



Brest 44 - Jean-Pierre

Jean-Pierre My name is Jean-Pierre Lagustin and I am a member of Brest 44.

Elaine How did you become involved with Brest 44 and what actually does it involve?

Jean-Pierre Ah OK. There is a manifestation for old cars.. old trucks in Brest and there is a US car..a US truck in 2003, and so I take information with the member of Brest 44 and er I er engage with this man. I have been in Florida in 1976. I am a French navy petty officer and I am working with US navy two months in Florida and Alabama South of USA.

Elaine Why do you think its important to have the Brest 44 Society here?

Jean-Pierre It's very important to remember what have doing allied force , GI soldier, British soldier who are dead for our liberty.

Elaine And it's a significant year particularly 1944

Jean-Pierre The most important it's to translate remember for you new generation the young generation. It's important they know what happened in Brest because Brest was destroyed about 80% and there is no....., only here in this quarter St Martin, but St Erthole? is all destruction by plane allied airforce,? German.

Elaine So what is actually involved people come from America do they - former servicemen or their families come from America to meet with people here?

Jean-Pierre Yes yes...often they are with family American family, British family, Canadian, allied air force family who came in Brest to see the grave, the grave of your father, your grandfather your uncle and we accept these family with us and they visit Brittany with us and they are very many cry many big hearts to 'ils sont très content nous rencontrés'.

Elaine Oui...very emotional.

Jean-Pierre Yes very very emotion to see what about their dad their uncle.

Elaine So there isn't a particular time when people come from America it's just throughout the year

Jean-Pierre Yeah, any time family come to meet us.

Elaine And you keep in contact with..

Jean-Pierre Yes yes yes we have many contacts by net, by net with family and

er and with US from veteran association. They take contact with us by net or by phone with our president.

Elaine Any particular plans for further meetings this year?

Jean-Pierre Ah yes..yes yes yes yes 4th July the US Independence Day...yes. Er Veterans Day, dix-huit septembre er 18th September which is Liberation of Brest. 8th May, it's end of World War II.

Elaine So many significant dates?

Jean-Pierre Aussi 6 June, 6th June, landing of Normandy, Omaha, Utah...we go to Normandy every, every year with, uhhh tank.

Elaine Tank, tank, yes

Jean-Pierre We have tank we have tank we have about 25 Jeep we have about 5/6 truck big truck from World War II.

Elaine And do you dress in the uniform?

Jean-Pierre Ah yes, yes yes yes everybody we have a uniform er(?) et parfois nous faisons une camp...yes a tent.

Elaine Tent, tent, oh you camp. So you stay up there?

Jean-Pierre In Normandy, in Brittany, around Brest to celebrate Liberation of Brest, Gouesnou.

Elaine Very very important.

Jean-Pierre Ah very important.

Elaine Thank you very much indeed Jean-Pierre for your time today.

Jean-Pierre OK.

