

American Battle Monuments Foundation

2025 Impact Report

This is how and why you help us



Remember & Honor: Then, Now, Forever

The mission of the ABMF is to extend and amplify the work of the American Battle Monuments Commission (abmc.gov), the U.S. federal agency responsible for all 26 American foreign military and 31 memorials. We provide education, engagement and outreach that reminds us that those hallowed sites where thousands of American service members are buried or memorialized are not a legacy of the past but an enduring reminder of the price of freedom and the role of America in preserving peace and stability in the world.



124,000

American service members
interred



95,000

honored
on Walls of the Missing



76,000+

buried
as unknown



2.9 million

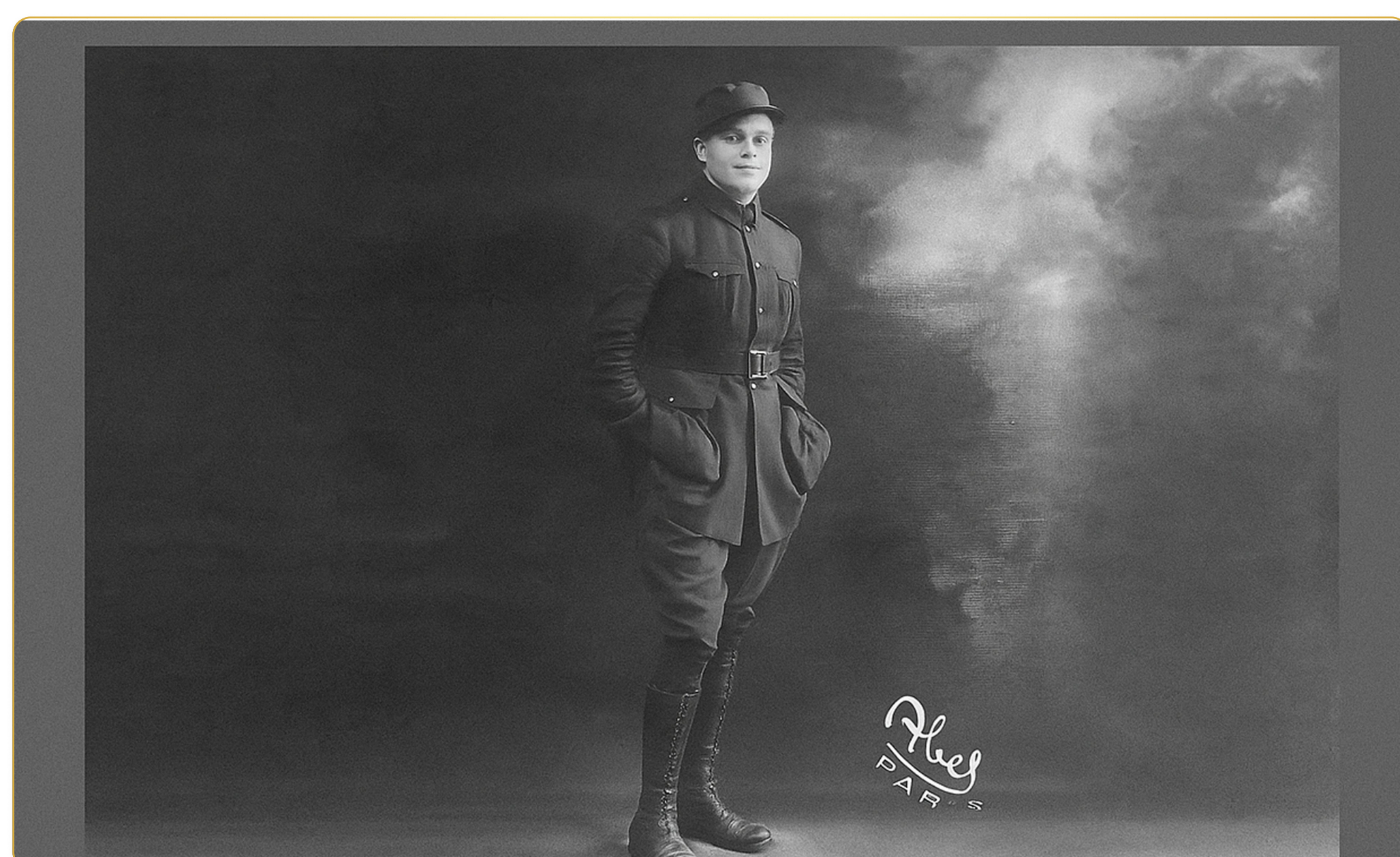
visitors
to ABMC hallowed sites

About half of the American troops who served and died in battle from 1898 in the Spanish-American War, through WWI, and WWII, are laid to rest or memorialized with their comrades at ABMC hallowed sites. After WW II, America was able to bring home their war dead. Americans who died in the Korean War and Vietnam War are memorialized at monuments in S. Korea, Philippines and Honolulu.

With our gratitude, this is how you make a difference:

Commemorative Events

At ABMC cemeteries on Memorial Day, July 4, and other significant dates such as the 80th anniversaries of **D-Day**, the **Liberation of Manila**, and **V-E Day**. ABMF, with other partner organizations, hosted events at Normandy (in 2024), Manila and Paris. Importantly, we honored veterans of WWII. The 202 who attended had an average age of 98. Many were just leaving their teenage years when they stormed the bloody beaches of Normandy, fought the most destructive urban battle ever in Manila, endured the coldest winter during the Battle of the Bulge, saw the sacrifice of their fellows, and finally celebrated Germany's unconditional surrender.



Preserving History and the Legacies of Service and Sacrifice

ABMF assisted in the acquisition of a historically significant uniforms and memorabilia of America's first combat aviators. Between 1916 and 1918, before the U.S. joined the war, 224 American pilots volunteered with the Lafayette Flying Corps.

Additionally, ABMF was able to fund the acquisition of the uniform and decorations of Meredith "Larry" Dowd, one of America's first combat warriors. This extensive collection will be exhibited at the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Cemetery in Marne-la-Coquette, France. At age 23, 2nd Lt. Dowd was killed in action in October, 2018. He daringly attacked four German planes, killed one, and with his plane disabled, crashed to earth. For his bravery, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously).

Educational Programs for patriots and the intellectually curious.

The **ABMF 2025 Presence of Memories Tour** escorted guests to six ABMC cemeteries and monuments with VIP visits to historical and cultural sites. Proceeds from the Tour support ABMF's efforts of education and outreach. Planning has begun for a tour in 2026 that will include the Normandy American Cemetery. If you are interested to learn more, request an invitation at info@abmf.org

The **ABMF Ambassadors Series Briefings and Scholars Series Conversations** offer a deeper understanding of the economic, political, and historical drivers that shape current events. These one-hour online events invite you to ask questions of the presenters. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. Request an invitation: info@abmf.org



* Gen Stanley McChrystal (Ret) talks with MG John Boyd (Ret) at ABMF Scholars Series 5 Nov 2025, hosted by JPMorganChase.

- **Turkmenistan – The Connective Tissue of Asia and Europe**, with Matt Klimow, former U.S. Ambassador to Turkmenistan and Jim Nicholson, former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- **America's Role in the Middle East**, with Hon. Gary Anthony Grappo, former U.S. Ambassador to Oman, and LtGen David J. Furness, USMC (Ret).
- **On Character: Choices that Define a Life**, with Gen. Stanley McChrystal, USA (Ret), and MG John Boyd, USA (Ret), hosted by JPMorganChase.
- **My Toughest Battle - A Soldier's Lifelong Struggle with Polio** with MG William M. Matz, Jr, USA (Ret) and ABMC Historian, Michael G. Knapp.

Outreach to Younger Generations

The ABMF 2025 Past is Prologue Essay Contest aims to engage students aged 11-18 to reflect upon American history and how the sacrifice of others shapes our lives today. **Winners' video and essays!**

2025 Topics: The Battle of Midway, OR, A Day in the Life of a Military Member on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. We received 803 applications from students in 46 states and 13 countries.

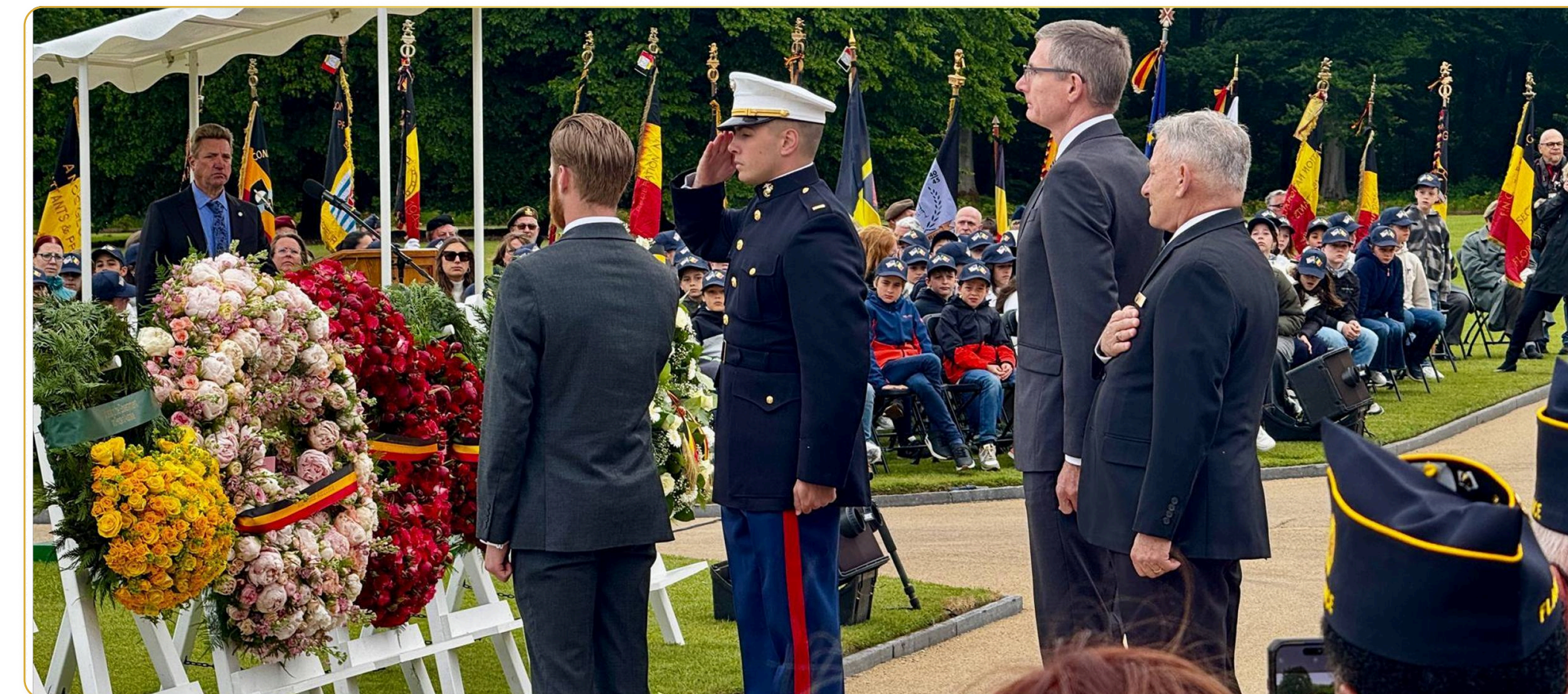
Students compete among their age group. Prize Money: Ranges between \$1,500 to \$10,000. Three rounds of judging with judges recruited from ABMF Corporate Partner employees and ABMF Volunteer Corps. 2026 Contest launches in February with essays due in May. Judging through the summer and awards made on Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day in September.

From a letter of Liam C., Independence, OR, 1st Prize, 13-15 age group

"...The mission of this organization is one that I find useful for us teens today, who are usually distanced from such realities. Thanks to your organization, kids get to know and share about important topics, like the Battle of Midway, and have a deeper appreciation for the past...actively helping a generation be more aware of our history."

ABMC/ABMF 2025 Fellows Program

This program for college-aged students has a focus on educating the next generation of both how and why the ABMC maintains the 26 cemeteries and 31 memorials with such meticulous care. The caliber of participants are the leaders who will help keep the work of ABMC and ABMF relevant.



* IC member and then-Brig. Gen. Dave Furness commanded the Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa 2017.

Military & Veterans Outreach

Through the efforts of the volunteer Director of Military & Veterans Outreach, ABMF engages military service members, veterans and their families through visits to military bases and facilities, military museums and family services centers.

- ★ 12 sites
- ★ 7 states
- ★ 259 patriots joined ABMF as members

ABMF International Council

This prestigious group of retired generals work to support ABMF in a variety of areas.

- ★ 9 members
- ★ All military branches represented, plus France and UK
- ★ Average years of service: 36

Fundraising and Development

The American Battle Monuments Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As such, we receive no government funding and rely on individual donors and Corporate Partners. Since its founding in late 2018, ABMF has received \$3,810,336 in donations. As of September 2025, assets were \$683,700.

Per the 2024 990, audited and filed with the IRS:

- ★ program expenses were 80%
- ★ fundraising expenses were 13%
- ★ administrative expenses were 7%



Among the veterans of WWII joining players at the ABMF Golf Classic, (l to rt) William Balabanow, USMM; Pfc Frank Stellar, Army Air Corps; Pfc Jacob Ruser, USA. Their average age is 100.

- **Online Donors and Individual Donors:** ABMF has pivoted from its “80 for 80 campaign (\$80 for 80th anniversaries) to the “250 for America 250” campaign to celebrate the Semiquincentennial. Contributions of any amount are appreciated, and all donations are encrypted and secure. ABMF is a registered charity in good standing in all 42 states that require such certification.
- **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)** Open to active-duty military and veterans, federal employees and retirees, and employees of the U.S. Post Office. In 2025, CFC runs thru December 31. Eligible donors may contribute via Donate Options - ABMF using code #77736.
- **ABMF Golf Classic at Galloway National Golf Club, NJ, October 20, 2025.** It was a special day of great golf at an exclusive course with six WWII veterans honored. **Can we ever thank them and their generation enough for what they did to secure our ability to live as free people?**
- **ABMF eShop.** Please visit our catalog of unique and exclusive gifts. Proceeds support commemorative events at ABMC cemeteries.

Platinum
Transparency
2025

Candid.

Outreach

ABMF Digital Community

Since 2022, ABMF has reached 5.87 million people – meaning the number of online viewers that have seen our many social media posts on [Facebook/ Meta](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#). We see continuous growth across all channels. Our website and digital security is top-notch. **We work hard to honor your time and not overwhelm our supporters with emails. If you have comments regarding our digital outreach, please contact us at info@abmf.org and we’ll respond right away. Thank you!**

ABMF Volunteer Corps

ABMF now boasts 274 volunteers! These wonderful people help in many ways: representing ABMF at events, writing [quizzes](#) for the website, providing historical research, and serving as judges for the Past is Prologue Essay Contest. **[Please join us!](#)**



Coalition Partners

Friends of the NY State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center awarded ABMF Chairman Jim Rosener and ABMF for “Preserving our Military Heritage.” The Museum boasts artifacts from the colonial era to today.

We Are Project Hero provides adaptive bikes and bicycle trips for veterans and first responders with visible or hidden wounds. With peer-to-peer support, riders experience reduced drug use, fewer PTSD-related attacks, and better overall health. ABMF supported the 11-day 2025 Europe Challenge ride that included visits to ABMC cemeteries in France.

The Bedford Boys Tribute Center included ABMF on its granite Memorial Plaque embedded on Omaha Beach, Normandy. In the opening minutes of D-Day, 6 June 1944, the small town of Bedford, Virginia suffered the greatest loss per capita of any community in America. It changed the community forever.



Kallman Worldwide, producer of the American Pavillon at the **Paris Air Show** and the **Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA)** each gifted ABMF with a complimentary booth at their international exhibitions and conferences. We are grateful for this support of our mission. These two events gave ABMF invaluable opportunities to talk with existing Corporate Partners and meet prospective new partners.

America 250

To celebrate America’s Semiquincentennial, ABMF will keep a special focus on the people and innovations that make the United States the beacon for freedom in the world. Our programs, special events, social media will highlight:

- ★ Alliances — particularly with France and England
- ★ Battles, Heroes, Technology - especially as they relate to ABMC cemeteries
- ★ Branches of the Armed Forces



ABMF Corporate Partners

We are grateful for the trust these fine companies have placed in us. These relationships have fueled our growth. Watch testimonials from **JPMorganChase**, **Teledyne FLIR Defense**, **Eurosatory**, and **Boeing**.



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