

A TRIBUTE TO CAROLE L. BROOKINS

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It was with profound sadness that the Musée de l'Armée learned of the demise of the Honorable Carole L. Brookins, founder and chairman of The First Alliance Foundation, in the night of the 23rd to the 24th of March in Florida.

Carole L. Brookins devoted all her career in the economic and financial areas. In 1980, she founded World Perspectives Inc., an analytics and consulting firm before becoming the United States Executive Director of the World Bank in Washington from 2001 to 2006. From then on, she joined the American Financial Exchange and the Center for Financial Stability's Advisory Boards and the Advisory Committee of the Normandy Institute.

Passionate about history and, more specifically, about military history, she founded, in June 2018, The First Alliance Foundation (TFA), whose primary mission is to honor and enhance the French-American strategic alliance.

Considered as a true ambassador of the French-American friendship, Carole L. Brookins was also a major patron of the musée de l'Armée through her Foundation. Thanks to her generosity, the exhibition *Eisenhower - de Gaulle. From friendship to alliance in war and peace* was unveiled in June 2019. Last September, the Musée and the Foundation celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Paris with a concert in Saint Louis Cathedral of the Invalides and a scientific symposium on the Liberation of Paris. Her support also permitted to readapt a part of the Second World War permanent collections at the Musée.

Her deep military knowledge and her insatiable quest for enhancing the French-American friendship left a mark at the musée de l'Armée which loses a loyal friend. The Musée offer its condolences to her family and friends and wishes to continue its partnership with the TFA, under the guidance of its co-chairman the Général de Corps d'Armée (2s) Olivier Tramond.

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