



THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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Mr. Peter C. Schreiber, Esq.



Dear Mr. Schreiber:

I am pleased to inform you that, in accordance with Title 36 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR Part 401), the American Battle Monuments Commission approves your application for the construction of a new memorial in Baraque de Fraiture, Belgium. The memorial will honor those who defended this strategic crossroads during the Battle of the Bulge in December of 1944.

As you know, it is important that the story told by the memorial be historically accurate. We applaud the work you did to ensure that the memorial's representations are accurate, and we appreciate your group's openness to comments made by the Commission's historical consultant, BG John Brown, USA (Ret). Please let us know if you believe it necessary to make changes to the memorial in the future.

We understand that the construction of this monument will be paid for by a private organization called C.R.I.B.A. (the "Centre de Recherches et d'Informations sur la Bataille des Ardennes"-the Center of Research and Information on the Battle of the Ardennes) along with support by the local government, and that the County of Vielsalm, Belgium, has accepted the responsibility to maintain the monument and site in the future.

We admire your dedication to preserving the memory of the brave soldiers that fought so valiantly during this important battle in American history. Please feel free to contact us in the future if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

William J. Leszczynski, Jr.
Brigadier General, US Army (Ret)
Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer