

*Aux armes citoyens  
Formez vos bataillons  
Marchons, marchons  
Qu'un sang impur  
Abreuve nos sillons*



### PROGRAM

A Welcome by Dean Lesley A. Norhtup  
Dean and Fellow of FIU Honors College

### French National Anthem & U.S National Anthem

*Florida International University's Honor College's HEARTS group*

Address John Bailly, Professor  
Honors College at FIU

Address Admiral Kurt Tidd, USN  
Commander, United States Southern Command

Award Introduction Philippe Létrilliart  
Consul General of France

### Presentation of French Legion of Honor Medals

### Consul general, Philippe Létrilliart

Closing remarks Philippe Létrilliart  
Consul general of France

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