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Foundation Memorial Monument Liessel

The foundation Memorial Monument Liessel is created in 1993 by the Memorial Monument committee.

The committee was founded in 1991 based on the initiative of Foundation Liessel Promotion with the goal to create a memorial monument in Liessel for the victims of World War II. Some board members of this foundation were also for a longer period involved in the Memorial Monument committee. This committee has 2 important tasks; yearly organization of a memorial service on memorial day May 4th and taking care of the war monument in Liessel. Some volunteers, amongst others former soldiers, takes care of the regular maintenance of the monument.



Text

The poem above the 5 columns, an iambic two line verse, is written by Theo Hoogbergen, former principal of the Peelland College in Deurne:

'DIT TEKEN, OPGERICHT,
GEDENKT WAT DODEN DEDEDEN,
HOUDT LEVENDEN VERPLICHT
TOT VRIJHEID EN TOT VREDE.'

'This sign, established,
remembers the dead,
forces the living,
into freedom and peace'

Symbolism

The monument combines three important parts:

- The basis, the platform and the paths leading to the middle. Symbol: the territory of Liessel, cut by war violence;
- The plaque in the centre. Symbol: the hart or soul of those who honor the fallen and remember the war violence;
- The arcades, mutually and strongly joined, including a text with an ongoing challenge. Symbol: the connection of people, around the centre, to promote the importance of freedom and peace.

You can also look at them as the connection between the townships of Liessel from the period before the war (de Leysing, de Snoerts, Hoogdonk, Hoek and Sloot) at the reconstruction.

Revealing information board



Renzo van den Vooren and Romy van der Linden have revealed the information board, witnessed by alderman F. Stienen and the complete foundation board, last May 27th. Renzo and Romy are students at OBS 't Hout. The students of the 8th grade at OBS 't Hout have adopted the memorial monument last year.

The information board shows the story of the monument since it was established and revealed September 22nd 2011.

From that moment onwards, several thousands of people have visited the monument. This can be seen on the information board as well. It shows that this monument is very much alive in the people's minds. There is not much text, mainly pictures on the information board so all can understand. After revealing the information board the students were provided with a drink, sponsored by RKS SV Mierlo-Hout. For which we thank them.

More information and pictures of this day can be found at our website :

www.hmmh.nl

Sponsoring



Saasen Groep Mierlo was willing to sponsor our foundation by the means of providing clothes for the board.

Saasen Groep is a training institute with all kinds of courses and advice related to safety.

SAASEN GROEP Thanks for your support.

You can find more information on Saasen Groep at their website:

WWW.saasen.nl

September 22nd 2016

The 8th grade at St. Odulfus school, under supervision of teacher Pauline, has confirmed to adopt the memorial monument for the next memorial year starting September 22nd.

The schedule for this day:

- ❖ 10.30AM Speech 8th grade, by Mr. Frans van Elderen
- ❖ 1.00PM Gathering of old military vehicles around the monument
- ❖ 1.30PM 8th grade split up in 2 groups
 - One group will be transported in the military vehicles to the military cemetery in Mierlo, to receive information from Ad Hermens
 - The other Group receives information at the memorial monument
- ❖ 2.15PM Exchange of the groups
- ❖ 3.00PM Kids back at school
- ❖ 6.15PM Memorial service in the church; St. Luciakerk

- ❖ After the memorial service joint walk to the monument
 - Placing of the flowers
 - Kids to place candles

All friends or those who want to become friends of the foundation are welcome to join us for a drink at care home Alphonsus, after finalizing the memorial at the monument.

This newsletter is the official invitation to join us at the memorial September 22nd 2016. Hope to see you there.