



## Media Advisory



### 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

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### 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Participates in Market Garden 80

VEGHEL, NETHERLANDS – One hundred and one Soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) will participate in commemorative events throughout the Netherlands, 12-23 September, to honor the 80th anniversary of WWII Operation Market Garden.

“In 1944, the 101st Airborne Division showcased its trademark grit and audacity during Operation Market Garden, jumping behind enemy lines expecting to fight for 72 hours, but instead engaging in continuous combat for 72 days,” said U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Brett Sylvia, commanding general, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). “Eighty years later, the ‘Screaming Eagles’ continue that legacy and stand ready for our next Rendezvous with Destiny. We are honored to join the U.S. Army and our allies and partners in Operation Market Garden 80 commemorations.”

Alongside WWII veterans and relatives, representatives of the Ministry of Defence, community members, and local and national leaders of the Netherlands, our Soldiers will participate in numerous ceremonies and events.

12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Start Ceremony in Mesch</li> <li>• Liberation Concert at Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten</li> </ul>
13 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial Kick-Off Ceremony in Meerijstad</li> </ul>
14 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old Hickory Ceremony and Military Parade in Maastricht</li> <li>• Historic Vehicle Convoy in Sint-Oedenrode</li> </ul>
15 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veghel Commemoration</li> <li>• Sint-Oedenrode Commemoration</li> <li>• Son Monument Unveiling</li> <li>• Eerde Bench Unveiling</li> </ul>
16 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observe Round Canopy Parachuting Team in Eerde</li> <li>• 101st Airborne Division Band Performance in Meerijstad</li> </ul>
17 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 101st Airborne Division Band Performance in Eerde</li> <li>• 101st Airborne “Air Assault Operation” helicopter and combat demonstration in Eerde... the same location paratroopers landed 80 years ago!</li> <li>• Commemoration of the Liberation of Eerde</li> <li>• Son Commemoration Ceremony</li> <li>• 101st Band Performance at Freedom Concert in Sint-Oedenrode</li> </ul>

18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commemoration of the Liberation of Eindhoven</li> </ul>
19 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herdenking Airborne Monument in Eindhoven</li> <li>• Pfc. Joe Mann Memorial in Best</li> <li>• Lt. Col. Robert Cole Memorial in Best</li> <li>• Sunset March in Nijmegen</li> </ul>
20 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waal Crossing Commemoration in Nijmegen</li> <li>• Food and Logistics Symposium in Meierijstad</li> <li>• Neunen Commemoration</li> </ul>
22 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monument Unveiling in Meierijstad</li> </ul>

“We will never forget those Veterans who charted 101st Airborne history in defense of global peace and security,” said Lt. Col. Martin Meiners, spokesperson for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). “The bravery and heroism of our Screaming Eagle veterans in Operation Market Garden resonates 80 years later, as we remain steadfast in our commitment to European allies and partners.”

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is at the forefront of U.S. Army efforts to pioneer the evolution of vertical envelopment with modern equipment and well-trained Soldiers - and to prepare the nation to win in any future military combat environment or conflict.

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