



INAUGURATION OF THE NEW MONUMENT

The Commune of Putscheid is pleased to invite you to Stolzembourg to attend the inauguration on 11 September 2024 of the new monument commemorating the first crossing of the German border by an allied patrol at Stolzembourg on 11 September 1944.

In the presence of the Minister of Defence, Ms Yuriko Backes, and the Minister of Tourism, Mr Eric Thill, ambassadors and delegations from the United States of America, Great Britain, France and Germany, and local authorities from the region, the inauguration programme is as follows:

Programme

From 17:30h: Reception of guests, near the Stolzembourg/Keppeshausen border bridge (D)

18:00h Welcome by Mayor Fabienne Sinnes-Huberty

- Historical overview by the President of the Cercle d'Etudes sur la Bataille des Ardennes (CEBA), Mr Erny Kohn

18 :15 Re-enactment of the historical scene: Three soldiers of the 5th Armored Division return from Keppeshausen (D) to Luxembourg after having been the very first allied unit, 96 days after the Normandy landings, to penetrate German territory during the Second World War, produced by the '2nd Armored in Europe Ltd' and commented on by Mr Erny Kohn.

- Speech by His Excellency Mr Thomas M. Barret, Ambassador of the USA

- Speech by Mr Eric THILL, Minister for Culture and Tourism

- Speech by Ms Yuriko BACKES, Minister of Defence

- American national anthem and European anthem sung by the Merscheid and Merscheid and Stolzembourg choirs

- Official inauguration of the 11 September 1944 Memorial, **d'Heemecht**

- Explanations of the concept of the new Monument by Mr Volker Teuschler

- Procession along the Promenade de l'Our to the Stolzembourg village hall

- Short stopover with explanations at the place where the American reconnaissance patrol actually crossed the border river 'Our' to enter the Third Reich

- Reception hosted by the Commune of Putscheid