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"Enemies of the past are now friends" - Commemoration at the Memorial Flyer



28.09.10 - Ludwigsau - "On the occasion of the 66th Anniversary of the Battle of the Seulingswald we want to fly to remember those who died there. In commemoration of this we include all of war or as a result of these actions had occasion to give their lives. From memory speaks great personal suffering, but from the present talks and the hope of peace and above all the recognition that only through peace that humanity has a future. Recognize the folly of war, freedom, democracy, rule of law, compassion and reconciliation advocate, are the most important findings for the future. Enemies of yesterday, this memorial to become friends, it's reconciliation and understanding in the future, these are the main characters of this memorial run out of "the words of Mayor Thomas Baumann.

In his welcome address recalled Ludwigsaus Mayor Thomas Baumann fact that the pilots memorial here in Ludwig Auer district Friedlos a place of remembrance, commemoration, the reminder also of reconciliation as a result of the heaviest air battle of World War II, however, on the day 66 years ago on 27.09.1944, on the

Seulingswald raged. Most particularly welcomed Thomas Baumann the group of visitors from the USA, whose ranks two former U.S. pilot James C. Baynham and Joseph A. Reus to their loved ones were, the air war events have taken part in and then fell into German captivity. Again with it were the former German fighter pilot Gerhard Kott, Heinz Federwisch from Erfurt and William Vollmer of Ludwigsau-Friedlos.

The former CDU parliamentary deputies from Melsungen Wilfried Böhm, SPD-MDL Thorsten Warnecke, the Nentershäuser mayor Ralf Hillmes, chairman of the county Horst Hannich, the district Councillor Heinz Schlegel, representatives of municipal bodies, led by the chairman of the municipal council Peter Schütrumpf that Reservists from Bad Hersfeld, and many citizens from surrounding communities were Mayor Thomas Baumann welcome to celebrate.

Memorial for the words "Kassel Mission Historical Society (KMHS) said the daughter of a former U.S. lieutenant Malcolm J. MacGregor of the 445th Bomb Group, 8th USAAF, Mona English. Her father was a bombardier aboard the "Fort Worth Maid" a "Liberator B-24 bomber." All the stories my father told me, always had the same issue, war is terrible. May our meeting all the testimony accountable to that Our disagreement is not with the meaninglessness of war lies. The price of a human life is too high, too painful and too difficult to bear the sorrow, the suffering, let us go in peace apart. "

It was followed by speeches from representatives of the U.S. armed forces William E. Clements, vice president of the "community of pilots of the German armed forces eV" Lieutenant Colonel retired Gunter spruce, the initiator of this celebration Walter Hassenpflug and the Formerly pilots Heinz Federwisch and James C. . Baynham. With a prayer by Pastor Jörg Scheer and the subsequent trumpet solo "The Good Comrade," blown by the staff sergeant Thomas Conrad of the Reservists from Bad Hersfeld, the ceremony was over. (Gm) + + +

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