

American Overseas Memorial  
Day Association Belgium

**Memorial Day Ceremony  
at the Lijssenthoek  
Commonwealth War  
Graves Cemetery**



Friday, 27 May 2022

14.30

From President Woodrow Wilson,  
**“The day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she has treasured.”**

From Mrs. Susan King:

**“It is my wish that my son Harry be buried near his brother Reggie”**

From the *Troy Times*:

**“Sgt. Beattie was one of the most popular soldiers in the local regiment... admired for his pluck and fortitude.”**

From the last letter that Jim Pigue wrote to his wife Jane:

**“We all cannot be heroes and wear medals and get our names in dispatches, but we can do our full duty, and wear our medals on our hearts.”**

# **Program**

**Welcoming Remarks**

**The stories of  
Private First Class Harry King  
Sergeant David Stanley Beattie  
First Lieutenant James Pigue  
*with floral tributes, and the placing  
of the national flags at each grave***

**Commemoration of the Americans  
who served in British and  
Commonwealth Armed Forces in  
World War I  
*with the Ode of Remembrance***

**Taps**

**Excerpts From  
President Woodrow Wilson's  
Speech on America's War Aims**

**Moment of Silence**

**The National Anthems of the  
Kingdom of Belgium, the United  
Kingdom, and the  
United States of America**



Since 1923, the mission of the American Overseas Memorial Day Association Belgium is to perpetuate the remembrance of the members of the American armed forces who died in the defense of freedom and who are buried in Belgium. We organize and conduct Memorial Day ceremonies at the three American cemeteries in Belgium. We commemorate and preserve the graves of the American servicemen buried in isolated graves outside of these cemeteries. We engage in youth outreach and other projects and activities to perpetuate remembrance. Please visit our website: [www.aomda.org](http://www.aomda.org).

Sinds 1923 is de missie van de "American Overseas Memorial Day Association Belgium" het bestendigen van de herinnering aan de leden van de Amerikaanse strijdkrachten, gestorven in de verdediging van de vrijheid en in België begraven. AOMDA organiseert en leidt Memorial Day ceremonies op de Amerikaanse begraafplaatsen in België. Wij herdenken en bewaren de rustplaatsen van de Amerikaanse militairen begraven in geïsoleerde graven buiten deze begraafplaatsen. Wij ijveren voor jeugdbetrokkenheid en het promoten van projecten en activiteiten om de herinnering te behouden.  
Bezoek onze website: [www.aomda.org](http://www.aomda.org)