



AMERICAN BATTLE
MONUMENTS COMMISSION

**REQUEST TO FILM OR PHOTOGRAPH ABMC CEMETERIES OR
MEMORIALS IN FRANCE BY DRONE**

The conditions below govern filming and photography by drone by commercial production companies and news media representatives (“applicant”) for purposes other than news media coverage of scheduled events or breaking news at cemeteries and memorials administered by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). Permission to film or take photographs by drone at an ABMC cemetery or memorial is subject to the review and approval by ABMC of the supporting documents specified below, as well as receipt of a signed and dated copy of this permit application acknowledging that the applicant understands and accepts all stated conditions. Film crews and photographers must check in with the ABMC cemetery superintendent or assistant superintendent upon arrival at the cemetery and prior to filming or photography.

The application and documentation may be sent to Ms. Sylvie Diatta via e-mail (diattas@abmc.gov) or fax (703-696-8439). Please allow 10 business days for processing.

Applicant Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone / Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web site: _____

Requested Dates – From: _____ To: _____ Hours – From: _____ To: _____

Type of Photography (circle): Motion Film Video Still Photography

Purpose of Film / Photographs (Program / Publication Name): _____

No. of Persons in Crew: _____

Type of drone: _____

Photography Location (s): _____

Flights by drone for professional/commercial shootings must be made by companies (operators) duly authorized by the DGAC (*Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile*).

The company must be able to present a MAP custody certificate document issued by the DGAC.

If flights are held during the opening hours to the public, it is required that:

- The company and its drone are allowed to work with an operational scenario S3
- The company has received official authorization for the mission (an annual permit for any generic S3 mission on the department, or an ad hoc authorization for the mission at the cemetery).

If flights are held outside of opening hours, it is necessary that the company and its drone are allowed to operate scenarios S1 or S2.

In all cases, direct overflight of persons is prohibited and a minimum horizontal distance of 30 meters shall be maintained at all times between the drone flight (its projection on the ground to be precise) and people on the ground that are not related to the drone's activity.

Flights of model aircraft equipment (leisure flights) equipped with a camera are not allowed near crowds or people or over the public space in urban areas or over roads and streets.

Companies should provide these documents along with this signed request:

- Proof of professional insurance
- MAP custody certificate
- Precise schedule and location of flight

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

APPLICATION IS: APPROVED DISAPPROVED

Name of ABMC Representative: _____

Title of ABMC Representative: _____

Signature of ABMC Representative: _____
External Affairs Department

Date: _____

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