

3th of May 1995 – 9th of May 2015 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the Sister Cities CRESTVIEW-NOIRMOUTIER











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Program 20th anniversary

CRESTVIEW- NOIRMOUTIER Twin Cities

Wednesday 6th May 2015

Welcome to our 80 American friends.

Thursday 7th May 2015

Free time with the host families.

Tour of the Island.

6 p.m.: Reception at City Hall.

Friday 8th May 2015

11 a.m.: Participation in the ceremonies of the 2 American students' choirs: U.S. anthem, French anthem, Chant des Partisans.

Paratroopers' demonstration.

6 p.m.: Ceremonies at the American memorial at La Guérinière.

8.30 p.m.: American show with U.S. students at Les Salorges

Saturday 9th May 2015

Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Sister Cities with Crestview and Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, FL.

5 p.m.: Inauguration of the traffic roundabout to be named "Rond Point de Crestview".

5.30 p.m.: Renewal of the Sister Cities Agreement with the Mayor of Crestview and Handing over the Town Keys at City Hall

8 p.m.: Gala dinner and Cabaret evening with a second American students' show.

Sunday 10th May 2015

11 a.m.: Ecumenical worship in the church of la Guérinière

Monday 11th May 2015

8.30 p.m.: Concert with the choirs in the church of la Guérinière.

Tuesday 12th May 2015

8.30 p.m.: Concert with the choirs in the church of Noirmoutier.

Wednesday 13th May 2015

Early morning departure of our American friends.

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HISTORY

On the 22nd of September 1994, Louis Dauptain, Mayor of Noirmoutier, received a fax from Russell Sneddon, chairman of the "Emerald Coast Sister Cities" of Fort Walton Beach, a request for twinning his town with the intent to find 3 others towns on the "Vendéenne Coast" to twin them with 3 other towns of the Northwest Florida.

At Russell Sneddon's suggestion, the Municipality and the Sister Cities Committee agreed to receive in May 1995 a 12 member delegation representing the Florida cities of Niceville, Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Crestview.

On the 3rd of May 1995, following a public meeting between the delegation and 80 people of Noirmoutier representing the city council and the main economic and educational areas, the Sister Cities Committee is ready to study the feasibility of a friendly relationship tween the cities of Crestview and Noirmoutier. It was this first encounter which convinced us, despite some spirited debate on both sides of the issue, that it was possible to enter a agreement, Sister Cities International ,with the city of Crestview.

The Noirmoutier Sister Cities Committee decided to organize a trip to Florida in October of the

Réunion aux Salorges le 03 mai 1995

L'IIe de Noirmoutie UNE DÉLÉGATION DE FLORIDE À NOIRMOUTIER La possibilité d'un éventuel jumelage



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Service social de la marine. - Permanence de l'assistante ociale de la marine de 10 h à 12 h, à la mairie de L'Epinè.

Loisirs E BISTROT DES ILES



Établir avec Noirmoutier des liens culturels et d'amit

same year with the delegations of the 3 other cities of the "Vendéenne Coast": Les Sables d'Olonne, St Gilles Croix de Vie, La Tranche sur Mer. Unfortunately, Hurricane Opal devastates all the NW coast of Florida a little while before our departure, and our first trip is postponed to the end of February 1996.

Following this trip, an attempt to bring together the 4 French cities fails and only the city of Noirmoutier signs an agreement "Sister Cities International" on May 30th,1997.

May of 2015, marks the 20th anniversary of our first encounter with the 3 Crestview representatives in Noirmoutier. The past twenty years have been very busy. The Sister Cities relationship works well and the activities have grown to be quite numerous.

EXCHANGES

The frequent exchanges, encounters, and contacts generated numerous friendships in the Northwest Florida county of Okaloosa.

With the adults, we have organized 4 official trips for 190 students plus accompanying adults, 5 private trips for small groups.

Our families regularly host our Florida friends, either when they are touring Europe, or when working on our students exchanges..





A student group led by Chris Lanoue, French teacher at Crestview High School, was greeted in June 2003 by our schools and families, as well as a second time in June, 2006.

In July of 2014, Ms Chris Lanoue returned to Noirmoutier to prepare the next exchanges in 2015 and 2016.

In 2009, a group of 20 students and 14 accompanying adults, including the Mayor of Noirmoutier and his wife, were hosted by American families and at Crestview High School. Again in 2012 a second group of 21 students and 10 adults, along with 2 representatives of the University of La Roche sur Yon, visited Crestview. In 2015, a 3rd group will fly to the USA.



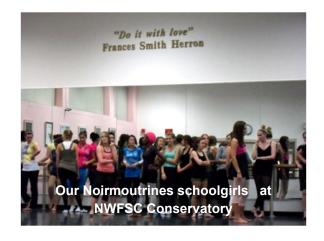


Every two years since 1997, groups of 40 to 45 students from the college in Niceville have stayed with our families and have offered us American Shows and concerts in the churches.

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Since 2011, contacts have been made with the University of La Roche sur Yon (Nantes University) in order to organize students exchanges, arrange training periods in American businesses with continuation of studies at the NWFSC of Niceville. Four French students had an intership in Florida companies for a training period.





On two occasions, the French company "Force Jazz" performed at the NWFSC of Niceville to get dance training at the Conservatory and to offer a show to the local population.

The dance company, "Grain de Sable." also went twice for training and shows.

Through their activities, both dance companies are very close to the Sister Cities Committee which supported their trips.

While staying in Florida, our Young Noirmoutrines were able to join the dance course at the NWFSC conservatory.

When the university students visit every two years, dance teachers Kelly Murdoch and Jo Taylor, provide intensive courses to our students of the city dance school and to the company Grain de Sable.



GUEST FAMILIES

Since the first reception of an American delegation to Noirmoutier in May of 1995, from both sides of the Atlantic everyone is hosted by private families in the most heartwarming and hospitable way. Each individual is greeted as a full member of the family.

Family picnic



2003 Wayne and Wendy with their guest family



Vincent with his guest family in Crestview



On the beach with the grand children of the guest family



Nicolas with his guest family in Crestview

EVENTS FOR THE COMMEMORATIONS

8th of May 2010: 65th anniversary of the 1945 Armistice.

A 17-member American delegation joined us at the Commemoration:

Mr. Edward O Brien, US Consul; Admiral Roseanne Levitre with her husband, Commander Lars Hanson; U.S. Air Force Colonels Donald Bohler and Kirk Rowe; Crestview journalist Brian Hughes; etc. Many people attended this event, and 8 paratroopers jumped above the crowd to close the ceremony. 40 military vehicles were on site, including a WWII Sherman Tank.



From right to left: US Consul E O Brien Lt Colonel Kirke Rowe, Lars Hanson, ADM Roseanne Levitre, Mr Gal Viard and Noirmoutier Mayor Noël Faucher

30th of June 2013: 70th birthday of the B-17 crash, 4th of July 1943, La Guérinière.



US Consul Robert Tate and members present, families of the crew of the B17

After a religious ceremony dedicated to all missing people of WWII, a great march heads to the memorial erected in front of the beach where the B-17 made an emergency landing on July $4^{\rm th}$, 1943.

An American delegation of 47 people attended, including five members of the crew families, four members of the US Air Force, two French generals and an Air Force commander.

The ceremonies and the dedication of the memorial took place in front of several thousands of people. Speeches and testimonials arouse plenty of strong feelings.



Military Reenactment Camp 1944



Ecumenical Religious Ceremony



Military parade - 50 Flag Bearers



Reenactment Landing June 6, 1944



An immense crowd Ceremony of the Stele



Air Show with a B-17 Bomber

CULTURE, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS

North American and French cultures are shared and experienced on both sides of the Atlantic.



Participation in religious ceremonies in Noirmoutier and Crestview, etc.



Concerts in Churches of the lle de Noirmoutier by Madrigals and Belle Voci.





Crestview Sister City member joins the Legion of Honor

Air Force Col. Don Bohler (ret.) wears the French Legion of Honor he was recently awarded. The decoration was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in

JAMES SETTLES / Special to the News Bulletin

By BRIAN HUGHES / News **Bulletin**







Our local newspapers regularly report on our activities and friendly relationship

NOIRMOUTIER EN L'ÎLE

Un journaliste américain sur l'île vendéenne "L'American way" du comité de jumelage

arrique combé de jume-noirmoutrin. Pour les ances de la Toussaint nes : "A Creste 0, il propose à vingt jeu-tillens de quitter le teni-depuis 70 ons national afin de vivre, diams y jouen ze jours durant, à Theure mencerer les ricarre, dans des familles mongrere bous

Le Show choir et Force Jazz ont fait scène commune - Noirmoutier-en-l'Ile





Le Courrier Vendéen, Jeudi 23 Octobre 2008



French visitors win award for recovering sunken canoe items

With their classmates in attendance, Noirmoutrin students Océan Guillet, center, and Laura Jolly receive medals for bravery from Noirmoutier Sister City Committee President René Relandeau. The girls had rescued equipment from a sunken canoe during their visit to Crestview in October and November 2012. Special to the News Bulletin

By BRIAN HUGHES | News Bulletin







Our students take part in the courts provided by the High School, particularly French courts, as well as in other activities.



Together, young French and American students prepare French dishes at the High School. Today's menu: onion soup, quiche Lorraine, chocolate mousse.





Various sports practice: baseball, soccer, American football, basketball, dance, canoe, bowling, etc.





American football match. We fully support the High School team.







OUR MEETINGS, OUR RELATIONSHIP



First official encounter in February 1996 at the Eglin Air Force Base Officers Club with Russell Sneddon and the mayors of Destin, Niceville, Fort Walton Beach, and Crestview.



October 1999 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, received at the Mansion by Governor Mike Foster and his wife Alice



September, 2001, reception in the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee



September, 2001, meeting Jean-Loup Chrétien, French astronaut, at Cape Canaveral



The President of the Sister Cities Committee received at the American Embassy in Paris, 4th July 2008



Meeting the local personalities, police department, fire department, recreational and cultural associations,
Chamber of Commerce, etc

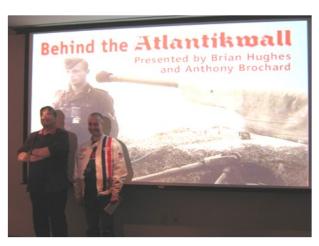


Crestview Chamber of Commerce

OUR PARTICIPATIONS



Jean Luc Poignard, English teacher at School Molière, giving a course at the High School.



Anthony Brochard and Brian Hughes, lecturing at the WWII National Museum, New Orleans



October 1997, official exchange of the Sister Cities Charters, Russell Sneddon with René Relandeau



Jean Luc Poignard presents the French delegation at the Macedonia Baptist Church

STATISTICS SINCE MAY 1995

American individuals

As of May 2015, we received:

- More than 400 American students of the NWFSC of Niceville (10 receptions of 40 students).
- An average of 8 accompanying adults each time.
- About 110 adults received in our families for various demonstrations and ceremonies.

"Noirmoutrins"

- 190 adults with 7 official trips.
- 63 college students in 3 stays abroad.
- 4 training students in companies.
- 3 students at the NWFSC, school year 2014/2015.
- 5 private trips organized to Crestview.

PROJECTS

2015: Celebration of the Noirmoutier-Crestview Sister Cities 20th anniversary. 22 French students to stay abroad in Crestview, autumn of 2015.

2016 : 45 French adults travel to Crestview to honor the Florida city's centennial. Reception of Chris Lanoue's students in Noirmoutier.

Saturday 9th May 2015

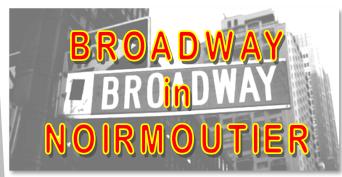
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GALA DINNER, CABARET EVENING



Salle Hubert Poignant
Place de la Prée au Duc
Noirmoutier

AMERICAN SHOW



Show created and produced by American Students of NWFSC, Niceville Unique représentation.

(Spectacle differs from American Show of May 8 in Salorges)

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