

Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V.



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Dear Sir or Madam,

On the occasion of the German Memorial Day 'Volkstrauertag', a ceremony will be held at the German Military Cemetery in Lommel (Belgium) on **Sunday, 18th of November 2018** at 01:00 pm.

We want to remember all victims of war and violence all over the world in the spirit of the ideals of the German War Graves Commission: "Reconciliation over the Graves – Work for Peace".

Before the ceremony, there will be the opportunity to participate in an Ecumenical Service at 11:45 am in the seminar room to the adjacent International Youth Center 'Huis over Grenzen'.

We cordially invite you, your family and interested friends to both events.

In case of participation, please respond by e-mail, fax, phone or mail in due time. The programme of the ceremony is enclosed as annex to this letter.

Sincerely,

Yvan VANDENBOSCH
Representative VDK Meeting Center
Lommel colonel GS (ret.)

Z.E. Martin KOTTHAUS
German Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium

Myriam KOONINGS
Director International Youth Meeting Center
Lommel

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INVITATION: COMMEMORATION CEREMONY 'VOLKSTRAUERTAG'

- WHEN?** Sunday, 18th of November 2018
- WHERE?** German Military Cemetery Lommel /International Youth Center 'Huis over Grenzen',
Dodenveldstraat 30, B-3920 LOMMEL
- START?** 11:45 am / 01:00 pm
- ENTRANCE:** The entrance to the ceremony is free.

PROGRAMME

- 11:45 am – 12:30 pm:** ECUMENICAL SERVICE
Cath. Priest W. Severin, Prot. Priest F. Kossmann, Mil. Chaplain H. Hesius
- 01:00 pm:** START OF COMMEMORATION CEREMONY
- Welcome on behalf of 'Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V.'**
Yvan Vandenbosch, Colonel GS (Ret.), Representative Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V. for Belgium
- Speech**
Pfarrer W. Severin
- Commemoration speech**
Mrs. E. Twesten, Deputy Chairman of the Volksbond in Lower Saxony.
- Remembrance of the dead**
Z.E. Martin Kotthaus, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Belgium
- Wreath-laying ceremony**
- Creative presentation by German and Belgian pupils**
- Reception** (*will take place at 'Huis Over Grenzen'*)

The Royal Band of the Belgian Navy provides the musical framework playing a repertoire of different pieces like the 'Last Post' and national and international hymns. Furthermore, a guard of honour of the 10th Wing Tac from Kleine Brogel(B) as well as wreath bearers of the Tac Wing 31 from Nörvenich (D) will participate in the ceremony.

ENTRY FORM TO THE COMMEMORATION CEREMONY 'VOLKSTRAUERTAG' ON 18 NOVEMBER 2018

Please respond by e-mail, fax, phone or mail using this entry form. Please send this document for November 8th 2018 to Huis Over Grenzen.

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

ADDRESS:

TEL:

E-MAIL:

I would like to receive future invitations by e-mail.

I will attend with person/people

I will lay a wreath. (There is the opportunity to lay a wreath during the ceremony. Wreaths shall be delivered not later than 12:30 pm)