



75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge Bastogne, Monday, December 16

Practical information for the press

- A federal commemoration ceremony will be held at the Mardasson Memorial in Bastogne on Monday, December 16, 2019 from 10:45 am to 11:45 am
- This ceremony will take place in the presence of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge as well as many high-level guests including:
 - Their Majesties, King Philippe and Queen Mathilde
 - the Prime Minister Sophie Wilmès
 - representatives of the European institutions
 - the heads of state or government (or their representatives) of the countries whose troops fought during the Battle
- The ceremony will include speeches and testimonies, flowers being deposited, a rendition of the Last Post, a minute's silence and a symbolic and artistic interpretation.
- A press area will be specifically set up at the Mardasson Memorial, with priority given to cameramen and photographers. Accredited press will be able to cover the entire ceremony.
- Departures and returns to Mardasson will be made exclusively by bus from the accreditation centre located in *Bastogne Barracks*, rue de la Roche 40, 6600 Bastogne. It is not possible to arrive or leave the ceremony area by your own means.
- The accredited press will have to make their own way to the accreditation centre in *Bastogne Barracks* on 16 December, where they will be expected between 8.30 am and 9 am at the latest. A parking lot is provided for the press.
- No wi-fi is available, neither at the Mardasson Memorial nor at the *Bastogne Barracks* accreditation centre.
- The number of spaces for accredited members of the press to this event is limited. Priority will be given to cameramen and photographers.

- The press area in Mardasson and the accreditation centre in *Bastogne Barracks* are only accessible provided an accreditation badge is visibly worn.
 - Late arrivals will have no access to Mardasson. Members of the press are asked to comply with the instructions given by the organisers during the briefings.
 - Dress code: correct and sober dress required. Press toilets are provided.
- **To register for the press pool, please obtain accreditation from <https://accreditation.belgium.be/en/bastogne> before Monday, December 9, 2019 at 9am at the latest. You will then receive an email confirming or not your registration.**
- **Duly accredited members of the press who have received a confirmation email will be able to collect their badge at the FPS Chancellery of the Prime Minister on Friday 13 December, from 9am to 6pm, or at the accreditation centre in Bastogne on the day of the event.**

The Mardasson Memorial:





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