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For those who are interested in a little history:

The [CANLOAN-story](#), Canadians we shall nor will never forget.

Upcoming events:

- April 4 Colour Party Drill
- April 9 Vimy Ridge (Zone Europe)
- April 13 Commemoration Posterenk
- April 17 Commemoration Apeldoorn
- May 4 Commemoration Apeldoorn, Holten, Lochem and Wilnis
- May 5 Commemoration Liberation Day Wageningen

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We installed five new comrades during the last GMM.

Fred Blom, Gerrit Bruggink, Maurits Kamman, Theo Lenderink and Bert van Puiffelen.

We hope to be able to greet them often in our midst.





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Dear Comrades,

The last period there has been some unrest and turmoil within the RCL Branch 005.

I hope that, in 2019, we can draw attention again to Commemoration and Remembrance. Those are ultimately our main objectives.

After the election of the new board members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday the 24th of February, we shall fully focus on the next two years. We expect to receive many requests to Commemorate and Remember the 75th year of the Liberation of the Netherlands. There is a lot of interest for this period. We will all have to "put our shoulders underneath" to act successfully. This won't be a problem for RCL Branch 005.



Furthermore, we also have our other objectives such as:

- Poppy campaign
- Training and scholarships
- Membership
- Public Relations
- Finance and sponsors

Several working groups are responsible for this. These teams can use quite a bit of help to fulfill their tasks, especially in the coming year. So, I would like to appeal to everyone who can, and is able to, to do something extra in existing working groups or in new work groups to be formed.

Once everything has been picked up and we are back on course (preferably as soon as possible of course), we perform a real unity to the world, as befits our association.

As president, I would like to clearly state again: All hands-on deck!!

I look forward with fresh energy and in the opinion that we are all going through some wonderful years.

Yours Truly,

Martin Reelick

Martin S. Reelick
President
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005



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On March 10, 2019 there was an interim board meeting in the clubhouse at Lochem. The board and a number of guests on behalf of the working groups were present. During this session, the division of tasks within the board and the structure of the various working groups were discussed.

New President Martin Reelick opened the session and in a brief PowerPoint presentation explained the division of tasks. The working groups were then named. These get a direct person of contact at the board and a distribution address. This allows all working group members to access the information received by email. Everyone receives the e-mail at an address specified by them or agreed with the webmaster (Martin Reelick). A copy always goes to the secretary for archive.

To clarify: correspondence, questions, announcements, etc. please only via the [secretary](#).

Working Group

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Not attended by the undersigned person, another scheduled board meeting followed after the working group meeting was closed. A number of points were on the agenda for this. The related decisions will be communicated to the members in due course.

On behalf of the Editorial Office:

Herman Sligman



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Photo: Jan van Tol

Annual commemoration in Vlaardingen

On Saturday March 23, 2019 the Wellington Monument Vlaardingen Foundation organized the annual commemoration in collaboration with the Lentiz Geuzen College, the adaptor of the monument.

The mayor, Mrs. Annemiek Jetten, gave a speech.

The memorial took place at 2pm. A delegation of Branch RCL005 was present and many invitees, family and members of Legion branches attended as well.

A wreath was laid by comrades Frans and Korrie van Aalst on behalf of RCL005.

The Wellington monument is located on the Boerderijpad in the Holy-Noord Wijkpark. This monument was unveiled in 2012 in memory of the six Allied airmen (four British and two Canadians) who were killed in the vicinity of this place in the night of 25 to 26 March 1942.

In that night more than 250 bombers of RAF Bomber Command attacked the German city Essen. The targets were the Krupp's steel and weapon factories.

The Wellington bomber Z1321 (No.142 Squadron) was hit by anti-aircraft fire above the target area. The damaged plane had to leave the formation. The aircraft slowly lost height and speed. Above Vlaardingen, the Wellington bomber was again shot at by the anti-aircraft guns and was hit for the second time. This was the final blow. The burning plane then crashed seven minutes past midnight in a meadow within the border of the municipality of Vlaardingen.



Photo: Schiedams Nieuws (newspaper)



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Etten, Sunday 31st of March 2019.

The annual commemoration of the liberation in Etten. As always impressive by the recited stories, speeches, music and the great interest.

Many Canadian flags hung in the village as a tribute to the liberators of yesteryear. This year the memorial was attended by the Canadian ambassador, H.E. Mrs. Sabine Nölke.

Five Canadians and four residents of Etten died during the liberation.

The Canadian South Saskatchewan Regiment had barely entered Etten when the retreating Germans fired at the village again. One of the people who perished was Theo Buitinga. He was killed during the shooting of the German troops. The impact of a mortar grenade was fatal to him and Wim Eimers. Theo Buitinga was only two years old.

Mayor Otwin van Dijk and Mrs. Nölke spoke. Ton Buitinga, brother of the young victim, gave an impressive speech.



H.E. Mrs. Sabine Nölke.

(Photo: J.R. van den Brink)



The commemoration had the usual schedule. National anthems, speeches, a minute of silence and wreath laying.

On behalf of RCL Branch 005 this was executed by Benny Schreurs and Herman Sligman.

