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E.A. MacMillan was the second Commander of American Legion Post 76. He signed the original Post 76 charter in 1919. Post 76 received its temporary Charter from the American Legion on August 22, 1919, prior to Congress formally chartering the American Legion on September 16, 1919. The permanent Charter for Post 76 was issued on September 9, 1920. MacMillan, a 1914 graduate of Princeton University, was the Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings at the University (1921-1957). The MacMillan Building at the University is named after him. The star was incised by Kristin Appelget on November 11, 2016, during the dedication ceremonies for the memorial. Kristin is Director Of Community and Regional Affairs at Princeton University.

The American Legion, whose history begins in Paris in 1918, created a memorial building in Paris in 1927 to remember the officers, and men of the WWI American Expeditionary Forces. The building, called Pershing Hall, was constructed at the end of the 18th century. Gen. John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief American Expeditionary Forces, used the building as his headquarters in 1917. In 1919, it served as the headquarters of American Legion Paris Post # 1. The building includes bronze plaques memorializing the WWI service of Princeton University, Yale University and City of New York soldiers. Today the building, located at 49 rue Pierre Charron, is a hotel, Hôtel Pershing Hall.

