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Dear Ms Simons,

My name is Anthony Giacchino and I'm writing to express my support for Mission Margraten 75. The organization plans to take 10 WWII veterans to the Netherlands for the 75th anniversary of Dutch liberation. I have known the founders of this organization, Roger Kilfoil and Stephanie Folwell, for five years. I am a filmmaker specializing in historical documentaries and have worked closely with Roger and Stephanie several times. They were instrumental in introducing me to the WWII veterans who have been the subjects of my latest work.

To say that I trust Roger and Stephanie as valuable resources is an understatement. They have been **crucial** to the success of my current WWII documentaries. I clearly understand how these WWII veterans, many of whom call Roger and Stephanie friends, trust them as well. I have admired their dedication to taking WWII veterans to places specific to their service in WWII. Having personally traveled with them, I have first-hand experience with how they interact with these veterans and how they take extremely good care of them in every situation. I have also seen how they listen to the needs of these veterans so it is no surprise to me that, when WWII veterans wanted to see if they could arrange a trip to Margraten for the 75th anniversary of the Dutch Liberation in May 2020, they approached Roger and Stephanie.

I hope you will help Roger and Stephanie take these WWII veterans on this once in a lifetime trip by awarding them this grant. Mission Margraten 75, and these WWII heroes, certainly deserve this opportunity. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you need further information.

Most sincerely,

  
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