

Dutch-Canadians Remember as One

- We are a committee who have been meeting since 2015 to mark Canada's 150th Anniversary and the special friendship between the Netherlands and Canada.



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- Canadian veterans were honoured by the people of Holland during the 70th Liberation celebrations in May of 2015.
- Our aim is to make known here at home, the special bond of friendship between the Netherlands & Canada



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- 7,600 Canadians laid down their lives in the struggle to liberate Holland
- Among the fallen, are 20 Huron County sons. We wish to honour those veterans and their surviving families.



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Princess Margriet
“Canada’s Princess”



Our website...

- www.dutch-canadiansremember.ca



*A petition
to the Government of Canada,
to request our government extend an invitation
to Her Royal Highness,
Princess Margriet of the Netherlands,
to celebrate
Canada’s 150th anniversary.*

“We the residents of Southern Ontario, Canada, would be honoured to receive the presence of Her Royal Highness, Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, to celebrate the special bonds of friendship between our countries, established by the liberation of Holland in 1944 – 45, and the migration of Dutch immigrants to Huron County and surrounding areas in Southern Ontario. We ask that consideration be made to visit Goderich, Ontario and surrounding communities, on or about May 2017, to observe Canada’s 150th anniversary.”

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- Our plans...
- To honour surviving veterans and their families with a reception, parade and a Liberation of Holland concert which we hope will be attended by Princess Margriet.



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- Our plans...
- A parade will proceed around Goderich Square, ending at Liberation Memorial Park for a plaque unveiling ceremony.



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- Our goals...
- The Liberation of Holland concert will be performed by the world-class band of the Royal Regiment of Canada, accompanied by pipers of the 48th Highlanders



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- We have commissioned for public display, an original piece of heraldic artwork on a scroll will be presented to the Princess for signature, noting her visit and the “Huron 20” who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of Holland.

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- Our plans...
- To enhance roadside visibility of Liberation Memorial Park along Hwy 21, so people know what the park is about.



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- Our Goals...
 - To have a plaque erected at the park to commemorate the Canadian sacrifice.
 - To provide a QR code at the park so people may link into the website and hear the full story.



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- Our plans...
- The website will be further developed to provide a living history told by veterans, their military units, and from the memories of our local Dutch community.



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- We need your help to stage this historic event and to capture our living history while we still can.
- Thank-You!

