



Internal agreement/ House rules (Version 0.0.1) Stichting Adoptiegraven CWGC Venray War Cemetery.

CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves

Allocation

There are 693 graves located in the CWGC Venray Way Cemetery, 30 of these are unidentified.

Only the CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves is authorized to assign a grave. The adoption can only be considered complete on receipt of the certificate.

In principle anyone can adopt a grave. Minors do require parental or guardian consent.

During the application the applicant can show a preference for a certain grave. The CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves shall take this into consideration when allocating the grave, certainly if the candidate adopter will maintain the grave. Should there be more applications for the same grave then The Foundation Grave Adoption CWGC Venray War Cemetery will decide.

It is in principle possible to adopt more graves. It is also possible to allocate one grave to more adopters. In principle an adopter of a grave is free to transfer the adoption to another, in this case the Foundation Adoption War Graves CWGC Venray War Cemetery must be notified. An adopter may return the adoption to the Foundation Adoption War Graves CWGC Venray War Cemetery at any moment chosen.

As an allowance for the administration expenses The CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves charge a one off donation of €10,- per adopted grave. A donation of any amount above €10, - is always welcome. This can be transferred to: IBAN number NL82 RABO 0355 1983 20 to the Stichting Adoptiegraven CWGC Venray reporting the last- and first name of the soldier adopted.

After receiving the donation, The CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves will present an adoption certificate with (personal) information known by the Foundation mentioned.

The adoption is in force after the certificate has been presented.

The CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves withdraws the right to refuse an adoption application or to withdraw an adoption at any time without reporting the reason.

The adopter is requested to report a change of address to the CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves. Over any change in allocation or cancelling of grave adoption may not be corresponded.

What is expected?

The adopting party is expected (if possible) to visit the grave (at least) once per year and place flowers. It would also be appreciated if the adopter would take time to find out more about the background of the occupant of the grave and if possible, a photo and share this with the CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves.

Lights on war graves

Each year on Christmas Eve, the 24 th of December, there will be candles lit on all the graves. This activity is part of a national agreement "Lights on War Graves". The presence of the adopter is much appreciated. The person will be then requested to light the candle placed on the adopted grave.

Rules

The CWGC War Cemetery management is in the hands of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). The lay out and landscaping of the cemetery is a model used world wide on every cemetery from the CWGC.

Only cut flowers and poppy wreaths (available from The British Legion Holland Branch) may be placed in front of the gravestone. The CWGC maintenance team clears the flowers when they are wilted. It is not allowed to make any changes and/or additions to the plants at the grave. The maintenance of the cemetery, the graves and the gravestones is the sole responsibility of the CWGC.

The adoption program of The CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves is approved by the CWGC on the 3 rd of April 2020.

Commerce

Absolutely no commercial activities may take place in the nearby neighbourhood of the graves and cemetery. The CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves expects the adopter to comply to all rules made in the Internal Agreement.

In any situation not provided in this agreement The CWGC Venray War Cemetery Foundation for the Adoption of War Graves will decide.

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