

**SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF the MUSEUM OF THE FOREIGN LEGION ( S.A.M.L.E).  
SUBSCRIPTION " GRAND MUSEUM "**

**History of the " Museum of the Foreign Legion ":**

- 1894: creation of the **Hall** of Honour of the 1st French Foreign Legion Regiment in Sidi-Bel-Abbès (Algeria).
- 1934: the **Hall** of Honour of the 1st R.E. became " Museum of the French Foreign Legion ".
- 1955: The Service of morale and charity of the French Foreign Legion created in 1953, is in charge of the support of the Museum of the French Foreign Legion.
- 1966: after 3 years of works, inauguration of the Museum of the French Foreign Legion in Aubagne.
- 1965: creation of the Service of the Morale and the Home of mutual aid of the French Foreign Legion (SM/FELE).
- That new service is in charge of the support of the Museum from 1965 until 2002.
- 1989: creation of the " Museum of the **Legions uniforms**". Appendix of the Museum of the French Foreign Legion, that museum is installed, temporarily, in the buildings of the Institution of the Invalids of the French Foreign Legion (IILE) in Puyloubier.
- 2002: The new statutes of the SM / FELE **do no longer permit those structures to support** the Museum of the French Foreign Legion.
- 2003: creation of the Society of the friends of the Museum of the French Foreign Legion ( SAMLE) that is a non lucrative association. That association substitutes itself to the SM / FELE for the support of the "Museum".

**Current situation of the " Museum of the French Foreign Legion ":**

The building **which houses the present** Museum of the Foreign Legion in Aubagne **was** built 40 years **ago**. It is **no** longer adapted to the current museum standards and its accommodation facilities **do not permit the presentation of all the souvenirs and collections which could be offered to the public**.

Today, the French Foreign Legion needs to have a museum which **is** adapted to its history, to its reputation and to its ambition: **to make known to the public** its capacities of integration and the sacrifices granted by the foreigners **in the service of France**, assert and maintain **our values to our legionnaires young and veterans alike**, and finally to provide better conditions to visiting groups, academies and schools.

**These are the reasons why the project of renovation and extension was first proposed in 1992**. This project has just **received** the **authorizations** of the various technical and **administrative** authorities. Its realization necessitates a mixed financial plan : public / private. The Staff of the Land forces will take into account the renovation of the existing infrastructure, the SAMLE has to collect funds dedicated to the construction of the extension (1000 m2) **the cost of which** is estimated **at** approximately 3.000.000 €.

**The subscription "Extension of the FFL Museum"**: In order to **raise the funds**, the SAMLE decided to launch a subscription for the 3 next years (2007-2008-2009) . All the friends of the foreign Legion, individual **donations, corporations and business leaders are concerned...** **The funds collected will be assigned to the realization in priority** to the extension of the museum. The possible surpluses will be devoted to the restoration of the currently existing building. In accordance with articles 200 and 238 (a) of the General Tax Code, **donators will receive a receipt authorizing tax deductions**. Their names will be registered, in a permanent way, in a part of the future museum. They will be informed of the **progress** of the project both by the periodical "Képi Blanc" and by the Internet site of the SAMLE

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