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## All Branch Mail Out #50

**Date:** September 27, 2019

**TO:** NS/NU Branches  
**ATTENTION:** Branch Presidents  
NS/NU Executive Council  
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NS/NU Past Presidents

**From:** Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte  
Executive Director  
NS/NU Command, RCL

**Subject:** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Liberation of the  
Netherlands

**Message:** Comrades:

**The information attached/enclosed is forwarded  
for widest dissemination.**



Dear Friends,

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we will be commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands from Nazi occupation during WWII. This significant event will not only focus on freedom of the Dutch people, but also pay our deepest appreciation to our liberators.

Canada along with her allies; the United States, Britain, Poland, Newfoundland Labrador and others, answered the call during the Netherlands darkest hour. They sacrificed many of their finest men and women, who left their homes so that future generations of Dutch people could live in theirs. Thousands of allied heroes are buried on Dutch soil, including over 5,700 Canadians. Thousands of others died or suffered terrible injuries due to their valiant service.

After WWII, these countries opened their doors to immigration. Three percent of Canada's population (1.3 million) are of Dutch heritage. The Dutch people have contributed significantly to Canada's agriculture, oil & gas and construction industries, as well as in academia, politics and arts & culture.

Today the Netherlands, 17 million strong, is a vibrant, democratic and free society. In fact, it is now the number two foreign investor in Canada behind the United States. None of this would have been possible without the sacrifices of Canada and her allies.


In honour of the memory of the fallen and the current generations who serve, we will be having a parade, wreath laying ceremony, reception and dinner at Cunard Centre Pier 23 Halifax, beginning at 5.00pm on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

It is with great pleasure to announce that Lieutenant-General (ret) The Honorable Roméo A. Dallaire, O.C., C.M.M., G.O.Q., M.S.C., C.D., L.O.M. (U.S.), B.ésS., LL.D. (Hon.), D.Sc.Mil (Hon.), D.U., born in the Netherlands, will be guest speaker and music will be provided by East Coast artist and Honourary Colonel 14 Wing Greenwood Mr. Terry Kelly, CM, BA, DCL, DFA.

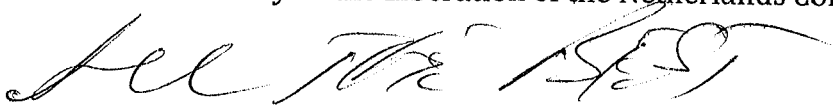
The proceeds of this event will be distributed amongst five Veterans and First Responder organizations. The Royal Canadian Legion Benevolent Fund, The Society of Atlantic Heroes, Military Family Resource Centres, The Canadian Naval Memorial Trust and Paws Fur Thought.

Thank you for your consideration to our request and hope to see you there,

A grateful Dutch immigrant (September 26, 1956 - Pier 21),

  
Peter Stoffer  
Chair,

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands Committee





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**Individual tickets for the Reception/Dinner are \$150 per person**

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**Cheques should be made payable to: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Liberation Netherlands  
and mailed to 31 Newport Drive, Fall River, NS B2T 1A4**

  
**Peter Stoffer**

**Chair,**

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands Organizing Committee**

