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The Main Courtyard is the central area of the Hotel National des Invalides site, in which many events unfolded and a large part of the artillery collections is displayed. The Main Courtyard presents an exceptional battery of 60 French classical bronze canons, and a dozen homitzers and mortars.

Theses pieces trace 200 years of history of French field artillery. The French classical canons were developed by the Keller brothers in 1666. They were used in sieges against fortified towns during the wars of Louis XIV and made the successes of Vauban possible. Also, a series of thirty cannons of the royal ordinance of 1732 are presented. From 1764, the cannons of the Gribeauval system replaced French classical cannons. This new artillery excelled during the Revolutionary and Imperial Wars. From 1825, the Valée systems succeeded the Gribeauval system. The eight mortars presented were made for the sieges of the Revolutionary and Imperial Wars.

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