

# The STICHTING OORLOGSJAREN VLISSINGEN (WAR YEARS IN VLISSINGEN)

Almost 75 years after the end of World War Two we live in a world that is appears increasingly experiencing more and more tensions. The recent conflicts in the Middle East appear to continue without a current opportunity to come to an end. And the region in general does seem to be a potential powder keg; the influence of which could be reflected back into Europe and the Netherlands. Terrorism from certain locations in the Middle East continues to make innocent victims in our neighboring European countries. The war in Eastern Ukraine is raging with no obvious end in sight and the resulting tensions with Russia are back in the headlines.

With the establishment of the Stichting Oorlogs jaren in Vlissingen the following activities will be carried out or in preparation:

## **ACTIVITIES**

DE STICHTING is active on different levels.

At the foundation this was u.a. the contribution to the annual memorial service at UNCLE BEACH in Vlissingen.

For many decades, these commemorations were organized and carried out by the COMITE BEVRIJDING VLISSINGEN. The COMITE emerged from an initiative by Vlissingen

COUNCIL MEMBERS and was approved by the mayor mr. B. Kolff installert.

In the beginning the COMITE consisted of a number of Vlissinger citizens and some officials of the City.

In 1982, drs. Leon A. DeMtte and Hans Koeman other members and organized the commemoration until the COMITE merged with the STICHTING OORLOGSJAREN VLISSINGEN.

See: Organization.

The memorial service takes place annually on Saturday instead of the calendar on the night of the 3rd November is the day of the liberation of the city Vlissingen from the German occupiers.

The city administration decided in 2016 that they will hold the memorial service on the same day

wanted to be found as the commemoration on the SLOEDAM. In 2019 it will be on the 26th of october.

MONUMENTS (war memorial)

The declaration of all the memorial that was built in Vlissingen to commemorate the war and be kept in condition.

The data of all memorial sites are summarized and can be found on the website.

## **ROLL OF HONOR**

with the names of the fallen. The STICHTING intends to permanently list the fallen to show at the memorial UNCLE BEACH. On the board will be the names of the 69 Allied soldiers who fell in Vlissingen during the liberation operation from 1 to 3. november 1944.

The unveiling of the ROLL OF HONOR will take place on August 30, 2019, 75 years after the liberation.

#### **EDUCATION**

It is of great importance that the younger generations will experience and learn as well War years from 1940 to 8 november 1944 were in Vlissingen and what is locally and in the has played in the immediate vicinity of Vlissingen and what misery the war is with itself brought.

Vlissingen was the city that had to pay a high price as one of the most destroyed City of the Netherlands.

Students at secondary schools are involved in the commemoration ceremony Init and in cooperation with the teachers, a lesson program was compiled.

## SITE

This website is an information carrier relating to the war history of Vlissingen broadest sense.

A link leads to the archives of the city Vlissingen and to other archieven for the History are relevant. There is information about:

The persecution of the Jews in Vlissingen

Military organizations involved in the liberation of Vh'ssingen. Information about resistance groups and people from the resistance.

The trading fleet

## **Publications**

For some years, a band of places and regions is working on the way Here lay in relation to the liberation of our city and the island Walcheren. In a broad sense is meant the route of the Allies from Normandy to Berlin, DIE LIBERATION ROUTE. INFORMATION FORKS will get you to the different places then ends before find