



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18 – 20 October 2024

PARIS

Appetizer

Please see some pictures of the trip Serge Aillery and Ludwig Heuse made to Paris in March 2024 to organize the upcoming AGM.

The full program will follow.

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First evening, Serge (left) and Ludwig touch base with Natacha Abriat of the French National Archives.



The Hotel Meurice in Rue Rivoli (the original in Hornblower's time was in Rue Saint Honoré just around the corner), where Hornblower received the parchment with his ennoblement to Lord Hornblower. Here we plan to have our welcome drinks Friday 18 October at 18:00 hours.



The Bar at the Meurice; looks alright.



History all over the place, this we saw on our way to the Meurice.

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The Hôtel de Soubise at the back of the National Archives, where Saturday morning the officers of the Society will present their reports, elections will be held, and further presentations given.



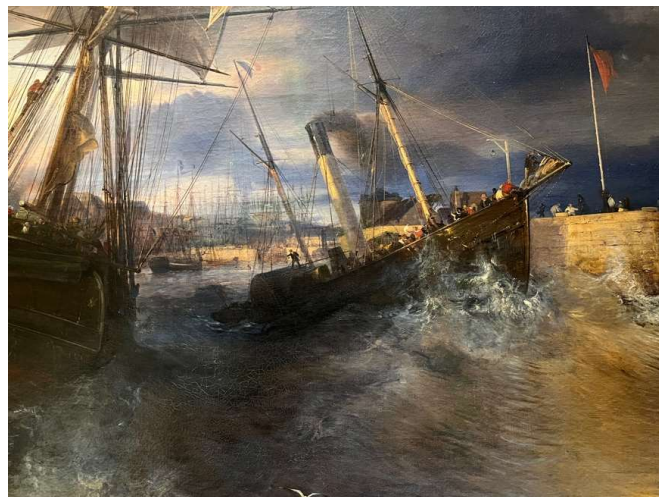
Efforts to get in touch with the British Embassy were fruitless, but they called back. You will recall from Lord Hornblower: “The British Embassy, Brown’, said Hornblower. ‘Yes, my lord’”. It’s the same building today as it was then.



Saturday afternoon we plan to visit the ...



The museum has just been re-opened at the Trocadero opposite the Eiffel Tower after having been closed for years, transferred from the Place de la Concorde, and newly set up according to today's standards. It is very much worth our time, old navy, new navy, multimedia, all about the oceans.



A painting depicting the entry into the port of Le Havre. We might have a reading from Lord Hornblower here, when he enters the port with his flotilla after the white flag has been hoisted over the citadel.

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In the Café Procope, the oldest restaurant in Paris founded 1686, we plan to have our traditional Castle Pie (or equivalent) Saturday evening.



In the Procope you see one of Napoleons tridents (one of the millions in the market), which he – as the story goes – left here as a deposit being short of cash.

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Sunday morning we will visit the Hôtel des Invalides with



... Napoleons tomb. You cannot help being moved.



Our last stop will be the Hôtel de la Marine, where the chiefs of the French navy resided from Napoleonic times until 2015 and where the Museum de la Marine was located, before it was moved to the Trocadero. The difference between the furniture here and the one we saw at the Old Admiralty in London at our visit in 2017 cannot be overlooked.

Locations and dates are not fixed yet, but we are well on the way. In terms of hotels, we are in discussion with some and hope to have news on this soon.

Dear Members and Friend of the Society, we hope to see you in Paris! For our planning, the earlier we hear from you the better (please mail to heuse.ludwig@outlook.de).