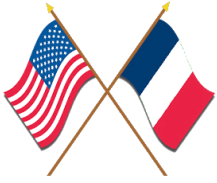


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To the President of the Congress of the United States of America
For the pecan tree to be officially recognised as
Symbol of the Franco-American friendship.

Care of the embassy of the United States of America
and the Consulate in Bordeaux

In view of the celebration of the 250° anniversary of the American
declaration of independence and the 120 pecan trees planted as a gesture of
gratitude addressed to the american people who came twice to help France
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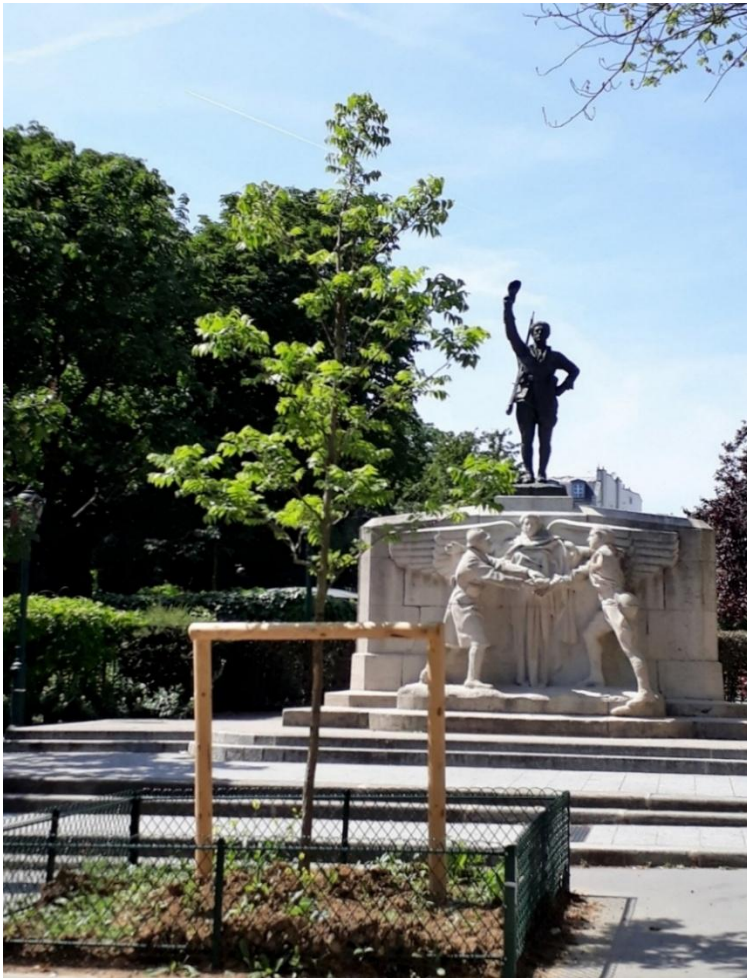
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AMERICA 250



250 years after the Declaration of Independence of the American Republic would the Pecan tree become the official symbol of Franco-American Friendship?



We seek your support to have the United States designate the pecan, a tree species brought to France by Thomas Jefferson himself, as the living symbol of our historical friendship.

In 2017, “Jefferson Pecans” initiated a campaign of pecan tree planting, as a gesture of gratitude addressed to the American people who came twice to restore our liberty.

Though most French people are fond of pecan nuts, few know they are the fruit of such a magnificent tree and their importance in American culture. Making this tree the official symbol of Franco-American friendship would promote the American culture with trade in pecan .

*Monument to the American Volunteers and its Pecan tree
United States Square Paris XVI°*



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Thomas Jefferson himself planted pecans in France during his travel in 1787. Today, it remains one alive in Gironde at Chateau Carbonnieux (15 feet girth, known as Jefferson's Walnut). An older one linked to Paul Revere (18 feet girth, the oldest of all) stands in the village of Riocaud.

To date, the Jefferson Pecan Association, working hand in hand with municipalities, institutions, and private entities, has seen over a hundred pecan trees planted in memory of eminent persons or events linked to the Franco-American relationship. For the next 250 years, those trees will serve as reminders of our long-shared history. The locations chosen are specifically representative of the strong and solid bond maintained for two and a half centuries through good and bad times.

At first, Paris city planted four Pecans. One at the United States Square, directly in front of the monument to the American volunteers of 1917. One in Parc Montsouris is close to the statue of Thomas Paine. One in front of Collège de France in homage to Edouard de Laboulaye who, following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, decided to make a gift of the Statue of Liberty enlightening the World. One in the senate garden (Jardin du Luxembourg), in the Latin Quarter.

The project became part of the commemoration of the centennial of WWI and received strong support from the US Diplomatic Posts in France, and enthusiastic support from Franco-American organizations. The press spontaneously referred to the pecan tree as the symbol of Franco-American friendship.

More pecans were thus planted in highly symbolic locations, such as the Fontainebleau Castle for the centennial of the Foundation of the Schools of American Arts ; in Metz, Strasbourg and Colmar, in memory of WW1 American soldiers ; in Bordeaux, where the world's first American consular establishment was founded in 1791 ; in Chaumont sur Loire in memory of Benjamin Franklin ; in chateau Carbonnieux, where Denise Campbell Bauer, American Ambassador in France, planted a new pecan tree in April 2023 to take the place of the damaged historical Jefferson Pecan.

On the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence, Pecans will be planted in France: in Paris, in front of the American Foundation of Cité Internationale Universitaire. In Lyon, near the (Woodrow) Wilson Bridge. In Strasbourg by the European Council. In Villefranche sur Mer in memory of the 6th American fleet. In Chartres where De Gaulle and Leclerc de Hautecloque in WWII convinced general Eisenhower to free Paris as a priority.

These 120 pecan trees, spread all over the country, will keep alive for another two and a half centuries. Intended to be witnesses to our historical friendship they are offered as landmarks to future generations, the guardians of memory for tomorrow .



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America and France were conceived as twin nations, born from the Enlightenment, the firsts to dare overthrow Ancient Regimes. We share the same values of Liberty and Emancipation, the same culture of boldness and disruption, and are fierce promoters of the human rights in the world.

America already holds a privileged place in French people's heart and Pecans have a tremendous role to play in the History of our Nations' relations. American culture is already particularly well known throughout France, with movies and literature, music, and great brand products we love. The French, who are so shy when it comes to foreign languages, are even proud to intersperse their speech with American words and concepts. With this recognition, the Pecan Pie is very likely to find a favored place in family celebrations and on the menu of most restaurants, alongside with the iconic American Burgers.

What better time than America 250 to recognize the pecan tree as the official symbol of the centuries-long friendship between France and the United States of America? Altogether, Pecans in France are historical landmarks of this everlasting tie. Referenced on the Jefferson Pecan website, they can be found in exciting sites for people to discover and revisit as these trees and their friendly guardianship grow and expand.

Within thirteen years, it will be time for France to renew this gesture, on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of Lafayette's Universal Declaration of human rights imbued with the American Declaration of Independence and annotated by Thomas Jefferson's hand.

Long live Jefferson's pecan trees!

Extract from the American Embassy in France website, about the Jefferson Pecan Association :

« The goal of this association is to make better known the pecan tree considered as the symbol of Franco-American friendship, intangible heritage common to our two nations. The centenary of the First World War and the 75th anniversary of the June 1944 landings provide an opportunity for a planting program in places of memory of the France's participation in the American War of Independence and that of the Americans in the two world wars. »

