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MARGRATEN POST NL01
NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

Message from the Commander

Greetings, Comrades!

It's been a whirlwind of activity since I last wrote to you in the inaugural edition of our post newsletter, and we are going to continue to participate in many upcoming events, as well as continue to highlight to the Department of France that Margraten Post NL 01 is the post to be reckoned with.

Let me begin by letting you know that 82 retirees and veterans were served during Retiree Appreciation Day on 20 October at Schinnen. Organized by our very own service officer, Ron Macauley, personnel from the US medical clinic on Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, the Airmen & Family Readiness Center, and our post spoke with and provided information to those that deserve it most…those that have served. I have received feedback that it was much appreciated and well-planned. Way to go, Ron! And as a bonus, we added three new members that stopped by our Legion information booth that day, led by First Vice, Jim Brotherton.

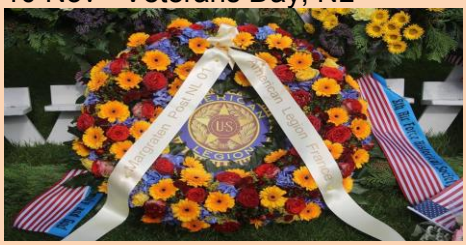
Next, let me say that the second Department Executive Committee meeting we hosted was a HUGE success! So much so that several Department-level officers and many other Legionnaires asked if we'd be interested in hosting the second DEC every year. Besides selecting a wonderful venue, our post officers and volunteers tended a bar on premises that offered very affordable drinks and treats, auctioned over a dozen items, and offered live music from Mark Chernek's, our post Sergeant at Arms, band, Music4Vets. I can safely say that our post has now set the standard for all future DEC meetings. While this took the help of many post members, I want to give a special thanks to Adjutant Andy Clevenger and Second Vice Harvey Briggs for many hours donated to the detailed planning involved, and to Historian Ray Perez for the awesome food he and his team prepared. Again, great job guys!

Also, we have two memorial services/events we plan on attending, the first at Margraten on 10 November, and the next day, since no one we know of has sponsored Henri Chappelle Cemetery, we'll visit there. Please see the following articles for relevant information about these events.

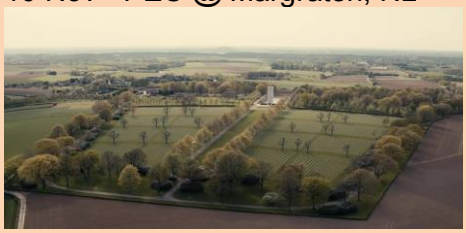
Following in December, we'll have our next general membership meeting, and we will put out final details on the Bastogne weekend. Our post is going to co-sponsor several events during this remembrance weekend with Flanders Field Post BE02. Besides being a great time, with much fellowship and comradery, it's a great place to visit and learn about the World War Two battles that raged in that area. The Belgians dress up and set up field hospitals, machine gun nests, and drive all types of vehicles from that area during this weekend. I've been twice, and I can't wait to go back again.

Dates to Remember

10 Nov - Veterans Day, NL



10 Nov - PEC @ Margraten, NL



11 Nov - Veterans Day, BE

11 Nov - Remember Museum

08 Dec - Membership Meeting

15-17 Dec - Bastogne Weekend

Message from Commander Cont.

Finally, as always, I want to thank everyone for their support, both financial and time spent volunteering. Our post has shaken up things since being revitalized. To remind everyone, our small post holds two DEC officer positions, and we blew the second DEC meeting out of the water after less than a year of being up and running again. I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished and what we stand for. I am asking, though, that you please continue to give your time and effort to our events. If you haven't been showing up, you're really missing out on a lot of fun and friendship. And we need you. If we are going to continue to grow, contribute to our community, and take care of ourselves and our veterans, we're going to have to count on each other. There is no one else. But if you can't give your time, please continue your membership. As our numbers grow, we'll continue to get some financial help as well as influence when it comes time to vote on initiative important to us and our veterans.

One last time, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your contributions to our post, to our community, and to our veterans. I couldn't be more proud than I am as your Commander. Until next time…

Commander Ray

Prayer: Almighty God, we are gathered here to honor our fallen dead. All who paid with their lives from one of the many devilish ways that man has contrived to maim or kill his fellow man; by bomb, bullet, shell, mine, fire, water, starvation, torture, disease. Some of them rest here; others at the ocean floor, others still are but the scattered ashes of plummeting human torches. We beseech Thee to care for all those who have closed their eyes thus, on the shadows and foggy twilight that makes up this world, and in Thy Mercy to enable them to open them on the full glory and warmth of Thee. For Thy Name's sake. Amen

Eric "Maddog" Maddox
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Margraten Post NL01
GEN Membership Meeting Minutes

Friday, 13 October 2017, Canadian Legion Teveren

(CC) Ray Call to order @ 17:32hrs
Presentation of Colors – Hand salute
Pledge of Allegiance
Legion Preamble
POW/MIA – (SA) Sgt at Arms Mark Chernek
Roll Call (Quorum) – Seven Officer's present and/or accounted for, 2nd Vice Harvey Briggs and Chaplain Eric Maddox excused. Six members present.
September Meeting Minutes – CC approved
Agenda – CC approved
Announcements- SA Mark welcomed Comrades: Chrissy Simmers, Stephanie Laird, and Mike Hanson.

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITIUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Constitution and Bylaws (C&B):
CC declared C&B complete, membership received e-copies, no questions, concerns or open items. Historian Ray made a motion for vote and passage, Comrade Ehnis 2nd the motion, All aye's, No nay's/ Post NL01 C&B passed! After CC signature the final draft will be sent to Department.

DEC: AD Andy provided brief intro/update

Reports:
1V Jim – Updated membership status.
2v Harvey/AD Andy – Updated DEC planning
SA Mark-Veteran's Day ceremonies, flowers, Dutch Veteran facility for next Membership Meeting
FO Dale – Post balance and Bonding for CC, FO, 1V.
SO Ron- JROTC Color Guard for DEC, RAD and VA Representative appointments
HS Ray – DEC working groups - Food, Greeters, Bartenders, Drivers, MC, and Registration.

New Business:
1V Jim - Nametags for DEC
Post Newsletter – 1 Nov HS Ray, deadline for articles is 27 Oct.
HS Ray – Encouraged all members to take advantage for the Legion Basic Training.
HS Ray – Updated members on current Airbnb accommodations for Bastogne.
MOH Francis Kelly, Glasgow, Scotland grave marker – POC HS Ray/Comrade CC Schram.
Trunk or Treat – 31 Oct Schinnen, need to purchase candy.
Legionnaires Bowling Team – POC Comrade Dave Ehnis, every Wed 18:00hrs, needs more subs.
Bastogne events/volunteers-POC HS Ray with Comrade Schram.
Oratorical Contest – 9 Dec SO Ron with Comrade Schram.

Next Meetings – PEC 10 Nov - Margraten after Veterans Day Ceremony. GEN 8 Dec @ Heerlen, NL.

CC Ray adjourned: 19:22hrs.

2 nd Department Executive Committee Meeting

By Historian Ray

We had the honor and privilege to host the 2nd Department Executive Committee Meeting @ the International Conference Center in Brunssum, NL. It was a wonderful experience for our Post and we truly treasured the opportunity to share it with the best of the American Legion! Our post really came through with many pitching in the kitchen, sports bar, entertainment, and clean up! Special thanks to Melissa Perez and Lita Snyder aka "The Dynamic Duo" for their efforts in the kitchen from O'Dark 30 to Midnight!

2nd Department Executive Committee Meeting

Benelux communities show appreciation to military retirees

By SO Ron Macauley

Tom Joyce, deputy to the garrison Cmdr, presenting 1st Vice Jim Brotherton the Vietnam War Veterans lapel pin.

More than 75 military retirees and their families gathered in the Schinnen Community Activity Center for the annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) held Oct. 20.

The attendees were treated to a free breakfast by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and live entertainment by Music 4 Vets Nederland before Thomas Joyce, the deputy to the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux garrison commander, addressed the community.

More than 30 Tri-Border community groups were represented, including the 470th NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen medical and dental clinics, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Spangdahlem Air Base Casualty Assistance Representative, Defense Finance and Accounting Services, local and national veterans groups and service organizations. All were on-site to answer retirees' questions as the medical clinics provided free services.

Our Vietnam Veteran's were recalled into formation and recognized! They received a 50th Anniversary Proclamation and lapel pin signed from then President Barack Obama. These great men served our Nation during a turbulent time and controversial war. This small token was a way to recognize their service, their sacrifice and dedication to our Armed Services. Special recognition and gratitude goes out to our American Legion Margraten Post NL01 members Jim Brotherton, David Ehnis, Ken Dest, Ralph Ward and "Andy" Anderson!

Tom Joyce presenting David Ehnis the Vietnam War Veterans lapel pin.

The day's event allowed the Schinnen community to show their gratitude to military retirees, Vietnam veterans, and their families.

"We received a lot of positive feedback from all of the retirees and veterans who attended today. They were very appreciative of the services provided, but most importantly they were grateful to have the occasion to visit with their comrades," said Post NL01 Service Officer Ron Macauley, the event organizer.

"The event went off without a hitch -- and it's all because of our amazing volunteers and supporters whose dedication and expertise made for an outstanding job well done."

Post Awareness Table Welcomed three new members!

Margraten New Visitor Center

By Historian Ray

Netherlands American Cemetery, Margraten, NL – Our namesake is due to get a new visitors center constructed by 2020. Over the next three years, the cemetery will have a new entrance building.

Authorities in the US have authorized the project with the caveat that the building must match the cemetery's current state of majesty. The budget for the project is said to be between 6 and 7 million dollars.

A students design vision of the new visitor center

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) is funding the project. The locals have of course been invited to give input into the buildings function and design. A delegation from Margraten is going to be looking at other visitor centers and American cemeteries located in both England and France.

"In Normandy is that cemetery near the coast," says Margraten Mayor Dieudoone Akkermans. "There you hear the story of the invasion and liberation. From the visitor center you are looking forward to the water, across the sea that the Allies brought to Europe."

The above illustration is a design by a local student. The design of the center has not yet been decided on, in-fact the design process may not have officially started yet. I suspect a submission process will be coordinated by the ABMC in the very near future.

In the last newsletter I reported that all the graves to include all the names on the Wall of the Missing have been adopted. The graves, adopted by mostly local families have been passed down through the generations. Even after 75 years since the liberations of the Netherlands the younger generation takes great pride in preserving the honor of their grandparents, mothers, and fathers. Presenting floral tributes and reaching back to the servicemen's families stateside, many of which have developed long lasting friendships over the decades. Margraten Post NL01 looks forward to the opening ceremony of this new visitors center.

Music 4 Vets Nederland *By Sgt at Arms Mark Chernek*

Music 4 Vets Nederland is a non-profit foundation, which uses music therapy to help primarily Dutch Veterans, as well as other Veterans who suffer from combat related traumas or negative experiences while serving in hostel environments during their time in service.

Music 4 Vets Nederland performing at the 2nd DEC!

I started this foundation by observing a need for an alternate method of therapy for Veterans who suffer from PTSD and related issues. We convene every Thursday night at the Café Reunie in Geleen and play music from 1900-2200. We play mostly covers, however, we encourage members to write, compose and perform our own songs concerning our military experiences. Some of which has been recorded by Fox studio's in Belgium, and is currently on our Music CD (The High Price of Freedom) is a song in which I wrote about WWII veterans which is in a movie Documentary about WII.

Our foundation teaches Veterans who desire to learn to play the guitar, and we encourage individuals to join in with us and play percussion or just come to enjoy the music. Music 4 Vets Nederland has performed for Nato Brussum, Schinnen (4th of July Pic below), Veterans day Brussum, Veterans day Tilburg, Veterans day the Hague, Veterans day Beek, The faces of Margraten, first addition in city hall, the Veterans house the Treffer in Eindhoven, Miles 4 Justice in Medemblik, Dutch Air Assault Reunion, Operation Market Garden, with WWII Veterans, The remembrance museum Henri Chapelle, The Veterans institute, The Dutch Marines reunion and more… Music 4 Vets Nederland is a family oriented foundation, and we encourage veteran helpers to also take part in our foundation… From time to time, I am called upon to perform at US Cemetery Margraten to sing for WWII veterans who visit the cemetery, to add a special touch to their day of reflection and remembrance. We have been on Falcon Radio Maastricht, L1 Radio Maastricht, the Armed Forces Radio Mons Belgium, and several Internet radio programs all in an effort to help make awareness for Veterans who suffer from their combat relate deployments…
Checkout our site: www.music4vets.nl
Semper fi

Mark Chernek and Ray Vincent Jamming on the 4th of July!

Post NL01 Legionnaire Spotlight

From the Viet Nam era to active duty folks our post is blessed with many incredible people representing all the services. Putting a few of our Legionnaires under the spotlight will be a regular feature in our newsletter. I think it's important to learn more about our comrades and benefit from their stories. We must thank Finance Officer Dale Snyder for this wonderful idea ~ Historian Ray

COMRADE DAVE EHNIS

Dave was drafted fresh off the farm in Michigan in February 1971. He attended basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Knox, Kentucky after which he was sent directly to Viet Nam from April 1971 - June 1972. After 9½ month in Viet Nam and 14 total months in the Army he received an early out. He then worked at a factory in Michigan; this is where he realized that this was not the life for him.

Five years after initially leaving the Army he re-enlisted in 1977. His first duty station was the 3/3 ACR (Armored Cavalry Regiment) at Fort Bliss, Texas where he served as a supply clerk and the unit armorer. From there he PCS'ed to the 9th (Combat) Engineer Battalion in Aschaffenburg, Germany where he was a unit supply sergeant. His next assignment took him to Petroleum Distribution System Okinawa (PDSO) on the island of Okinawa Japan, again as a supply sergeant. His next assignment took him to the 601st Ordnance Brigade at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland as a supply NCO for the training battalion. This is where he made the rank of Sergeant First Class, E-7 within 11 years. From here he was selected in 1981 to attend Warrant Officer Training School at Fort Rucker, Alabama where he became a Property Book Officer (warrant officer 1). His first assignment as a warrant officer took him to the 15th CEC (Combat Equipment Company) in Herongen, Germany where he spent 5 ½ years. From here he served at Brigade while it was in Mannheim, Germany and Kerkrade, Netherlands. His follow on assignment was at the 18th CEC in Brunssum, Netherlands, which is where he retired in Oct 1997.

From here he contracted for Lockheed Martin in Belgium, Hungary and Bosnia and also for Brown and Root at Tazar Airfield, Hungary for a total of 3 years. In 2000 Dave took a sabbatical to Thailand for 1 year where he relaxed and took it easy. He was then hired by the Army as a DAC, GS-11 as a property book officer at Vriezenveen, Netherlands where he met his wife. From here he transferred to the 405th AFSB (Army Field Support Brigade) at Leghorn Army Depot in Pisa, Italy. From here he was hired as a Treaty Compliance Officer, GS-12 by the Air Force at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany where he spent his last 8 ½ years before retiring in October 2016. One day after retiring he moved with his Dutch family to the Netherlands.

THE AMERICAN LEGION – WHO WE ARE

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, and community service organization which now numbers 2.4 million - men and women - in more than 14,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. These Posts are organized into 55 Departments – one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, **France**, Mexico, and the Philippines.

The American Legion has its headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, with offices in Washington, D.C. In addition to thousands of volunteers, serving in leadership and program implementation capacities from the communities to the Legion's standing national commissions and committees, the national organization has a professional staff of about 250 employees.

Membership eligibility in The American Legion is based on honorable service within the U.S. Armed Forces between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 (World War I); December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946 (World War II); June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955 (Korean war); December 22, 1961, and May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War); August 24, 1982, and July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada); December 20, 1989, and January
31, 1990 (Operation Just Cause – Panama); or August 2, 1990, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States.

Post NL01 Legionnaire Spotlight

COMRADE RON MACAULEY

Ron is currently the Service Office for Margraten Post NL 01 and fortunately for the Post immediately following his retirement last year he became a Department of the Army Civilian whose job parallels many of the same responsibilities and tasks ask of a Legion Post Service Officer.

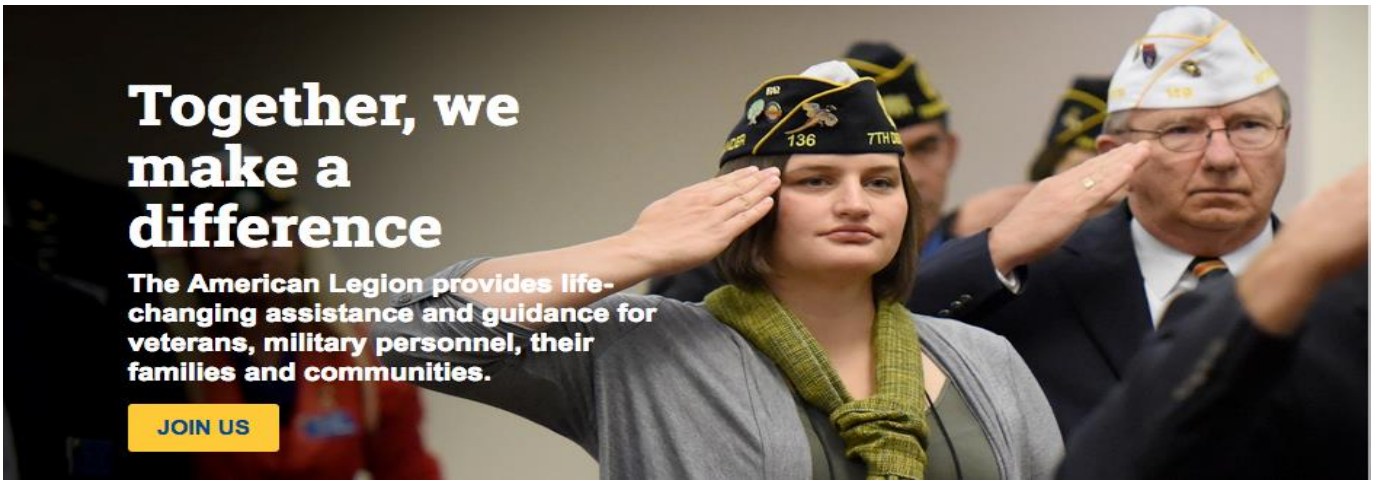
Ron's eligibility for the American Legion is provided by his 34 years of service from April 1982 through August 2016, having attained the rank of E- 9 Sergeant Major during his honorable service in the United States Army. He entered the Army in April 1982 as an Infantrymen and attended basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Throughout his career he has demonstrated personal commitment to the Army and his Soldiers as he advanced to positions of higher responsibility throughout his Infantry and Special Forces careers. He has held a variety of key leadership position including: Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant in an Airborne Infantry Company, Team Sergeant of a Special Forces "A" Team, First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant Major, and Senior Enlisted Advisor of a Joint Special Operations Command.

His military education includes: the US Army Ranger School, Special Forces Qualification Course; Advanced Land Navigation Selection Course (Delta Force); Jumpmaster Course; Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Course; Advance Special Operations Techniques Course; Advanced Mountain Warfare Course; International Terrorism Awareness Course; Spanish, Arabic, and Dutch Language Courses; Jungle Warfare Courses in Panama, The Philippines, Peru, and Ecuador, , and the US Army Sergeants Major Course (Class 53).

His overseas assignments include Egypt, Colombia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Panama, and Ecuador, Korea, and the Netherlands. His combat tours include The Philippines, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Panama.

Ron and his family currently reside in Amstenrade, The Netherlands. He is married to the lovely Pechblenda Macauley from Fajardo, Puerto Rico and has four children Amanda, 18, who is a Cadet at the US Military Academy at West Point, Melany 17, Sydney 14, and Ronnie 12 who are students at the AFNORTH International School in Brunssum, The Netherlands.



Post NL01 Legionnaire Spotlight

COMRADE JIM BROTHERTON

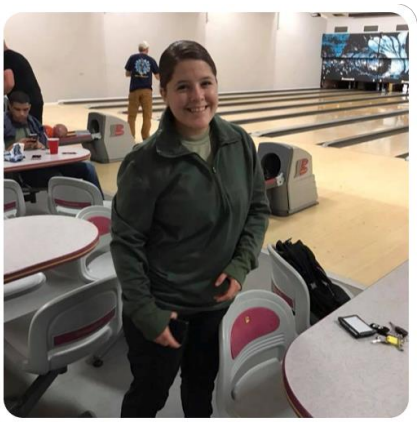
Jim graduated from Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union Virginia in 1970. Shortly after he joined United States Air Force. Jim served for almost 24 years in aircraft maintenance on fighter and attack aircraft. Over 20 of those 24 years were spent in overseas locations, retiring at the rank of Master Sargent.

After his military service Jim worked as an elevator lead mechanic, responsible for modernization, renovation and repair for 22 years.

Jim was a driving force in reviving NL01 and renaming the post to "Margraten". Currently serving as the post 1st Vice Commander.

Hobbies include motorcycle touring, travel, shooting and reading.

Come out and Join the Margraten Legionnaires Bowling Team!



We're always looking for more people to take part in the fun. Every Wednesday from 6-9 pm at the Schinnen Bowling Center. Events are always posted on the Post NL01 Facebook page.

If interested please contact Team Captain Dave Ehnis at davidehnis01@yahoo.com

The American Legion Mobile App

This app offers a succinct description of the Legion's forms of advocacy, opportunities to join, donate and find nearby posts.

https://www.legion.org/mobileapps

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

The course is free for members. The training took me a little over 2 hours to complete, but there is no time limit on the course. You can return to where you left off anytime you wish for as many times as you want. Once complete you will get a printable Certificate of Completion and the opportunity to order the redesigned lapel/cap pin pictured above.

I found this training to be a great jumping off point for any new legionnaire. Anyone who participates in Awareness Drives should have this information in their toolbag!

As an Historian I of course found the History & Organization module to be the most interesting and fun but the section on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation was very eye-opening.

This Basic Training package is an outstanding gateway of knowledge into the nation's largest veterans service organization and an opportunity not to be missed.

How to Become A Sentinel of Memory

By Historian Ray

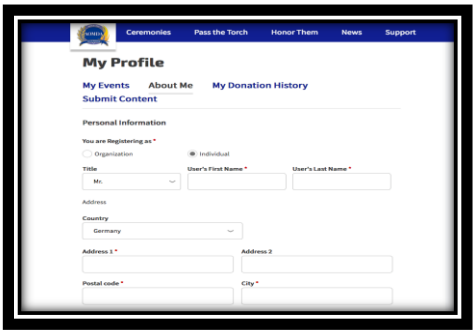
Over the past year the Ameican Overseas Memorial Day Association (AOMDA) Foundation has been focusing on the the restructing the adoption program of over 14,000 American soldiers who have their last resting place in Belgium. The program to honor our fallen is call the Sentinel of Memory program. Last issue I wrote about what the program consists of. This article will cover the steps on becoming a Primary Sentinel of Memory.

1. Go to www.aomda.org and choose the language of your preference.

2. Click on "Register" and follow the instruction on the form. Your request is usually approved within 24 hours. Mine was a little over 48 hrs.

3. If your registration was successful, go to the site and click "Login" Give your email address and password.

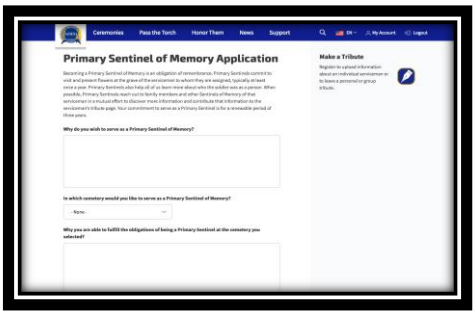
4. You are now automatically linked to the page for your personal account. Please take the time to fill in your profile information so that they can effectively reach you in the future.



5. Click on "Honor Them" and then click on "Serve as a Sentinel of Memory". Once that page comes up, click on the hyperlink "Primary" Sentinel of Memory"

6. Fill out the Primary Sentinel of Memory Application. Make sure you give full detailed answers. Make sure you select the right cemetery. You will also be asked why you are able to fulfill the obligations of being a Primary Sentinel at the cemetery you selected. Saying you live locally and normally visit the selected cemetery a couple of times a year is an acceptable answer. If you're interested in a particular serviceman please provide his name. You will also have the option to select to be put on a waiting list or be assigned any available serviceman.

7. Once you have completed the form, click on "Send". Your application will be forwarded to the Administrator for the Remembrance Honors. After approximately 72 hours you will receive an answer. Mine took closer to 6 to 8 weeks but that was when the AOMDA was still getting going through the 14,000 graves. Should be much quicker now. Your name will then be on the page of the serviceman your Primary Sentinel for. (if you don't want your name to appear on his page, you can make that adjustment through the privacy settings of your account)



8. You will receive an email from the AOMDA with your serviceman's information and a Certificate of Appreciation for your commitment to serve as a Primary Sentinel of Memory. The pledges last for three years and you will be sent an email when the end of your pledge nears with the option to renew.

Veterans Day Ceremonies

By Historian Ray

Post NL01 will be participating in two Veterans Day Ceremonies. The first one will be at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten November 10th at 11:00L. Students and ROTC from AFNorth High School have organized the ceremony.

Post NL01 will meet at the entrance of the cemetery at 10:30L. We will have a wreath to be laid during the ceremony. After the ceremony ends at approximately 12:00L we have some members who wish to lay flora tributes at their adopted graves. I would also like to take the opportunity to get group and individual pictures of our members. We will press out for lunch at approx. 13:00L. This is the restaurant we will be having lunch at http://www.chriske.nl/over-chriske/de-smaak-van-het-heuvelland.htm The post officers will have a short PEC after lunch either at the restaurant or at a micro brewery that is 10 minutes away. Decision to be made real-time.

Post NL01 Sgt at Arms Mark Chernek and his lovely wife Linda.

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

On 11 November at 13:00L Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery will host a Veterans Day Ceremony. Post NL01 will have a remembrance wreath to be laid. The post will meet at the entrance of the cemetery NLT 12:30L. Floral tributes will also be laid as part of the Sentinel of Memory program. At 1500L we will press out to the Remember (M&M) museum.

If anyone has any questions please send them to our email: margraten.post.nl01@gmail.com or through our facebook page: www.facebook.com/PostNL01

I hope to see you all there for Veterans Day weekend!

The Remember Museum

Trunk or Treat @ USAG Schinnen

Oct 31st Halloween! Margraten Post NL01 had the pleasure of suiting up and participating in Trunk or Treat @ USAG Schinnen! The garrison has definitely opened their arms to us! Between the 4th of July, RAD, Awareness Drives, and this event, we have built up quite a relationship. Oh and also the Bowling Team!

Equipped with Cap and Candy we were able to Treat 1,170 visitors! That is a lot of candy. We even had to reload our stocks from the support candy-cart.

Needless to say this will be a permanent event for the Post and we look forward to the next one. I think we might even go over the top with the decorations next year! And bring more Candy!

Adjutant Andy

Historian Ray & Commander Ray

The American Legion Oatorical Scholarship Contest

Hosted by the Flanders Field Post BE02 and Margraten Post NL01

Young orators can earn some of the most generous college scholorships
Develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution
An academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities

Eligibility:

High School Freshmen through Seniors (or home-school equivalent)

Location:

SHAPE American Middle School Multipurpose Room

Date & Time

Saturday, 09 December 2017 Start time: 1300

For more information, visit the Post BE02 Oratorical webpage
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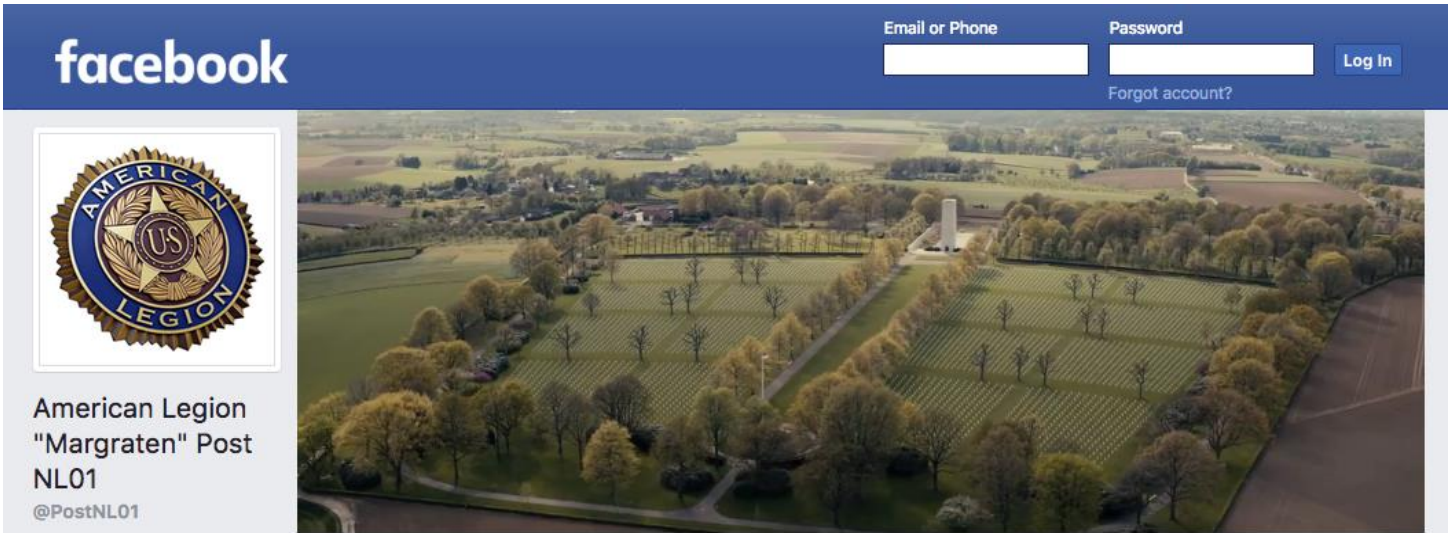
Department of France Centennial Challenge Coin!

March 2019 is firmly circled on The American Legion Department of France calendar. That's when Legionnaires across Europe will celebrate the organization's 100th birthday in Paris, where a gathering of soldiers, sailors and Marines that month in 1919 gave birth to what would become the largest organization of U.S. veterans. To honor the centennial, and to help cover anticipated costs of celebrating the anniversary, the Department of France has struck a commemorative challenge coin. The coins have been purchased by members, collectors and post leaders to distribute among military personnel, supporters and others who help the department fulfill the Legion mission in communities overseas. The challenge coin features the Eiffel Tower – the image of which is embroidered on Department of France Legion caps – above the organization's national 100th anniversary logo. On the flip side appear the emblems of all four American Legion Family groups – the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, Legion Riders and The American Legion. The challenge coins are $10 each, plus shipping, add $2 per coin for standard shipping and $13 per coin for priority shipping. To date Post NL01 has sold over **70 coins!**