

Schedule of 2017 Ceremonies
On the Anniversary of the Arrival of the
Allied Military Lumberjacks in the Aquitaine Region of France
During WWI in 1917

“The Lumberjack Trail” project in France honours the American, British and Canadian Forestry troops who arrived in France in Summer 1917 and whose fatalities are buried in the local cemeteries. The Trail is the result of the work of a volunteer group in France, “Corps Forestiers en Aquitaine.” Aquitaine is in the southwest of France and includes the Bordeaux.



The portion of the trail in the Gironde Département will be inaugurated in June 2017 while that segment in the Landes Département will be inaugurated in October. If you are interested in learning more about this project and the activities scheduled for Summer 2017, please email: find.ww2.cfc.vets@gmail.com

Some 140 WWI Canadian Forestry Corps soldiers are buried in France and about one-third of them were buried in small cemeteries in the Aquitaine region of France. The “Corps Forestiers en Aquitaine” has researched and identified the Final Resting Locations of those in the Aquitaine region.

Research has revealed that 30 Canadian Forestry Corps soldiers were buried in the Gironde Département (four were subsequently exhumed and re-buried in Military Cemeteries. Thirteen more Canadian Forestry Corps soldiers were buried in the Landes Département (two were subsequently exhumed and re-buried in Military Cemeteries). Plaques are being erected in the applicable cemeteries.

In addition to these Canadian-centered events in June, a further series of commemorative activities will take place in October 2017 to include American and British foresters. The complete Schedule of Events follows.

Timetable of Scheduled Events

Date	Location in France	Details
22 June 2017	Talence	US, UK, Canada ceremonies Inauguration of the "Lumberjack Trail 1917-1919" in the Gironde Department
23 June 2017	Lege	US-Canada ceremonies
23 June 2017	Andernos-les-Bains	Canadian ceremony
24 June 2017	Biganos	Canadian ceremony
24 June 2017	Parentis-en-Born	Canadian ceremony
25 June 2017	Le Verdon-sur-Mer	US ceremony at the Great War Memorial, UK and Canada officially invited This ends all the June ceremonies with a BBQ reception
24 October 2017	Pontenx-Les-Forges	US ceremonies
25 October 2017	Dax	US, Canada and UK ceremonies Inauguration of "the Lumberjack Trail 1917-1919" in the Landes Department
25 October 2017	Mees	US ceremony

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