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To The Netherlands American Foundation, my name is James Oliveri and I am a World War II historian and author with WW2 Legacy Keepers, and a proud supporter of Mission Margraten 75. I have met the men who will be returning to the Netherlands this spring to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of your country and they are a fine group. Several of them contributed to the liberation in one way or another but one in particular should be of special interest to you. Mr. Frank Agoglia served in the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment, of the 82nd Airborne Division and he participated in Operation Market Garden. There are Battle of the Bulge veterans and even a U.S. Army Air Corps B-17 gunner whose bomb group attacked Nazi targets in the Netherlands.

I have personally been involved with the group that has organized this trip for almost 10 years now as a volunteer. I have accompanied them on numerous trips to Washington D.C. where hundreds of World War II veterans have been taken to see their memorial, completely free of charge (Honor Flight Long Island). I have also joined them on one of their trips taking nearly 50 World War II veterans to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. Operation Margraten 75 is an outstanding organization and I highly recommend they are considered for any assistance that your organization can extend to them.

I am sure you realize that America's World War II veterans are fading away quickly. As of this past September, of the 16 million veterans of the war, less than 390,000 were still with us. As I previously mentioned, I am a proud supporter of Operation Margraten 75 and their outstanding mission to honor these heroes before they are all gone. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I can be reached via e-mail <a href="mailto:james.oliveri@ymail.com">james.oliveri@ymail.com</a>, through WW2 Legacy Keepers, or by phone 914-325-3263. I thank you for your time and I am sure this trip will be very emotional, not only for the veterans, but for the people of the Netherlands.

Warm Regards,

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