



Stichting Airborne Herdenkingen

The battle of Arnhem, a bridge to the future

Oosterbeek, July 2020

Dear Mr. Veteran & next of kin,

We are very proud to learn that the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem in 2019 is still 'talk of the town' even until today, amongst those who attended last year. Those who were unable to be with us learned from the stories told by those who joined us.

Covid19 has changed the world forever and every day we are made aware of the effects it has on our life, our expectations and our future. Planning events has become increasingly difficult not knowing what tomorrow, next week or even next month will bring.

Looking ahead towards September the Airborne organisers and municipalities are facing a difficult task. What can be organised? How many people are allowed to attend? Can there be an audience?

These and other questions have to be answered, but one thing is certain: there will (always) be a commemoration. We all see it as our task, duty and obligation to maintain the Airborne commemorations now and in the future. Rest assured: We will always Remember!!

We understand the urge for those who wish to travel to Holland to join us in this year's commemoration and, under normal circumstances, we would love to see you all again. We expect for September that not all bans will have been lifted and the risk of infection as a result of travelling abroad are very much apparent. Quarantine restrictions might still be in place for travellers from abroad and upon returning home.

As the commemorations 2020 will be minimized, side events cancelled, no para drops and no social gatherings, we strongly advise you to stay home. As much as we feel terrible suggesting this for the first time in 76 years, the mayors of the Airborne municipalities, the organisers and our board do not want you, your family and others take the risk this journey might bring.

Together with broadcasting companies, Facebook streaming and other means, we will bring the commemorations to your home via television and social media as best as we can. You will receive more information in due course on how to watch these broadcastings.

Not being able to attend will most certainly deprive you from laying a wreath, a remembrance cross or flowers on a particular grave. We will take care of that for you. Please let us know in time your name and location of the grave and we will make sure a flower is laid in your name. You can reach us via undermentioned address or info@airborne-herdenkingen.nl

We hope to have informed you correctly. Please, stay home, stay safe and keep well!

We will *always* remember!

Yours sincerely,

Roger Beets
chairman