Welcome at the remembrance, November 27th, 2021

Ladies and gentlemen, dear people,

A very welcome at the yearly remembrance of the Mission Belle and her crew.

On December 1st, 1943, she crashed at this location, in the river. Heavily damaged by anti-aircraft guns and a serious air battle.

Even now, as board, because of the Corona measures, we have to impose some restrictions. We have only sent some invitations to people who have given a contribution to this remembrance and to those who live nearby the monument. We can call them our neighbors.

We will play The Last Post and the national anthems on a sound system instead of the Royal Fanfare Apollo. And we didn’t announce this event in the media, to keep the presence of people here at a minimum.

Because of the Corona measures, please keep a distance of 1 ½ meters from each other. We hope to have a remembrance next year without these restrictions.

Still, we as a board, are grateful that we can still have this remembrance and that you are here to remember and honour the Mission Belle and her young crew.

And ... That we will never forget.

We welcome especially:

* Mayor Segers
* Reverend van Driesten
* And our children’s mayor Fedde Linneweever

Good that you will contribute at this memorial. Our thanks for that.

Also a warm welcome to the people of the reenactment group. Good to see you here again.

Your contribution, dressed in the fitting uniforms of the American Air Force gives, as always, a special atmosphere to this remembrance.

Sadly, the announced contribution of the School with the Bible from Streefkerk, could not happen. For several reason, especially the fact that some children are in quarantine. WE wish them a speedy recovery.

This year, we have given at the School with the Bible, a lesson about the Mission Belle and her crew, so it is not their involvement for sure. We hope they will give a contribution next year.

And finally a warm welcome to Thomas Bakker and Jesse van den Heuvel, who will film this remembrance, which is great.

By filming this ceremony, we can give attention to it on our website and the Facebook page, so many, including the next of kin in America, can see this memorial.

And again… For we will never forget.

The program will now take place without further notice.

And now I present to you our Mayor Segers.