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“LIVING WITH WAR”

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Foreword

In this 79th year of commemorating the Battle of Arnhem and Operation Market Garden, I welcome all our participating students and their teachers, to the Airborne Region.

The Board of YOUCEE has put together another varied programme this year.

The theme of the commemorations of World War II in the Netherlands for the year 2023 is: “Living with War”. This theme not only looks back on the Second World War and the traumatic experiences of all those who have lived through the war.

It is also very much a topic of today, now that a total war has raged in Ukraine since 24 February 2022.

Every day, the media confront us with the pointless destruction, death and ruin!

It emphasizes, once again, that peace and freedom are not to be taken for granted, but need to be kept up every day and, if necessary, fought for again.

It is YOUCEE’s task, as imposed on it at the time by the Arnhem Veterans, to raise awareness in the younger generations.

G.J. (Fred) de Graaf L.L.M.
Chairman of Youcee



Introduction

“Living with War” is the theme for 2023. It will be the common thread through all the commemorations, celebrations and other activities in relation to the Second World War. Every year, the distance to the Second World War grows, but everyone is confronted with the Second World War and other wars that have followed through the stories that are handed down from one generation to the next.

Telling stories about war experiences is often an important way to deal with what happened and to warn younger generations about the dangers of war. The impact of war is still felt in the lives of many people, both those who witnessed it first-hand, but also their partners, children, grandchildren and other family members. Younger generations also carry the experience of more recent wars, whether close by or far away. Some children and grandchildren of war victims struggle with questions about their own identity.



Introduction (cont'd)

YOUCEE uses the Battle of Arnhem as a starting point to a dialogue about war, peace, justice and international cooperation, and to comply with the wish of the Second World War veterans not to let the younger generations repeat the mistakes of the past, but to let them put their energy to better use. The aim of all this is to make young people realize that our freedom has been dearly bought and should be cherished, and that we should do everything in our power to prevent war and oppression. The war in Ukraine underlines the wish of the veterans and the importance of organizing this YOUCEE conference.



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Day 1 Tuesday, 12 September 2023

"Arrival of foreign participants"

From 17.00 hrs, the foreign participants will be received at the Akoesticum, Nieuwe Kazernelaan 2-D42 Ede.

After check-in, a buffet dinner will be served and the delegations will be welcomed by the Chairman.

Planning

17:00 Arrival of foreign participants

19:00 Buffet dinner



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Day 2 Wednesday, 13 September 2023

"Introductions and school presentations"

Between 09:00 and 10:00 a.m., the Dutch delegations will be received. After reception, the delegations will introduce themselves in a presentation. In the afternoon, a sports event will be organized at the Orange Barracks in Schaarsbergen, Arnhem. The evening programme will include several workshops to get to know each other better. The workshops will also serve as a prelude to the "Living with War" theme on Thursday, 14 September.

Planning

- 08:00 Breakfast for the foreign delegations
- 09:00 Arrival of the Dutch schools
- 10:00 Opening and welcome
- 10:15 Presentations and introductions
- 12:30 Buffet lunch
- 14:00 Sports activities at the Orange Barracks
- 19:00 Buffet dinner
- 20:30 Workshop part 1 programme for Youcee 2024



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Day 3 Thursday, 14 September 2023

"Meeting with Veterans"

For this day, we have chosen to work together with the Netherlands Veterans Institute in Doorn. Veterans will help shape this day around the theme of "Living with War".

Planning

08:00 Buffet breakfast

09:00 Welcome Veterans followed by the morning programme

12:30 Buffet lunch

13:30 Afternoon programme with Veterans

19:00 Buffet dinner

20:00 Movie night

Note:

This day will be completely led by the Netherlands Veterans Institute, Doorn.



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Day 4 Friday, 15 September 2023

"Experience | Commemorate"

We start this day with a visit to the Westerbouwing in Oosterbeek, followed by a visit to the White Ribbon Mile. We are invited to lunch with the Mayor of Renkum. The evening will be dedicated to the Airborne commemoration at Airborne Square in Arnhem.

Planning

- 08:00 Buffet breakfast
- 09:30 Meeting with a World War II eye witness, David Locke, at the Westerbouwing in Oosterbeek
- 10:30 Symbolic walk along the White Ribbon Mile through the floodplains near the Old Church in Oosterbeek
- 11:30 Introduction perimeter walk, via the Weverstraat, Tafelberg and Schoonoord, to the city hall
- 12:30 Reception by the Mayor of Renkum and Lunch
- 13:45 Reception at the Airborne Museum with a speech about "Fled to fight" and visit to the Museum
- 16:00 Time for shopping in Arnhem including dinner at McDonalds'
- 18:30 Airborne commemoration at Airborne Square in Arnhem
- 21:00 Workshop part 2 programme for Youcee 2024



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Day 5 Saturday, 16 September 2023

"Experience | Commemorate"

This day will be centred around the Airborne commemoration and the laying of wreaths at the Ginkel Heath memorial. The ceremonies will be preceded by hundreds of paratroopers landing on the Ginkel Heath, followed by the Airborne commemoration at the Driel-Poland memorial in Driel. In the evening, there will be a BBQ during which the participation certificates will be presented.

Planning

08:00 Buffet breakfast

10:00 Airborne commemoration at the Ginkel Heath, preceded by para drops with hundreds of international paratroopers

12:00 Packed lunch at the Ginkel Heath

14:30 Airborne commemoration at the Driel Poland memorial

19:00 BBQ

20:00 Presentation of certificates and announcement of the best draft programme for Youcee 2024



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Day 6 Sunday, 17 September 2023

"Commemorate"

The conference closes with the Airborne commemoration at the Airborne War Cemetery in Oosterbeek.

Planning

08:00 Buffet breakfast

09:00 Clean up and packing of belongings

11:30 Airborne commemoration and laying of flowers
at the Airborne War Cemetery in Oosterbeek

13:00 Packed lunch near the Fellowship tent

14:00 Closing of Youcee 2023



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