

The Museum at the Bastogne Memorial

The Bastogne memorial is massively impressive. The view of the surrounding countryside is superb. The memorial is laid out in a star with the names of the states on the top and the unit names on the columns.



The Memorial at Bastogne, Luxembourg

Just down the path from the memorial is the museum. Well worth the price of admission it contains a large number of well displayed artifacts. The audio tour and the movie are well worth the price and your time.



Armor outside the museum entrance



One of the museum's three Tommy Guns in a case with other weapons used during the battle



Both U.S. and German equipment, uniforms, weapons and memorabilia are displayed

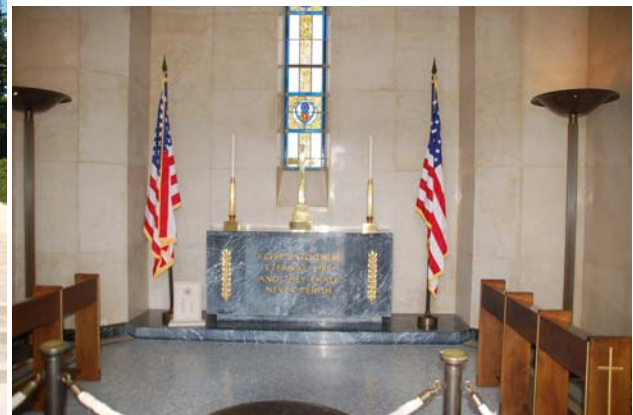
Just a short drive from the Bastogne Memorial is the American Cemetery in Luxembourg. Gen George Patton is buried here with his troops. This is one of 25 permanent US Military Cemeteries located on foreign soil. At Gen Patton's direction, his engineers selected sites for both U.S. and German dead because he knew that losses would be very high on both sides. The US Army Burial Service recovered and buried, in these two sites, the remains of over 10,000 U.S. and German soldiers killed in the Ardennes area during that winter. Both sites were supposed to be temporary but the people of Luxembourg asked to make the American Cemetery permanent and about 50% of the next of kin agreed. The Grand Ducal Government of Luxembourg gave the U.S. free use of the 50.5 acre cemetery in perpetuity. In the cemetery there are 5,075 American Military Dead including 22 sets of brothers (buried side-by-side). 101 headstones mark the graves of those whose remains could not be identified. The names of 371 of our Missing in Action are inscribed on two large granite pylons. The American Cemetery is an awe inspiring and a fitting tribute to the bravery of these heroes.



The American Cemetery in Luxembourg



The grave of General George S. Patton Jr.



The Memorial and the Chapel. The Memorial is inscribed:
"HERE IS ENSHRINED THE MEMORY OF VALOR AND SACRIFICE"