



Stichting Herdenkingsmonument Mierlo-Hout
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Another monument

NL-Doet

75th Remembrance

Dear Friends,

2019 has started some weeks ago.

Still, the board would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2019.

Another Monument

**Monument resistance fighters America
(Nederland - Limburg - America (Horst aan de Maas))**



The monument for the resistance fighters in America is located at the Griendtsveenseweg.

It is a memorial wall with 2 memorial tablets.

The text on the left tablet states:

“They too gave their lives for our freedom”

**J.G. Poels
Past. H.J. Vullingshs
M.A.H. Bouman
N.C. V. Oosterhout
C.K. Noordermeer
L.A. Lansdorp
H.G. Driessen
J.M. Starren
G.W. Ahout.'**

The text on the right tablet states:

“Fallen for God and country September 5th 1944.”

**Frits de Bruijn Oct 4th 1920
Mart van den Eijnde Febr 4th 1917**

Frits de Bruijn and Mart van den Eijnde were caught red handed by the Germans at the location of the monument Sept 5th 1944; they were sabotaging the railway line and were brutally murdered because of it.

The area around the monument was a good hide out for resistance fighters, persons in hiding and allied pilots. They stayed at several farms and in regular homes in the area for some periods of time. The railway line was heavily used by the Germans to relocate war material from and to Germany.

Close by the Zwarte Plak you can find a resistance cross. Zwarte Plak is a place in the Limburg township of America, where during WWII the home was for the RVV-Resistance group Deurne.

The RVV-group Deurne, renamed to later Commando Bakel and per September 1944 part of the Domestic Military Forces, had there own hide-out at the Zwarte Plak, a storage for weapons and an underground shelter beneath a horse stable. We know for sure that Driessen, Lansdorp, Noordermeer and Van Oosterhout were part of the RVV-Resistance group Deurne.

G. Ahout was killed being a guide for an American patrol across the Maas.

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Roll up your sleeves!

Spring is around the corner. Not just in nature, also in your area.

NLdoet, March 15 and 16 is the moment to make a difference, for example for a foundation, club or health facility in your neighbourhood. This is the largest volunteer initiative in the Netherlands, initiated by the Oranje Fonds.

Our foundation is therefor also an official member of NL-Doet.



Fun event

Together with the board and kids of Elementary school 't Baken, we will roll up our sleeves March 15th between 9AM and 12PM. We will take on some chores around the remembrance monument and the small monument in de Slegersstraat.

By involving the kids, we show as a foundation that we should cherish our youth. The 8th grade adopted school year 2018/2019.

In the upcoming volume of this letter, we will give you an impression of this morning.

75th Remembrance anniversary



Green start of a special liberation year.

The liberation and remembrance monument at the rail way crossing of the Hoofdstraat turned (christmas) green right after the turn of the year.

This was possible by, amongst others, the support of the retailer's association Combicentrum Mierloseweg. After the holidays the board could pick up the christmas decoration, amongst which beautiful spruces, for free for a new and permanent location in Mierlo-Hout.

Foundation HMMH was very pleased with this offer.

In total 16 spruces were given a new destination and are planted, as are some trees provided by individual friends of our monument.

The monument turned green early in the special liberation year.

The board thanks the retailers of the Combicentrum, P. van Hoek Montage for the transport and specifically dhr. Willy Leijten for the support and conciliation for this contribution.

Glimpse of what's to come in the remembrance week

This year, D-Day's 75th remembrance will be a big celebration in Normandy; Operation Overlord June 6th 1944. As will be the 75th remembrance of Market Garden (17 to 25th of September 1944), in the south of the Netherlands.

Several municipalities in the South are preparing activities to remember Market Garden in September. Especially the advance through the Hells Highway will be remembered grand.

There will be a file of 103 old military vehicles, coming through Geldrop-Mierlo and Mierlo-Hout, on their way up north. This spectacle will be September 17th. There will also be a stop at War Cemetery Mierlo, where a delegation will provide a salutation to the buried soldiers, who fought for our freedom.

Around 12.30 the vehicles will reach the center of Mierlo-Hout.



This is one of the festivities in the run-up of the big remembrance day September 22nd.

In case you are interested to support us during the preparations or on the day of the remembrance itself, please reach out to us. Ideas are more than welcome as well.

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