



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

HENRI-CHAPELLE AMERICAN CEMETERY

25 May 2024

16.00 Hours





ORDER OF EVENTS

*Arrival of the
Representative of His Majesty the King*

Welcome Song
Children of Peace
School Children of Plombières

Invocation
United States Military Chaplain

Tribute
Ms. Marie Stassen
Mayor Plombières

Tribute
Brigadier General Ray Phariss
United States Army Europe and Africa

Tribute
The Honorable Timothy Richardson
Chargé d'Affairs of the United States of
America to the Kingdom of Belgium

Tribute
Youth Council of Plombières

Laying of Wreaths

*Volleys * Taps * Raising of the Colors * Flyover*

Benediction
United States Military Chaplain

Belgian National Anthem
“La Brabançonne“

American National Anthem
“The Star-Spangled Banner“

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Jerome Sheridan - President, AOMDA

Superintendent: Carly Mathieu

Cemetery Associate: Amandine Jaunet



EVÈNEMENTS

*Arrivée du
Représentant de Sa Majesté le Roi*

Chanson de Bienvenue
Enfants de Paix
Écoles de Plombières

Invocation
Aumônier Militaire Américain

Allocution
Mme. Marie Stassen
Bourgmestre de Plombières

Allocution
Brigadier General Ray Phariss
Armée des États Unie Europe et Afrique

Allocution
Son Excellence Timothy Richardson
Chargé d'Affaires des États Unis
d'Amérique auprès du Royaume de
Belgique

Allocution
Conseil Communal des Enfants de Welkenraedt

Dépôt de Gerbes/Couronnes

*Salves * Sonnerie aux Morts * Levée des Couleurs * Survol*

Bénédictio
Aumônier Militaire Américain

Hymne National Belge
“La Brabançonne“

Hymne National Américain
“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Maître de Cérémonie : Dr. Jerome Sheridan- Président de l'AOMDA

Surintendant : Carly Mathieu

Assistant de Direction : Amandine Jaunet

PARTICIPANTS

Color Bearers and Honor Platoon: US Forces from USAG Benelux and 701 Munitions Support Squadron

Volleys: 4th Engineer Battalion, Amay, Belgium

Flyover: US Air Force 37th Airlift Squadron

Band: Royal Music of the Guides

Wreath Bearers: Joint U.S. and Belgian Forces

Porte-drapeaux et Garde d'Honneur: Forces Militaires Américaines (USAG Benelux et 701 Munitions Support Squadron)

Salves: 4^{ème} Bataillon de Génie, Amay, Belgique

Survol: 37^{ème} Escadron de Transport Aérien Américain

Musique: Musique Royale des Guides

Porteurs de Gerbes/Couronnes: Forces Militaires Américaines et Belges





SONG

« *Enfants de Paix* » / “*Children of Peace*”

I am a child of peace
Reach out and take my hand
And together we'll make
A better world for you and me
I'm a child of peace.

I'm a child of peace
Of peace shalom
Reach out and take my hand
Ukuthula
And together we'll make
A better world for you and me
I'm a child of peace.

Let's cultivate peace and non-violence
Let us be children of peace
Stop war and injustice
Let's be children of peace

I am a child of peace
Sula pace

Reach out and take my hand
Keamanan

And together we'll make
A better world for you and me
I'm a child of peace.

Child of peace
Child of peace
Child of peace

Choir: Children of the schools of Plombières



YOUTH COUNCIL LETTER

Letter written by the Youth Council of Plombières

Ladies and Gentlemen, in your official capacity,
dear friends,
May 8, 1945: the day the world saw light again...

It is with this image in mind that we, representatives of the Youth Council of the city of Plombières, would like to address these few words to you.

We are very proud to be able to take part in this Memorial Day ceremony, "V-E Day", which still today symbolizes freedom for all men and women of the countries that were liberated from Nazi oppression. Even if we are currently spared of the suffering of war, we are aware of how lucky we are to have freedom of speech, to be able to learn, to have fun, to live.

We, the children of the Youth Council, wish peace to the world. Like us, the children of the world want to be taken care of, so that in turn they can make way to another free generation. They want to be protected, valued, and loved because they are the future of humanity. How nice it would be to see, on television or social media, images of joy, solidarity, victories, and human achievements, instead of disasters, bad news, acts of violence or other damages to humanity.

We hope that the political leaders will work to guarantee a firm and lasting peace to the people of the world, through dialogue between nations, support of the weakest and protection of minorities.

This is what we're taught at school and at the local council. We also learned about the American soldiers who came to defend our democracy and risked their lives for others: what a sacrifice! At our last council meeting, three GIs explained why they were in Belgium and why many American soldiers are in Europe. Thank you for these enlightening explanations.

For many years now, the Youth Council has been taking care of the grave of soldier David CONNELL, a young father who was killed during the war.

Hoping to live in peace forever, we thank once again all these brave soldiers, as well as all of you for the attention you have given us.

To freedom, to the Americans and their allies!