



MISSISSIPPI
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 MUSEUM
 CAMP SHELBY



FAMILIES OF THE "DUTCH FLIERS" & DUTCH DIGNITARIES VISIT CAMP SHELBY



Dutch Air Crew Trainees, Jackson Army Air Base, 1943

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May 30th(Sunday), 2010
9am – 12pm
 Admission is FREE

Memorial Ceremony
 May 31st, 2010 at 9am
 Cedar Lawn Cemetery
 2434 West Capital St
 Jackson, MS 39209
Open to the Public



"Dutch Fliers" Memorial Monument

Dutch diplomatic and military officials, veterans and families of Dutch veterans of the Second World War will visit the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum on Sunday, 30 May 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The visit is part of an annual event to honor the "Dutch Fliers," pilots, aircrew and ground crew from the Netherlands that trained in Mississippi from 1942-45. Expected are the following: the Dutch consul from New Orleans, the Dutch war graves commissioner, senior Dutch military attachés from Washington and family members of Dutch World War II veterans.

During World War II, the Dutch forces in the Dutch East Indies (present day Java, Sumatra, Borneo) that fled Japanese invasion went to Australia. The Allies later set up a program to train select Dutch military and police personnel as pilots and aircrew at Jackson Army Air Base. The exiled Dutch government (the Netherlands were occupied by Germany in 1940) set up the Royal Netherlands Military Flying School in Jackson in 1942. About 1,000 personnel were trained and sent back to war in the Pacific. Thirty Dutchmen were killed in training accidents in the United States and are buried in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Jackson. Several "Dutch Fliers" married American women and immigrated to the US after the war. Many of them still live in the United States and a few have descendents in Mississippi. ●