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## EDITORIAL

Our 19th annual general assembly took place at the legendary La Ferté-Alais airfield on January 10. The event was initially supposed to take place at the Air & Space Museum in Le Bourget but was cancelled due to the terrorist attacks of November 13. Our warmest thanks go to Jacqueline Clerc, who made it possible for us to use the club house of the Amicale Jean-Baptiste Salis. After reviewing the activities of the past year, we exchanged on various topics for the 20th year of existence of the French Wing. We ended the assembly by voting for the Adjutant Officer. The results of these elections can be found within these pages.

- Stéphane Duchemin



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OUR BEST WISHES  
FOR 2016



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FRENCH WING GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
IN LA FERTÉ-ALAIS

## New French Wing recruits



In December and January, we had the pleasure of welcoming two new members to the French Wing: **Marcel Dujardin** and **Adrien Picard**.

Marcel Dujardin lives in Couthuin near Huy in Belgium. Aged 49, he is married and the “father of a beautiful 19 year-old miss”. Coming from a military family, he was a communications specialist with the Belgian Navy for 10 years. His grandfather was a soldier before joining the Belgian resistance and later the US 3rd Army during the war. He is a collector of items from the US Army and more specifically the Airborne troops, has restored a 1943 MB and enjoy scale modelling. He enjoys “yard sales, travelling a bit, meeting friends, visiting battlefields, visiting concrete (bunker archeology), the 1950s and old machines”. His favourite warbird is the P-38, and his favourite unit is the 474th Fighter Group.

Aged 17, Adrien Picard is already well-known at the French Wing as he is a member of the Cercle des Machines Volantes, our neighbours and friends from Compiègne. He also flies in Le Plessis-Belleville. He has joined the ranks of the French Wing cadets, whose numbers are increasing. We haven't received his detailed presentation yet but we can tell you he successfully passed his pilots license only a few weeks ago. Congratulations to our youngest pilot !

Welcome to the French Wing, Marcel and Adrien! ■

## French Wing Newsletters

As you have noticed, the newsletter is no longer being published every month. When no sufficient content is available, we prefer to postpone its publication to the following month. This publication rythm will probably be maintained in the future.

Please note that you can now access all of the newsletters of the French Wing on the website. All issues since the year 2000, in French and in English, can be read or downloaded online. To do this, you must first log in and then go to Members Area > Newsletters. ■

## Cessna 195 “Businessliner”



The latest issue of «Aviation et Pilote» has an article about our friend Michel Baloche: “The Cessna 195 Businessliner, built in 1947 and the first aircraft meant for businessmen looking for an efficient transportation method. Authorized to carry passengers in VFR conditions, it served as “feeder aircraft” for Mid-West Airways. Michel Baloche, a former Air France pilot, presents his classic aircraft based in Le Plessis-Belleville.” ■



# 19th French Wing General Assembly in la Ferté-Alais

By Gaël Darquet. Photos by Laurent Cluzel and via the CAF French Wing's Facebook group.

This year, our general assembly took place on January 10, after being postponed because of the terror attacks of November. We met on the Cerny plateau where the "Amicale Jean-Baptiste Salis" and the "Casques de Cuir" are located. After coffee and the traditional new year wishes, the 37 members who were present settled down in the club house, which had been reserved by Jacqueline Clerc. It is the first time in many years that so many members were present for the general assembly.

Our Wing Leader Stéphane Duchemin

took the lead. He started by telling us of the birth of a future French Wing recruit: Gabriel Brown, the newborn baby of our Executive Officer Bertrand Brown. It might take some time before we see him in overalls at the hangar.

The Wing Leader then went through the various topics of the assembly. We discussed the French Wing's situation, relationship with the CAF Headquarters, and our moral and financial situation. Our Finance Officer Jean-Yves Cercy then detailed the unit's finances for the past year as well as the operations and financial records of the Piper Cub. Current and future projects, which are quite numerous, were also discussed. The PX was one of the topics as well, with the sale of new items that were introduced recently.

The president answered open questions before the election for the Adjutant Officer were made. Once the assembly was over, we headed for the airfield's restaurant, where our three tables took half the available place. Anecdotes, conversations and laughter were abundant during lunch ! After lunch, we were given a guided tour of the museum by Jean-Pierre Lafille.





**PX**

The PX did well last year, with several new items finding their way in our stocks. New polo shirts, sweat shirts and caps were introduced with great success, as well as “Remove before flight” tags, which are now a best-seller. Our several outings made up for good sales. We are now trying to create new products that are typical of the French Wing. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know. I would like to thank all of the members who helped with the PX, where the atmosphere is generally quite relaxed and agreeable. I ask that you keep up the effort, or join us if you’ve never staffed the PX yet. See you soon on our stand ! ■



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**Adjutant Officer election**

*Here are the final results of the election to the post of Adjutant Officer:*

*Total number of voters : 76*

*Direct votes : 28*

*Votes by correspondance : 10*

*Total votes : 38*

*Votes for Gaël Darquet: 38*

*Gaël Darquet is therefore re-elected to the post of Adjutant Officer for a period of three years, starting 1 February 2016. ■*

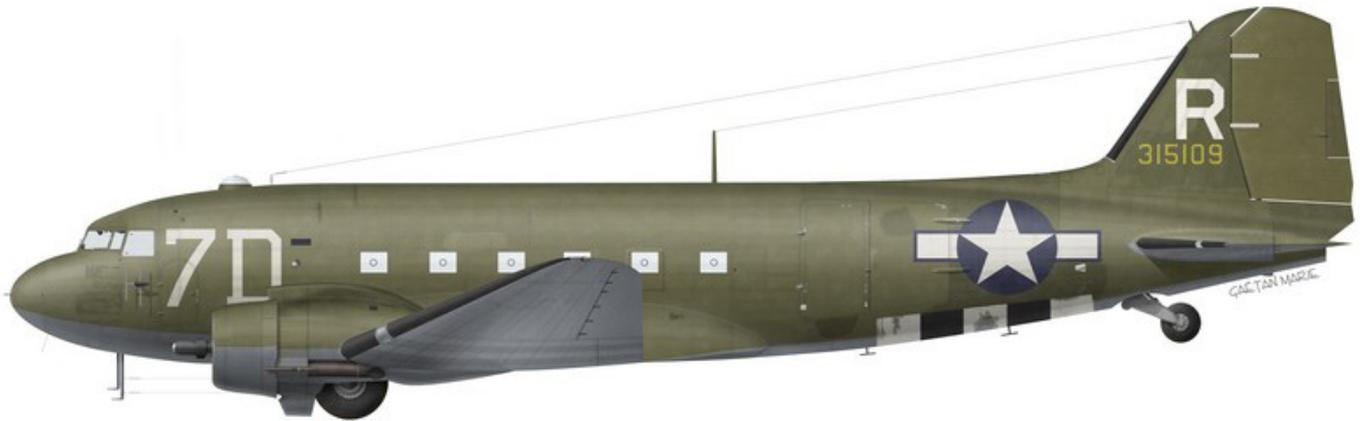


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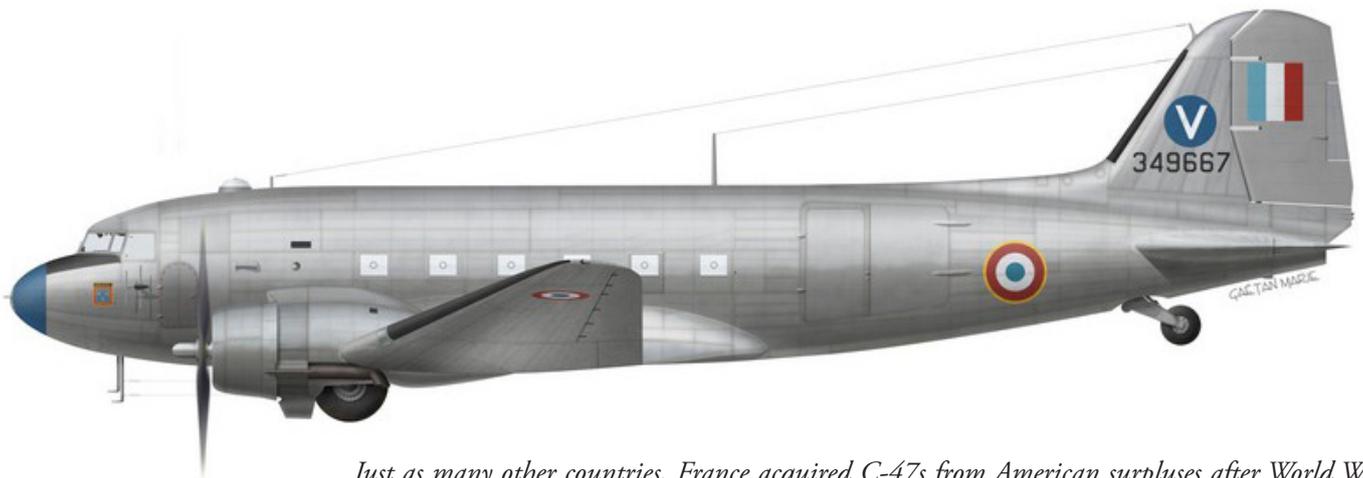
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Profls: Bertrand Brown (aka Gaëtan Marie)

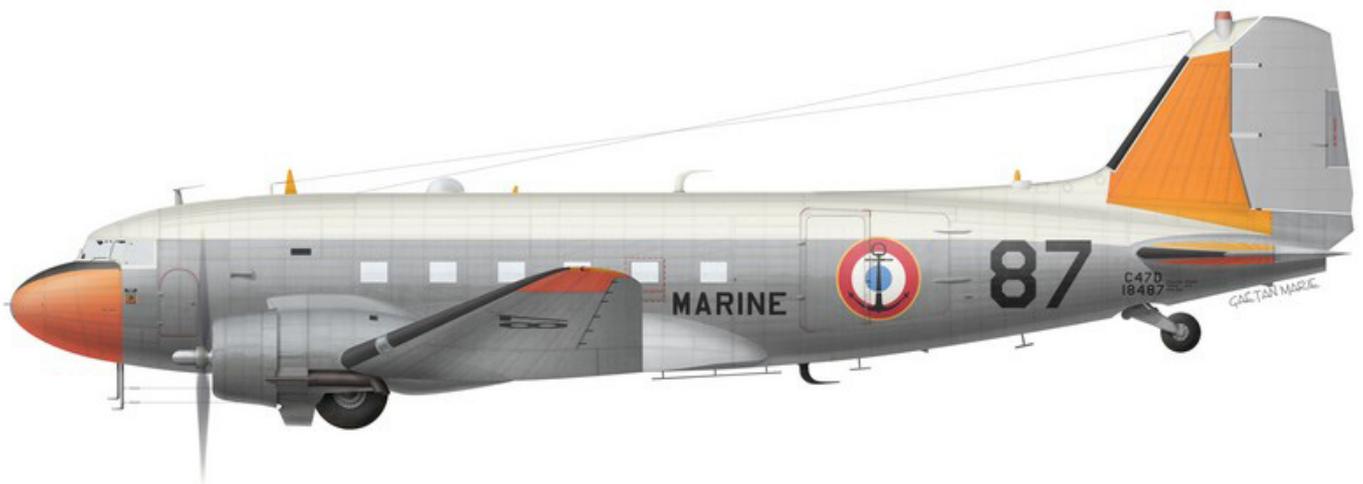
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*This weary-looking C-47A-80-DL (s/n 43-15109) of the 80th Troop Carrier Squadron, 436th Troop Carrier Group flew in Europe in the winter of 44/45.*

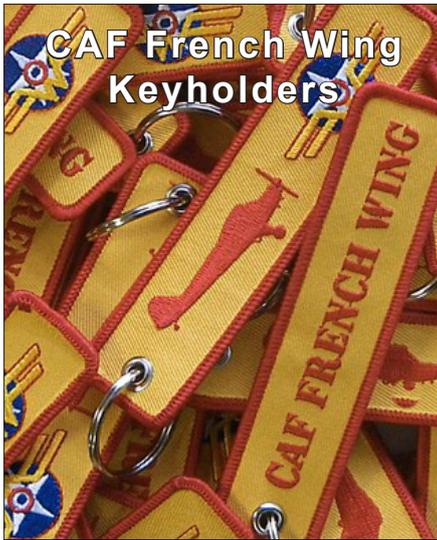


*Just as many other countries, France acquired C-47s from American surpluses after World War Two. This aircraft, a C-47B-20-DK, flew with the French Air Force's Groupe de Transport 2/64 «Anjou» based in Tan Son Nhut during the Indochina War.*



*The French Navy also operated the Dakota for many years. Our late friend Bernard Delfino made his first "Dak" flight on this aircraft, C-47A-80-DL "number 87".*

## NEW PX ITEM



French Wing woven keyholders. These keyholders are of good quality and show the CAF French Wing logo and Piper Cub "Spirit of Lewis" silhouette on one side, and the CAF French Wing's name on the other side. Cost: 3€ each.

## 2015 FRENCH WING SUBORDINATE OFFICERS

THE FRENCH WING IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- PX: Deputy
  - Recruiting: Officer and deputy
- Should you be interested by these jobs, please contact the French Wing!

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