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Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands
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Your Royal Highness,

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands, I am honoured to bring you greetings on behalf of the Juno Beach Centre, Canada's Second World War museum in Normandy, France. Our institution was founded by Canadian Veterans over 20 years ago with the vision of ensuring that the sacrifices they and their comrades made would never be forgotten. Many of these Veterans landed on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and all participated in the campaigns and battles that returned freedom to the Dutch people.

While located on Juno Beach in France, our museum is not solely a D-Day museum. Our mandate covers the entirety of the Canadian effort during the Second World War. We also proudly fly the Dutch flag year-round to honour the role played by Free Dutch Forces in the Normandy landings. This tribute is greatly appreciated by our Dutch visitors, who number in the thousands each year. The passion and gratitude shown by your people in honouring their Canadian liberators is unmatched and we are grateful for their continued patronage.

I have the honour to write Your Royal Highness to present a special gift: a Canadian flag that flew at the Juno Beach Centre on August 6, 2024, the 80th anniversary of the arrival of the Princess Irene Brigade in Normandy. In fact, this Free Dutch unit came ashore – at least in part – at Graye-sur-Mer, quite close to where our museum stands today. Please accept this flag in the spirit of Dutch-Canadian friendship and harmony. It has also participated in multiple commemorative events with the *In Our Fathers' Footsteps* WWII Dutch Liberation Pilgrimage group over the past week.

I am also honoured to invite Your Royal Highness to visit the Juno Beach Centre and the site of the Princess Irene Brigade's landing. Our outstanding staff look forward to welcoming you at a time of your convenience. Many Canadians describe a visit to the Juno Beach Centre as a home away from home. As someone who lived her early years in Canada, we hope you will feel that same connection.

With the highest respect,

Chris LaBossiere
President, Juno Beach Centre Association