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Rees, 26.3.2025

Invitation

Commemoration Ceremony for the Canadian soldiers fallen in World War II in the area Rees-Bienen

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9.45 am,
Catholic Church St. Cosmas & Damian Bienen
(An der Kirche, 46459 Rees-Bienen)**

Dear Sir,

80 years after the end of World War II we are delighted to welcome the „Royal Canadian Pipes, Drums and Dancers“, a delegation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the „Fields of Fire“, a delegation of Canadian veterans as well as representatives of the Canadian Military and descendants of fallen soldiers in Rees-Bienen. We consider this visit a great honor, which also emphasizes our friendship and bond that has grown over the decades.

We would like to invite you to a Commemoration Ceremony with our Canadian guests on

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9.45 am,
at the Catholic Church St. Cosmas & Damian in Bienen
(An der Kirche, 46459 Rees-Bienen)**

You will find attached the program and a registration form.

Please register until April 15, 2025 by e-mail or telephone.

Best regards

Sebastian Hense
Mayor of Rees

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Background:

Canadian Major Dave Dickson, who was wounded while fighting in Bienen 1945, and Josef Becker from Bienen expressed independently but at the same time their wish for a memorial plaque placed in a central location in Bienen. Their wish came true on November 19, 2000. A memorial plaque was placed on the church wall. Despite the terrible war experiences, a close friendship developed between Dave Dickson and Josef Becker, which lasted until Major Dickson's death in 2014. This has resulted in ongoing international exchange and cross-border ties.

Commemoration Ceremony

on May 6th, 2025

Visit of the
Delegation of RCMP
Field of Fire
Veterans
Eagle Staff

in Bienen

- 9.00 am Arrival at the “Bürgerhaus” of the Heimatfreunde
Bienen-Grietherbusch-Grietherort e.V.
- 9.15 am Walk together with music to the church
- 9.45 am Commemoration Ceremony in Rees-Bienen
- 10.55 am Walk to the War Cemetery in Bienen,
accompanied by music
- 11.50 pm End of the Commemoration Ceremony

