

100/442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM MONUMENT HILL 555

*Restoration and Augmentation
Bruyères France*

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In 1947, the grateful but still ravaged City of Bruyères France built near Hill 555 a simple stone monument in honor of the Americans of Japanese descent who in October 1944 liberated their city from the German invaders. This historically important monument is now showing the effects of its age, exposure to the weather and occasional vandalism. It is this monument that interested parties seek to renew in the memory of all those who sacrificed in this heroic effort.

In addition to the restoration of the existing monument, these same interested parties also seek to augment the current site with an additional memorial element using locally quarried native stone. A licensed architect has prepared a proposed design based on the shoulder patch of the 100/442nd RCT. Please see the "Torch" element depicted above. While the final design and placement remain subject to change, the Mayor and City Council have approved the project and expect its completion by October 2017.*

The project will be paid for by the family and friends of those who served in the 100/442 RCT, the 522 FAB and the 232 ENG. and through the contributions of interested individuals and organizations.

An account known as the "Bruyères Hill 555 Project" has been established. Based on the project's progress, payments will be made to the City for work completed. At the conclusion of the effort any remaining funds will be donated to the City for maintenance of the monuments.

Those interested in contributing to this critically needed rehabilitation and augmentation can make checks payable to the "Bruyères Hill 555 Project." Please mail to: Carl Williams, 827 Crestwater Ln. Sacramento, CA 95831. A receipt will be mailed or e-mailed to you.

Principle Advocate: **Mayor Yves Bonjean**
100/442nd Historians: **Hervé and Sylvia Claudon**

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION (PLEASE PRINT)

To donate online, please go to www.hill555.org

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

VETERAN OR PERSON IN WHOSE NAME CONTRIBUTION IS BEING MADE** _____

**For example, we are inspired by one of the members of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, (Pvt.) Kiyoshi Ono of B Battery who, along with his fellow soldiers, fought to wrest the region from the invaders and return it in peace to the people of France.

*Please see reverse side for the letter of approval from the City of Bruyères. Please contact Carl Williams at cwilliams@intl-aero.net or 916-233-8069 for a free copy of the approved plan and for periodic progress reports.

Thank you for helping maintain the memory of the 100/442nd RCT. You are also invited to come to Bruyères to participate in the rededication of the 1947 monument and the addition of the new element.

**George "Calhoun" Hamai, Honorary Chairman
442nd RCT Medical Detachment (1944-1946)**



Le Maire de BRUYÈRES
Yves BONJEAN

à

Carl Williams
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Bruyères, le 18 Novembre 2016

The city of Bruyères is pleased to announce that the city council has been informed of the project called « City of Bruyères project 555 HILL»

It was presented to the city council on October 19, 2016 and it consists in the addition of a pink granite headstone representing the emblem of the 100/442 on the location of the existing monument. The completion of the project is planned at the beginning of October 2017.

The city of Bruyères officially recognizes Mr Carl B. Williams living at 10 Holiday Cove CT Sacramento, CA 95831 USA as an unpaid helper who wishes to financially help the city of Bruyères for the restructuring of the monument built in 1947 in honor of the Japanese American soldiers who liberated the city on October 19 1944.

In this respect the city of Bruyères will create a specific budget line entitled « City of Bruyères 555 Hill » on which will be registered the donations from the Untied States of America to settle the cost of the works.

Mr Carl B. Williams commits to voluntarily organize the fundraising initiative with associations and all the people willing to provide financial support for the achievement of this project; and to donate the entirety of the funds all at once.

The identity of the sponsors, their addresses, phone numbers, email addresses will be conveyed to the mayor of Bruyères.

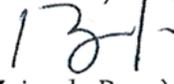
The city of Bruyères has contacted a local craftsman, GERARD company from Saulcy sur Meurthe which has provided us with an enclosed detailed cost estimate. It includes the supplies and the laying of the carved stone for the amount of €22,440 ex-Tax / €26,928 including VAT.

The city of Bruyères commits to give a report on the progress of the works and the costs incurred to Mr Williams. It will send him the bills and the photographs as and when the headstone is built via emails or mail.

The city of Bruyères warmly thanks Mr Carl B. Williams for his initiative, his involvement and reminds that his commitment is purely voluntary and has for sole purpose to honor the memory of the Nisei soldiers who sacrificed their lives to liberate our city on October 19 1944.



Yves BONJEAN


Maire de Bruyères