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FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Before you lies a special edition of our newsletter due to the bulk of news which we like to share with you. The appearance of the newsletter is a little different than what you may be used to.

With a very busy quarter behind us, it's time to evaluate and ponder on the future. It is obvious that we turned a new page with the Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation. Our activities will need to be lined up to new opportunities and plans. A challenge which will keep us occupied the rest of the year.

A summary of the news is not necessary here. A few words of thanks are. I will not try to name everyone to avoid the risk of forgetting someone in the process. From bus driver to bicycle attendant: thank you all for the tremendous support, friendship, time, energy and money, which we received during the Airborne Memorial Walk and Operation Torch 2009. It all went smoothly thanks to you! And we would never have been able to get the job done without you!

So, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

DEDICATION ARTWORK A50 HIGHWAY NEAR DROPZONE SON

Years ago, the highway named A50 was finished. A highway, almost parallel to the one nicknamed Hell's Highway in 1944, connecting the cities of Eindhoven and Arnhem in The Netherlands. At the end of 2008 it was decided to add artwork along this stretch of highway. Thus, the decision was made to erect an artwork near exit Son, on the rest area near the gasstation.

A design was chosen. But when this design asked for approval from the different democratic organisations, a group of local inhabitants of Son protested. They were of the opinion that the artwork should somehow reflect the significance of the area, namely the drop and landingzones of the American 101st Airborne Division which landed in the fields bordering the highway in September 1944.

Their arguments were honored and a new design, with 2 beautiful eagles and a 30 meter long framework reminding the visitor of parachutes which catch wind on landing, proudly stands on the edge of the former drop zone Son.



Left the former dropzones between Best en Son, right the monument with one of the eagles.

The Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation was present at the dedication on September 17th with all participants to Operation Torch 2009, and a delegation of active duty soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division as well as Paul Jackson (WWII 501) and Robert Lundy (WWII 506).

It was good to see how a small country can be big in certain things!

ATTENTION

The photographs used in this issue of our newsletter are from different sources. Copyrights may apply which are unknown to us. Please inform us when necessary to enable us to correct in our next issue.

THANK YOU, ALL who gave freely during Operation Torch 2009 and Airborne Memorial Walk

ADDITIONS SERIES BOOKS P.M PULLES BY DENNIS VAN DEN HEUVEL

Earlier this year, during the preparations for the four day event in Eerde, The Netherlands, Dennis van den Heuvel, member of the Airborne Committee in Eerde, told the Foundation that he had gone through the (old) series of books "Screaming Eagles of WWII" by P.M. Pulles in order to add information on Prisoners of War.

Dennis made this information available for the Foundation to add to the books. Naturally, we are grateful to Dennis as all information is a real treasure at this time. Much information has now been added on 101st Airborne Division soldiers during World War II who were taken as prisoners of war.

Thanks Dennis! You rock!



Series booklets of P.M Pulles

On this page the foundation thanks a number of people that support the goals of the foundation, and by this help us to carry on the 'Torch'.

CONTRIBUTION MAURICE COENEN AS WEBMASTER / DESIGNER

Another tribute, this time to Maurice Coenen who offered and used his creative talents to develop a logo for the Airborne Memorial Walk and furthermore built us a website where participants could pre-register electronically for the walk.

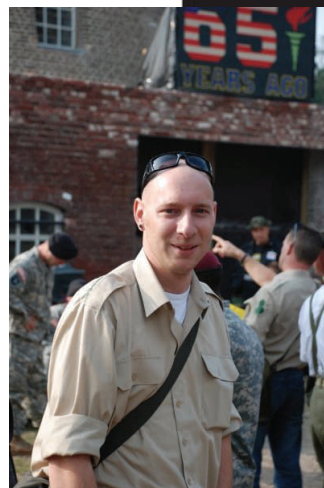
All in his spare time, all without costs to the Foundation.

On top of that, Maurice received a pledge from a sponsor to be able to refine, extend and facilitate both the Foundation's site (www.screamingeagles.nl) and the Airborne Memorial Walk's site (www.airbornememorialwalk.nl) in the future. A heap of work in a very short time!

Thanks Maurice! You rock also!



Above: The logo Maurice made for the Airborne Memorial Walk.



Left: Maurice during the Walk in Eerde.

32ND BASTOGNE HISTORICAL WALK

On 12th December 2009 the 32nd Bastogne Historic Walk will take place. As usual it will be one large celebration. This year activities around the walk will be extended because of the 65th anniversary of the liberation.

Theme of the walk will be Patton's 3rd Army. The routes will be South, South-West from Bastogne in the Sibret area.

More information and registration through www.bastognehistoricwalk.com



PETRA WENSTEDT-PULLES HONORED BY THE 101E AIRBORNE DIVISION

On Saturday September 19th, our chairperson, Petra Wenstedt-Pulles, was completely surprised by newly chosen vice-president Harold (A.J.) Murdock of the 101st Airborne Division Association and fellow board member Joseph M. Bossi in his function as Honorary CSM of the 327th Infantry Regiment.

A.J. Murdock announced and Joe Bossi handed Petra the honorary membership of the 327th Infantry Regiment, the honorary life membership of the 101st Airborne Division Association as well as the honorary membership of the complete 101st Airborne Division based in Ft Campbell, Kentucky.

In the presence of WWII veterans John Primerano, Ray Nagell and Paul Jackson, the participants of Operation Torch 2009, members of the Living History Groups Screaming Ducks, Band of Brothers and Dutch Deuces, Petra also accepted an appointment to the board of governors of the 101st Airborne Division Association as the European representative of the Association.

Secretively, a reporter and photographer of the Eindhoven newspaper had been invited who published an extensive article in the paper of Monday 21st September.



On Sunday 20th September, during the Airborne Memorial Walk organised by the Foundation, and in the presence of a delegation of active duty soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division, another honorary membership was bestowed on Petra: this time for the 502nd Infantry Regiment.

What an honor, and at the same time what a responsibility to be given the honor not only to represent the regiments but also the division and the association. Not only Petra is recognised for the work she does, but at the same time the goals and activities of the Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation as well as all groups and individuals in Europa who cooperate with the Foundation to realise the same goals:

Petra, in her acceptance words, pledged to do everything in her power to be worthy of the honors bestowed upon her and keep re-enforcing the bridge which leads from WWII to present.

'KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE AND REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICE'

LARGE SUBSIDIE FOR WINDMILL IN EERDE

On July 15th de Windmill Foundation in Eerde received a sum of 430.809,00 from the Province Brabant. The town of Veghel added a check for € 100.000,00, completing the total needed to restore the windmill.



In the accompanying speeches the special character of the St Anthony windmill, the efforts of the Eerde population and the importance of the restoration was emphasized.

The planning calls for the rough building to be finished by the end of 2009 and the top to be placed on the windmill in the First half of 2011.

The official opening of the restored windmill will take place in September 2011, 67 years after Operation Market Garden, when the windmill was destroyed.



AIRBORNE MEMORIAL WALK 20 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation organised the Airborne Memorial Walk during the four day event in Eerde, The Netherlands (17-20 september) called Dropzone A Eerde. The event was a cooperation between the Airborne Committee Eerde, the Eerde Windmill Foundation and Living History Group Holland.



The two routes (7,5 or 15 km) were developed by Erwin Janssen of the Airborne Committee Eerde, and took the participant along 18 memorable locations from World War Two, telling the story of the activities of the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division in September 1944. It was heartwarming to see a group of active duty soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division take part in the memorial walk.

At 4 locations along the routes, stories were depicted by re-enactors, who gave their spare time and energy in the explanation. The many enthusiastic reactions from returning walkers made us all feel good. Participation was more than expected – around 400 participants “did the walk, and not the talk”.

It was enough to get us fired up for next year to organise a second memorial walk in order to keep the memory of events in the Corridor in September 1944 alive. We are keeping the location a secret for now.

The Foundation's part of the proceeds of the Airborne Memorial Walk 2009 will be paid into the fund for the wounded warriors in Walter Reed hospital in Virginia.

Moreover, cards were handed out by the Foundation during the walk to enable participants to write a wish for a wounded warrior. These cards, of which more than a hundred were handed in during the walk, will be hand-carried and delivered by our American volunteer Dick Winters, who visits the hospital weekly.



Did you miss the Airborne Memorial Walk?

Here is your chance. A 30 page booklet with both routes plus souvenir (a choice of challenge coin 501 Geronimo/windmill Eerde or a copy of the WWII 501 Geronimo patch) is available through our Foundation at € 15 or \$ 20. Extra challenge coins or patches available at € 12,50 or \$ 15 each.

Well wish cards are still available too.

Send an email message or card to:

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