Stichting Vliegramp MH17

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New website MH17 Air Crash Foundation

It's happening! As of today, the foundation has a new website
On the website you will find all information about and from the foundation and you can find all information concerning the air crash. The website has a public section and a closed section. The private part is only accessible to relatives who have requested and obtained a username and password via the registration form on the website. The private part is also accessible to the staff of the secretariat.
You can access the website on www.stichtingvliegrampmh17.nl

In the public section you will find:

- Information about the foundation
- Information about the National Monument
- public messages from the government, such as Parliamentary Papers, etc.
- Interesting links to other websites
- a collection of videos and presentations from public sources
- Messages from the foundation via Twitter

In the private section you will find:

- all messages from the government (cabinet, ministries, OM, Victim Support, etc.) from July 2014
- all messages from the foundation from the start of the foundation onwards
- all relevant documents and presentations (in addition to the messages already included in the government's messages) from, among others, the Dutch Safety Board, the Public Prosecution Service/JIT and the Foundation.
- a collection of photos and videos of commemorations, the day of National Mourning, etc.
- recent surveys
- a poll function, with which we can quickly ask your opinion on subjects
- a registration form to create your own account
- settings for receiving notifications
- privacy declaration

For non-Dutch citizens
It is not feasible for us to translate all statements on the website. That is why a manual has been included on the homepage to translate the website into the language of your country.

Registration for the private section
You can register for the private section of the website by filling in the registration form on the home page of the website or by clicking here. After your request has been approved, you will receive your log-in details via email.

Foundation email address
As of today, the foundation has a new email address: info@stichtingvliegrampmh17.nl
Please contact us at this address.

Do you have any suggestions or questions about the new website? You can contact us at info@stichtingvliegrampmh17.nl

Foundation Support

From 1 January 2019, the secretariat and the financial management for the foundation will be carried out by Dyade, an organisation that provides support in the field of business management in education. This means that the postal address of the foundation will change to:
Stichting Vliegramp MH17
p/a Dyade
postbus 8040
6710 AA Ede.

Foundation Board

The statutory duties of the board are assigned as follows:
Piet Ploeg - chairman
Dennis Schouten - vice-chairman
Leen van der Sar - secretary
Anton Kotte - treasurer
Ria van der Steen - general board member
The board is supported by a financial advisor, Jan van Wieren.

Commemorations Survey

The MH17 Air Crash Foundation has started organising the coming commemoration in 2019. You can expect a programme like in previous years for this commemoration.
However, something will be changing: Last year we asked for a voluntary contribution. From 2019 this will be a compulsory contribution. In 2019 this will be a small contribution (between 5 and 10 EURO) but from 2020 onwards this will be considerably higher because we cannot expect the government to bear the full costs of commemorations for years to come. After all, it is the commemoration for the relatives.
The amount of this contribution depends on how we set up the commemoration in the future. A commemoration like last year costs about 75,000 euros. This is due to catering and reception, external support, toilet facilities, programme direction and music. There are also costs for security, municipality fees, banks, insurance.



In order to determine how we would like to and will be able to jointly commemorate in the future, we would like to know how you think about a number of components of the programme. What is important to you, what could be done differently and any tips you have for us. That is why we have put together a survey for you.

It is important to us that you participate in this survey. With your input we can provide a commemoration that best suits the wishes of the relatives. It goes without saying that the choices that the foundation will ultimately make depend in part on the available financial means.

You can participate in the survey by clicking on the link below;
https://nl.surveymonkey.com/r/VPXQBW3

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Photo of victims attached to trees



During the maintenance work on the monument, the foundation “Friends of the National Monument MH17” frequently noticed that frames with pictures, attached to the trees, are no longer recognisable after some time most likely caused by sun, rain and wind. This gives a desolate sight and was certainly not the intention of the relatives when they hung up the framed picture.
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With this in mind the foundation “Friends of the National Monument MH17” started thinking about a possible solution. In the end we contacted the Plexi-Art company located in Hoofddorp. They specialise in, amongst other things, making a photo print completely waterproof. Based on our conversations a number of test samples were made and attached to the trees.






The above has resulted in the following offer, which can be made to the relatives. The board agrees that it must be prevented that a desolate image will arise. It is up to you whether or not to respond to this offer.

Format and costs
The size of the photo print is 20 cm x 20 cm. The costs are € 72.50 including VAT.

Specifications product
Photo impression on plated 3mm Dibond (composition plate) with a layer of casted epoxy which makes the photo completely waterproof.
On the backside 2 aluminium U-profiles are glued with 4 holes for attachment to the tree. The fastening is done with two tie-raps.

Requirements photo
The photo must be at least 150 pixels (dpi) and in a JPG or TTIF file
in this mail you put the name of the person on the picture and the tree number. In the subject you put "photo tree MH17".

Order procedure
1. The relative sends a photo of the correct number of pixels (150dpi, JPG or TIFF file) by e-mail to verkoop@plexi-art.nl:
   in this mail you put the name of the person on the picture and the tree number. In the subject you put "photo tree MH17".
2. When the photo arrives, Plexi-Art will adjust the photo, if necessary, to the correct format and send it back for approval.
3. After approval and receipt of the payment, Plexi-Art takes the order into production, normally within 14 working days;
4. As soon as the photo is finished, Plexi-Art informs the “Foundation of the Friends National Monument MH17”
5. This foundation retrieves the photo and then ensures that the photo is fastened to the right tree (by using tie-raps). They will take a picture of the new situation at the tree and this picture will be emailed to the relatives. Obviously no costs are charged for this service!

The payment of € 72.50 can be made to the account number NL06 ABNA 0589 7010 88 of Plexi-Art in Hoofddorp (BIC code for foreign payments: ABNANL2A). Please mention the name of victim, number of the tree or number photo as reference.

Garantie
Full guarantee is granted by Plexi-Art.

Replanting trees

Earlier we told you about the excessive death of trees at the MH17 National Monument. Expert investigation has shown that compacted layers have formed in some places in the original subsoil and in the added soil. As a result, surplus rainwater, or spray, could be drained to the groundwater less quickly and contained in the tree pit for too long.

In order to break through these layers, so-called vertidrains have now been added to 17 trees as a test. These are perforated tubes that are placed in holes that have been drilled from the ground level to the groundwater. The tubes are filled with a mixture of coarse material and the resulting soil. This accelerates the draining of the excess water. Through moisture meters and monitoring wells, it is monitored whether and how quickly the water is being discharged. The first measurements indicate that this solution works. If this continues, in February these vertidrains will be placed with all trees that did not make it.

The aim of all parties involved is that we can meet on 17 July 2019 at a healthy and green MH17 National Monument. Because the disruptions in the soil are location specific, the MH17 National Monument has decided in consultation with the tree grower, the contractor and the Recreation Board that when several trees have not made it in 1 tree group and only one has, a vertidrain will be placed and the tree will be replaced.

In March there will be an opportunity to replant the trees. Relatives of the victims of the trees in question are approached via a separate email, after which agreements can be made. The Friends of the National Monument Foundation will again provide support.
If you don’t receive an email, you can assume that 'your' tree/trees are healthy and are planted in a place where the water supply is in order.