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CONSEIL RÉGIONAL DE BASSE-NORMANDIE



# DIPLÔME



*de reconnaissance de la France envers les soldats des armées alliées, engagés dans les combats du débarquement en Normandie et de la Libération 1944-1945*

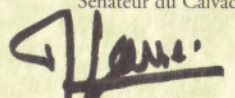
à M<sup>r</sup>. Chris Brous

1944

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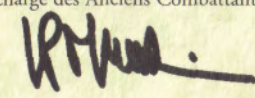
Le Président du Conseil Régional de Basse-Normandie  
Sénateur du Calvados

  
René GARREC



Secrétariat d'Etat à la Défense  
chargé des Anciens Combattants

Le Secrétaire d'Etat à la Défense  
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Jean-Pierre MASSERET

Le 19 mars 2001



CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DE FRANCE  
À NEW YORK

LE CONSUL GÉNÉRAL

N° 507/P

19 March 2001

Mr. Chris J. Brous  
109 Fieldstone Road  
Stamford, CT 06902-2581

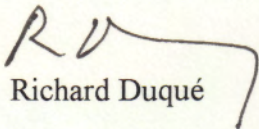
Dear Mr. Brous,

I would like to thank you for the part you played in the battles for the Liberation of France during World War II.

I am pleased to send you the certificate of recognition issued by the French Secretary of State for Veterans Affairs, Jean-Pierre Masseret, and the Chairman of the Basse-Normandie Region, René Garrec.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Richard Duqué

## FRANCE ISSUES A CERTIFICATE TO HONOR US VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II



### "THANK-YOU-AMERICA CERTIFICATE"

The Ambassador of France to the United States, H.E. François Bujon de l'Estang has informed acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, The Honorable Hershel W. Gober, that the French authorities are issuing a certificate to recognize the participation of all American and allied soldiers who took part in the Normandy landing and contributed to the liberation of France.

- ③ Thank-You-America
- ③ American Role in WWII
- ③ Ambassador's letter
- ③ Apply

The certificate is meant to express the gratitude of the French people to the soldiers who participated in the Normandy landing and liberation of France, on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace, between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945. The certificate will not be issued posthumously.

The ten Consuls General of France in the United States will issue the documents on behalf of the French authorities. They will do so in coordination with State Veterans Affairs offices, Veterans Service Organizations' national and states representatives and Veterans associations.

An application form to be filled by veterans is available on this site. It can also be obtained through Veterans Associations.

In agreement with the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, The Honorable Hershel W. Gober, in each of the fifty states, the French Consulates General and State Veterans Affairs Offices, Veterans Service Organizations' national and states representatives and Veterans Associations will identify the eligible veterans, review and certify the applications, prepare the certificates and organize the ceremonies to present the certificate./.

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**Embassy of France, December 4, 2000**

Send Application to

FRANCOIS BUJON DE L'ESTANG / "THANK YOU AMERICA"

934 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, NY 10021



## Embassy of France "Thank-You-America Certificate"

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Please read carefully the attached instructions and return this form to  
your Veterans Association or nearest Consulate General of France

<b>Recommendation</b> <b>For the Certificate to Recognize the Allied Soldiers Who Took Part to The Normandy Landing and Contributed to the Liberation of France 1944-1945</b>			
Last Name: <u>BROUS</u>	First Name: <u>CHRIS</u>	Middle Initial: <u>J.</u>	
Date of Birth: <u>AUG. 14, 1919</u>	Birthplace: <u>PHILADELPHIA, PA, USA</u>	Country of Birth: <u>USA</u>	
Street Address: <u>109 FIELDSTONE RD, STAMFORD, CT 06902-2581</u>			
Town: <u>STAMFORD</u>	State: <u>CT</u>	Zip: <u>06902-2581</u>	Telephone: <u>203-357-9023</u>
Major Combat Unit (Army, Division, Naval ship, Coast Guard vessel, Numbered Air Force) : <u>U.S. ARMY</u> <u>3RD ARMORED DIVISION</u> <u>23RD ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION</u>			
World War II Serial Number: <u>0-450693</u>			
Duration of armed services on French territory, airspace or waters during <b>World War II</b> and dates (year, month end day, please attach a copy of military records):  			
Dates of Service-From: <u>JUNE 23, 1944</u> Until: <u>Sept 1944</u>			
Where did you serve in France? <u>NORMANDY THROUGH TO PARIS, FRANCE</u>			
Are you a member of a Veteran Association ? YES / NO <u>YES</u>			
If yes, which one ? (Name, Address, Phone #, Email) <u>THE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION</u> <u>201 N. WASHINGTON ST, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314-2539</u> <u>(703) 549-2311</u> <u>WWW.TROA.ORG</u>			

If this form is prepared by a third person, please indicate your name, address and phone number below:

To be completed by the veteran:

I, CHRIS J. BROUS, the undersigned, declare on my honor that the information contained on this form and on the attached copies is exact.

Done at STAMFORD, CT on MARCH 5 2000/2001.

Signature of the veteran: CJB