



THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 005
THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS



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BACKGROUND STORY

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THE BATTLE FOR DRY CLOTHING AND A LITTLE BIT OF HEAT

FOR A LITTLE RELAXATION, FOR A GOOD NIGHT SLEEP

NEVERTHELESS: NEARLY 700 VICTIMS

THE NIJMEGEN SALIENT

November 1944 – February 1945



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From the President.

The year 2020 has started and another month has passed, how fast it goes.

We are busy getting everything on track for the coming months.

That is why I would like to draw your attention to the activity agenda.

In addition to the usual commemorations, there are two meetings on the agenda.

On Sunday, March 1 2020, we will have the General Members Meeting of our Branch 005, as usual at Mondani's Lochem.

On Saturday, March 21 2020, there will be a Zone Europe Meeting in Lahr, Germany.

Both are important for the maintenance of the Royal Canadian Legion and for determining its course.

At the Zone Europe meeting in Lahr, ALL members of Zone Europe, including you, are very welcome. In addition to the meeting, there is sufficient time to maintain or tighten social contacts with the comrades of other Branches.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact me or one of the other board members.

To conclude: with this, my best wishes for all of you for the year ahead.

Martin Reelick

President
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005





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RCL005 NEW YEARS RECEPTION 2020

The annual RCL005 New Year's reception was held on January 19. Members from all over the country came along, with or without a partner, to shake hands to the new year in the RCL005 clubhouse, Restaurant Mondani in Lochem. Berry and Yvonne Swarthoff with their staff made sure that everyone was well served. Of course, the President of the Branch, Martin Reelick, spoke a short word. He welcomed everyone and in particular the students who received an RCL005 scholarship from the NAVCAN trust fund in 2019 as a contribution towards the costs of their study trip to Canada. The chairman of Faces-to-Graves, Alice van Bakkum, also received a contribution of € 250 from the same fund for a special project that they are carrying out this year.

Of course, the President gave a special warm welcome to the Canadian Ambassador to the Netherlands, H.E. Ms Lisa Helfand. He handed her the first RCL Branch 005 75 year anniversary coin, which has been minted and will be available soon. The ambassador, in turn, had brought a very welcome cheque for RCL 005 of the fundraising event at the Canadian Embassy last November. A big thank you for this contribution, which will certainly will be used well in this anniversary year.

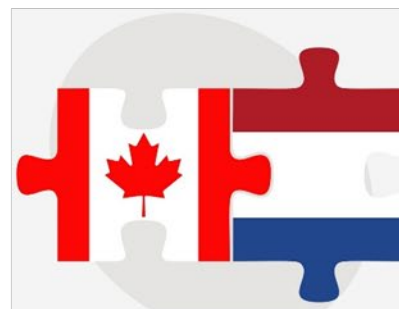
The meeting was then continued with great enjoyment.



Our Navy man; a true gentleman every inch



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MEMORIAL SERVICE AT KAPELSCHE VEER

On January 31, the battle 75 years ago at Kapelsche Veer, was commemorated in the village of Sprang-Capelle in North Brabant. A ceremony and wreath laying took place at the monument on the Veerweg. Representatives from various Embassies were present and also many children from the local schools who adopted the monument. Involved residents and relatives laid flowers and RCL Branch 005 was represented with a guard of honour. This memorial, with splendid lunch, is well organized every 5 years by the surrounding municipalities, f.i. Waalwijk. With this they maintain the memory of the hundreds of victims who were lost in this completely unnecessary battle.





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