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Every second Sunday of September, the Commemoration Ceremony dedicated to the anniversary of liberation of Maldegem and neighbouring towns in WWII is held at the local War Cemetery, where are the graves of the liberators: soldiers of the 1st Polish and the 4th Canadian Armoured Divisions.

From 2018 onwards, the ceremony at the cemetery shall be preceded by 2-day **“World General Maczek Fan Jamboree”**, one of many events within the frame of “Liberation Route of the 1st Polish Armoured Division of General Maczek” Programme. The fans with their tents and campers, will be located at the park of the Canada-Poland Museum in Adegem.

The Maczek Jamboree shall become the leading event on the patriotic-themed route of the towns and villages liberated by General Maczek; they, according to the organizers plans, are to be visited by the Poles who would wish to refresh or gain the personal knowledge of the places which have got their freedom from the hands of their grand-fathers.

The lesson learned from this year, first Jamboree, will let the organizers shape it regarding the profile and number of participants, the programme rules, logistics, promotion, financing etc.

Operation Director of the Jamboree is **Mr Wojciech Romaniak**, president of the Polish Reconstruction Group “Antwerpia”



2nd World General Maczek Fan Jamboree Programme

Friday afternoon, 6th September

Arrival and registration of participants

You will be located (with your own camper / tent on the Forest Site of the Museum (see pictures). Also, you can choose to stay at one of nearest hotels / hostels / airbnb (booking and transport is your own responsibility).



Saturday, 7th September 2019

12.00-12.30 **Official opening of the Jamboree**

Jerzy Samborski – the author and organizer of the World General Maczek Fan Jamboree

Gilbert Van Landschoot – the creator and owner of the Canada-Poland Museum

Bart Van Hulle (or his representative) – the Mayor of Maldegem.

Venue: Foreyard or the interior of the Museum – depending on the weather.

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

At the Museum's restaurant or prepared by the participants themselves at the campsite.

14.00 – 19.00 **Jamboree 2019 Programme**

Shows by the pupils of the Polish schools in Belgium, Holland and France, shows by the reconstruction groups, singing songs and recitation of poems, dancing and many other interesting events.

Venue: Foreyard or the interior of the Museum – depending on the weather.

17.30-19.00 **Visiting Canada Museum and Poland Museum**

Tickets (€ 7 for each museum)



19.00-20.00 **Evening meal**

At the Museum's restaurant or prepared by the participants themselves at the campsite. The kitchen is open till 18.30.



20.00-23.00 **Bon-fire**

General Maczek Military and Patriotic Song & Music Festival.

Performance of the *ScholAntwerpia* band.

Continuation of presentations and speeches, showing films, joint singing songs, dancing.

Bar stays open till 23.00.



Sunday, 8th September 2019

07.00 – 08.00 **Wake-up, Breakfast**

Own stuff and coffee / tea at the bar (the restaurant will be open after 12.00).

08.00 – 08.30 **Jamboree Morning Muster**

Hoisting Polish flag and singing the Polish National Anthem.

08.30 - 09.15 **March through the town of Adegem from the Museum to Military Cemetery (2 km)**



10.00-12.00 **Official Commemoration Ceremony at Military Cemetery Maldegem**

The event is organized by the Maldegem Authority in commemoration of soldiers of the 1st Polish Armoured Division of General Maczek and other Liberators of Adegem and Flanders at the presence of the Representative of His Majesty the King Philip I. Speeches by the Polish Ambassador Artur Orzechowski, Mayor of Maldegem Bart Van Hulle and other VIPs; laying wreaths/flowers at the monument and the graves of Polish soldiers; playing the National Anthems of Belgium, Poland, Canada and Great Britain.



12.00 – 13.00 **Return to the camp**

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

At the Museum restaurant or own stuff at the camping site.

14.00 – 15.00 **Meeting of the Organizing Committee of the 3rd World General Maczek Fan Jamboree 2020**

With the participation of His Excellency Artur Orzechowski, the Ambassador of Poland in Belgium, representatives of the partner organisations, liberated towns and others.



15.00 – 15.15 **Official closing of the Jamboree**

15.15 - onwards **Departure**

Notes

- All payments are on the spot: for museum tickets, meal, drinks etc. – **CASH ONLY** (EURO)
- The Museum and restaurant are open on: Saturday till 23.00 (kitchen till 18.30), Sunday till 18.00 (kitchen open 12.00 – 18.00).
- Coffee / tee, soft and strong drinks available in the restaurant until 23.00 (you can also drink your own all kind of beverages but at the campsite only).
- The nearest Supermarket is in Maldegem (2 km from the Museum).
- Nearest hotels / hostels:
<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+adegem/@51.227947,3.3870865,12z/data=!3m1!4b1>

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