



« UNION POUR LA RESTITUTION DU MONUMENT DÉDIÉ AUX GÉNÉRAUX LA FAYETTE ET PERSHING À VERSAILLES »



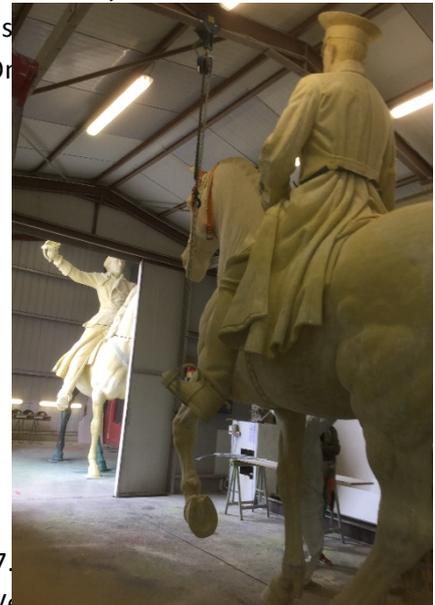
Monument Pershing La Fayette Versailles
“La Fayette we are here “

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On 7th September 2017 Madame Marie Hélène Didier, Curator of Historic Monuments for the Ile de France, President Jean-Claude F. Martin and Secretary General Gérard



Priet, went to Cordemais near Nantes to approve the statues of the two generals. Mr. Paul Trouilloud, architect for the Buildings of France with responsibility for Yvelines County, unable to be present due to illness, viewed all the relevant items on the internet. The work of sculptor Patrick Castagnet received the approval of both parties. The statues measure 5 meters in height, 3.5 meters in length and nearly 2 meters in width. It is a challenge to create such precise detail. On 7th September 2017 the statues will be transported from Cordemais to Versailles on lowered trucks, avoiding motorways because they are too high to pass under the bridges. Mounting the statues will take three days, ready for the restitution ceremony on 6th October 2017, eighty years to the day after the inauguration of the monument by Albert Lebrun and of the citizens attended the ceremony of 6th October 1937. A member of the Versailles Academy and of the Cincinnati, was particularly impressed by this great day and by the festivities which followed at the Chateau of Versailles. He doesn't remember seeing horses but he recalls his admiration for General Gouraud whose arm had been amputated. Jehan Despert, lifetime secretary of the Academy of Versailles, also attended this first inauguration. See you in a few days at Versailles!



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