

## Historical background

A destroyed landscape with many fallen, that was the result of the battles in the Huertgen forest.

In the final phase of second world war German troops attempted to stop the Allied invasion into the Rhineland in the rough area between Dueren and Monschau.

At that time Germans and Americans complained many victims of a war that was already lost for some and already won for others. Nothing was decided here, only prolonged and suffered.

The memoration of the victims, the international relationships or the admonition for peace can be remembered by the walks on historical tracks more than 77 years after the end of the horrible conflict.



picture: war cemetery in the Huertgen forest  
(former battlefield height 470)

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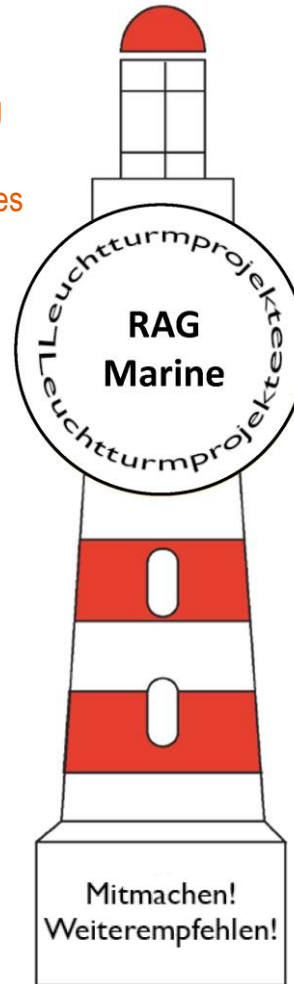
always think of the navy  
even onshore

every Wednesday  
in the Gersdorff-Barracks in Euskirchen

start 5 p.m.

Military promotion and training  
- for reservists and veterans  
- for unserved interested parties  
(male / female / various)  
maintaining traditions  
listen to naval stories  
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**"Battle for Schmidt 10/1944"**  
**walk on former battlefields in the**  
**national park community**

**Huertgenwald**

**powered by**  
**special military history guides**



**military history working group**  
**Reservistenarbeitsgemeinschaft (RAG)**  
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**naval camaraderie since 1927**  
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## former snapshots



view of St. Hubertus church in Schmidt

(c) 1940 Photograph Studio Fischer Heimbach-Eifel



view of the dam Rurtalsperre  
Schwammenauel from the Hubertusheight

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climatic health resort Schmidt (Eifel)

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## modalities

### check-in

Opening times individually by arrangement  
Explanation of the military situation  
Watch a documentary movie in the baptistery church of St. Hubertus in Schmidt  
Go to Vossenack to the church of St. Josef.

### start walking on historical route

#### „The battle for Schmidt 1944“

Vossenack / church > Kall Trail > Mestrenger mill  
> Kommerscheid > Military relics around Schmidt  
> Schmidt / church / parking spot  
Listen to the explanations of special military history guides along the scenery



picture:  
original US  
Army Jeep  
built 1942  
(c) 2022 Mr Backes

Military history guides will explain what happened in the surroundings between 1944/45.

The documentary movie in the former baptistery church of St. Hubertus in Schmidt is available in English language as well as in German

**We reserve the right to make changes to the process.**

**We recommend sturdy shoes/boots, weatherproof clothing, Bring your own food and water! Dogs are to be leashed!**

## registration

Military history guides are happy to accompany members of the Bundeswehr, veterans, Allied and friends on explored routes to the **desired date**.

**You plan, we advise.  
You suggest, we support.**

Please ask for guided walks on military history trails at least 14 days in advance by email

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Thx

or choose the form **Anmeldung** on the website [mk-eu.de/Studienfahrten/Huertgenwald/Tours-in-USGBEnglish](http://mk-eu.de/Studienfahrten/Huertgenwald/Tours-in-USGBEnglish)

Please transfer money 10 Euro to be agreed depending on the effort to the account with your registration to IBAN **DE44 3825 0110 0005 8448 32** account owner Andrea Zurmahr (member RAG Marine Euskirchen).

**X meeting point / check-in church St. Hubertus, parking spot**  
**Heimbacher Str 2, 52385 Nideggen OT Schmidt**



You'll find the [Rureifel-Tourismus e.V.](http://Rureifel-Tourismus.e.V.) in the former baptistery of the church "St. Hubertus" a tourist information center with regional offers.