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Point du Hoc, France

Professor Jean-Louis Briaud is President of ISSMGE, the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering and Buchanan Chair Professor at Texas A&M University. He recently travelled to Point du Hoc, France (2-6 June, 2011) to attend the Ceremony of the 67th Anniversary of D-Day at the cliffs of Point du Hoc. Dr. Briaud has done work along with his colleagues Bob Warden and Mark Everett to restore the deteriorating cliffs and uphold the observation post and Rudder monument in place at the top. This monument is in memory of all the rangers who climbed the cliffs under fire on 6 June 1944. Among the dignitaries were John Kerry, Chet Edwards, Steve Hawkins, Earl Rudder's daughters and son, and many more. After the work done by Texas A&M University, the cliffs were consolidated and the area is now re-opened to the public.



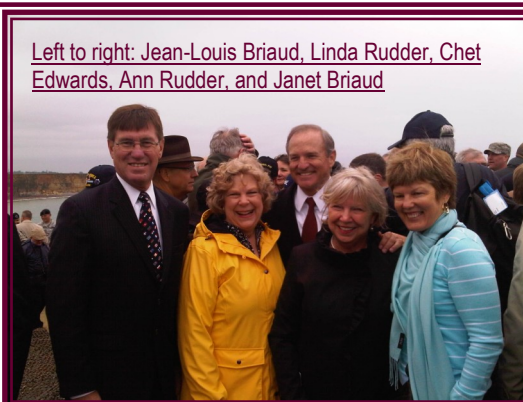
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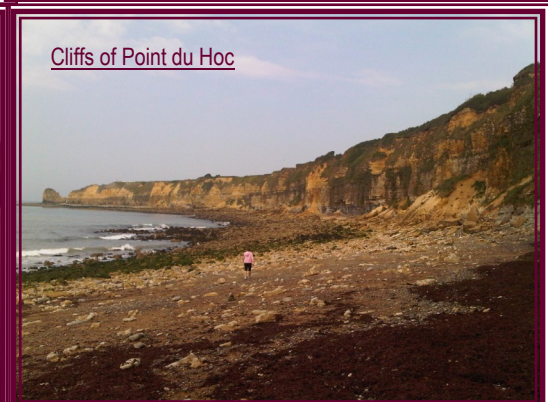
Janet Briaud at the bottom of the cliffs that Earl Rudder and his rangers climbed on 6 June 1944



Ceremony on top of the Observation Post to celebrate the 67th anniversary of D-Day.



Left to right: Jean-Louis Briaud, Linda Rudder, Chet Edwards, Ann Rudder, and Janet Briaud



Cliffs of Point du Hoc