Dutch Minister to Pay Tribute

The Women's Memorial Foundation is honored to welcome his Excellency Ambassador Rudolph Bekink, Dutch ambassador to the United States, and Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Frans Timmermans for a program and reception at the Women's Memorial on April 30, 2014, at 9:45 a.m.

It has been the custom of the Dutch to "adopt" and care for the graves of the Americans buried at the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial Margraten. On the eve of the 70th anniversary of D-day, the Foundation is honored to have this opportunity to showcase this meaningful act of compassion, care and gratitude for America’s military. As part of the program, Minister Timmermans will tell the story of an American Soldier, Private First Class Leo Lichten, who is buried there and whose grave has been "adopted" by Minister Timmermans and his family.

In addition to the program at the Women's Memorial, Minister Timmermans will be participating in a number of public events during his April 29 to May 1 visit to Washington, DC. Go to: http://dc.thenetherlands.org/news/2014/04/minister-timmermans-to-visit-washington.html to learn more about the visit. Members of the press who wish to cover the Women's Memorial program or any of the events during the Minister's visit should call Carla Bundy at 202-274-2632 or email cy.bundy@minbuza.nl.

The Women's Memorial, located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, is readily accessible by Metro (Blue Line) and paid parking is available.

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is the nation's only major memorial honoring all servicewomen, past and present. Featuring an exhibit gallery, theater and Register of women who have served, the Memorial is open to the public, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.

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