

# Activities around the 104<sup>th</sup> 4Days Marches

## 4DAYS MARCHES MASS

The 4Days Marches Mass will be held before the start of the 4Days Marches.

Date and time: Sunday 17 July at 10.00 hrs

Location: St Stephen's Church

For more information (in Dutch), visit [vierdaagsemis.nl](http://vierdaagsemis.nl)

## FLAG PARADE

The traditional opening act of the 4Days Marches is the festive and colourful Flag Parade held on Sunday afternoon, when about 1,500 walkers – military personnel and civilian groups from dozens of countries – walk through the city to the start location at De Wedren in a festive, musical parade. Once they have arrived at De Wedren, the opening ceremony officially kicks off The Walk of the World. A fixed part of the programme is the hoisting of the flags of all participating countries (around 70!) and thousands of voices joining in to sing the 4Days Marches Song. Then the party really gets into swing!

Date and time: Sunday 17 July at 15.45 hrs

Location: from Kanaalstraat/Rivierenstraat to De Wedren (arrival around 17.10 hrs)

## WAAL IN VLAMMEN

Every year, the City of Nijmegen, Stichting DE 4DAAGSE (4Days Marches organisers) and Stichting Vierdaagsefeesten (organisers of the festivities) welcome all visitors and participants to the city. The firework spectacle 'Waal in Vlammen' (Waal in Flames) takes place on Sunday evening during the Vierdaagsefeesten.

Date and time: Sunday 17 July at 22.30 hrs

Location: Waalkade

For more information, visit [vierdaagsefeesten.nl/en/program/waal-in-vlammen](http://vierdaagsefeesten.nl/en/program/waal-in-vlammen)

## SUNSET MARCH

The Sunset March is a daily homage to the allied soldiers who fought for Dutch freedom. This march over the 'De Oversteek' (The Crossing) bridge has been a daily event since 19 October 2014. Opened in 2013, the De Oversteek bridge was built near the section of the Waal where American soldiers crossed the river on 20 September 1944 during Operation Market Garden; 48 soldiers lost their lives during this heroic crossing.

Date and time: Monday 18 July at sunset

Location: De Oversteek

For more information, visit <https://www.sunsetmarch.nl/>

## INSTALLING THE PONTOON BRIDGE

The new 4Days Marches tradition of the test closure (joining the two halves) of the pontoon bridge over the River Meuse will take place in the evening of Thursday 21 July. Soldiers will install the bridge around 18.00 hrs near the ferry slipway in the town of Middelaar. The Mayors of the municipalities of Land van Cuijk and Mook en Middelaar will jointly officiate at the opening ceremony of the pontoon bridge. Afterwards, those present will be free to cross over the pontoon bridge to the other bank of the River Meuse. The bridge will be removed again around 19.30 hrs

and will be installed once more around 7.00 hrs on the morning of Friday 22 July to allow the thousands of 4Days Marches walkers to cross the Meuse at Cuijk.