

NEWSLETTER

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FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON



"The goals of the Screaming Eagles of World War II Foundation are:
-to honor those who fought, were killed, wounded or missing in action on Allied side in World War II;
-to collect and to publicize relevant information and materials;
-to publicize documents with information relevant to World War II;
-to enhance knowledge on World War II in general;
and all which connects directly or indirectly to the above mentioned goals."

With these words from our laws and bylaws in mind, we thoroughly weighed and discussed the future of the Foundation within the Board of Governors. What should we pursue and what not? What did we do right? What are lessons to be learned? But mostly: how to continue? Page 2 will enlighten our decisions.

We also ask your attention again for a seasonal greeting for the active duty soldiers of the American 101st Airborne Division. Perhaps we are not too late to come up with funds to have a card printed (10.000 of them) and distribute in Afghanistan.

Finally in this issue: your chance to find an original gift for Xmas: suggestions on page 4.

From all of us, I wish you a warm holiday season and a healthy 2011 with soft landings!



ADIEU FOR NOW

For the moment, this will be the last newsletter which you will receive. More information on our reasons for this decision can be found on page 2.

We are abandoning the **sponsor** concept in 2011.

Our website:

www.screamingeagles.nl will continue to give you our latest news and activities.

Your donations are always welcome on ING 910.28.38

BASTOGNE MEMORIAL WALK—WWII HQ 101 ABN



The annual Bastogne Memorial Walk will take place again on December 11.

Different from the past 30 years, no doubt, but hopeful towards the future in safeguarding this great event.

Info: www.bastognehistoricalwalk.com

Registration:

marchduprimetre@bastogne.be

ALSO THIS YEAR:

The well known building (Nuts Cave) which served as HQ for the 101st Airborne Division during the Battle of the Bulge in WWII, is open to the public on December 10, 11 and 12. No admission fee.

Don't miss it! Come and enjoy the militaria fair and WWII vehicle display.

10 December : 13.00 - 18.00 hours

11 December : 08.00 - 18.00 hours

12 December : 08.00 - 18.00 hours

CHANGES FOUNDATION—WHAT'S THE PLAN IN 2011?

Based on the goals stated in our laws and by-laws, we have worked hard over these past years within the Screaming Eagles of WWII Foundation to realise different ideas to support these goals.

The backbone of our Foundation are the six books, compiled by P.M. Pulles, with lists/rosters the the different 101st Airborne Division units: Artillery, Headquarters, 327-401 GIR, 501 PIR, 502 PIR and 506 PIR in World War II. With ISBN numbers and copyright held by the Foundation, these books are our core business. We have been able to keep the books available over the years, to research , to correct, to add and to enhance their contents and form which made them more durable and easier to use.



After various attempts to find cooperation within the established Airborne related organisations in Holland, the Foundation organised the first Operation Torch tour on its own in 2006. With Operation Torch we intended to keep local WWII history alive, by offering younger generations a trip which, besides the historical value, would enable friendship ties to develop between the Dutch, Belgian and French people in "Airborne" battle areas and American participants.

With limited resources, we did just that. OT trips held in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 were a success. Participants were, and still are, enthusiastic about the content and the execution of the trip and the groups and individuals which supported us during OT. A heartfelt thanks from us to the Screaming Ducks, Harry and Christian Dijkhuizen, Henk Duinhoven, Henri Mignon, Reg Jans, Roby Clam, the Airborne Committee Eerde, Maurice Coenen, Ronald Stassen who helped us make Operation Torch a quality product.

In 2009, embedded in a large event in Eerde, we took on the responsibility of organising the first Airborne Memorial Walk in the Eindhoven/Veghel area. Again with limited resources, and without pounding on our own chests, we come to the conclusion that our initiative was a success with its own site, over 400 walkers and nett proceeds of \$ 750 for the Wounded Warrior Fund.

Besides Operation Torch and the Airborne Memorial Walk, we have been active by contributing as master of ceremonies at monument dedications, by research for family members of WWII veterans and as expert source of information.

A crown on our work came in 2009 when our chairperson Petra Wenstedt-Pulles received honorary memberships to the 506th Infantry Regiment, the 327th Infantry Regiment, the 502nd Infantry Regiment, the 101st Airborne Division and the 101st Airborne Division Association. A tremendous honor, which she accepted on behalf of all who hold the goals of the Foundation high.

Despite its successes but born out of necessity, we were forced to decide on "parking" the concepts of Operation Torch and the Airborne Memorial Walk in the Foundation for the moment. Arguments in favor of this decision are fed by limited manpower and future plans for several board members. Referring to our newsletter number 3, 2010, some of our arguments have been influenced by the submerged competition between different Airborne related groups and individuals. The spirit of our times has left its mark on attitude and behavior of both. Cooperation has proved to run aground on ego's, subsidized funds and an imaginary competition for honor which seems more powerful than the common goal of keeping that important piece of WWII history alive and cherish friendships.

Our Board of Governors therefore has decided to concentrate on a whole new version of the P.M. Pulles series SCREAMING EAGLES OF WWII in 2011, with an enormous amount of information from the General Orders of the 101st Airborne Division in WWII. The books are a unique phenomenon in the history of the 101st, and with a completely new product we will use 2011 to professionalize and promote the books.

This plan will need an investment of time, energy and money will. The production and distribution of this newsletter will suffer from this too. A consequent decision was made to stop the newsletter for now. But not without a big THANK YOU to our loyal sponsors for their support over the past years.

Our website WWW.SCREAMINGEAGLES.NL will continue to be updated with all the latest news in the Foundation.

XMAS CARD 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

We would have loved to surprise them with a Christmas card from people who care, those active duty guys and girls of the 101st Airborne Division!

Without judging whether it's right or wrong for an international force in Afghanistan, we intended to show them that we care during the festive season.

Are we so naive? Or is the war surrounded by insurpassable political arguments? Is the negative economical situation a factor? Or is it just the "out of sight-out of mind" mentality?

We don't know the answer.

We will just invite you, our reader, one more time to show your Christmas warmth through your financial support.



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Or through PayPal using the email address: p-wenstedt@hotmail.com

On receipt of sufficient funds, we will have the card printed in the US, after which the 327th Infantry Regiment (BASTOGNE!) will ensure the individual distribution of the card in Afghanistan.

In case the printing costs are too high, the collected funds will go to the Wounded Warrior Fund of Walter Reed hospital (US).

IT IS NOT TOO LATE YET!

The inside and back of the card will look like this. This is your chance to have your name added!



AIRBORNE GIFT ITEMS



101 ABN flag € 10,00



P.M. Pulles books € 60,00
€ 10,00 per unit: HQ, ART, 501,
502, 506 and 327/401)



CHALLENGE COIN Eerde
windmill/501 € 12,50



Patch 501 Geronimo WWII copy
(approx. 15 cm diameter) € 15,00



Pin 506 Currahee flag € 12,50
"Stands Alone"



Tie clip with jumpwings € 12,50
(gold colored)



Pin PATHFINDER € 12,50
regulation size



**ALL PRICES INCLUSIVE POSTAGE THE NETHERLANDS
For Europe and US, actual postage will be charged.
P.M. Pulles books: NL € 7,50—per order/Europe and US actual
postage.**

DEERD2DAKAR

Active member of the Airborne Committee Eerde, Ad van de Laar, has other passions in his life than AIRBORNE: on November 6th, 2010, Ad and his daughter Linda rode a fundraising rally from Amsterdam to Dakar (Senegal). What a challenge! What courage! GERONIMO! Your donations for the good cause are still welcome on bank 11.34.11.863, Linda van de Laar in Nijmegen, referring to "DEERD2DAKAR".

INFO:
www.deerd2dakkar.nl



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