



United Kingdom, The Netherlands, USA, May 2017,

Concerns: Daks over Normandy Invitation

Dear DC-3/C-47/Li-2 owners & operators,

Introduction

Whilst having a celebratory drink after their annual jump event in June 2013, the initial plan for Daks over Normandy was drawn up by two of the founders of the Round Canopy Parachuting Team, sitting in front of a Normandy fireplace. The 1st edition of Daks over Normandy event, in June 2014 for the 70th commemoration of the D-Day landings, turned out to be an enormous success. The event brought eight DC-3/C-47's and one Lisunov Li-2 to Lee-on-Solent, UK, where the kick-off took place. The plan consisted of a crossing by all aircraft of the English Channel and to drop about 125 paratroopers into the original 1944 drop zones in Normandy, France.

On the following 4 days drops were made and scenic flights were organized. The jumps were visited by a quarter of a million people and seen on TV by a whole lot more. The event during which the DC-3/C-47 played the starring role was covered by press and media from over 20 countries and the press worth of the event was calculated at over 2,5 million euros.

Daks over Normandy, edition II

June 2019 marks the 75th commemoration of the D-day landings. For that occasion and in honor of the veterans that will still be present we are organizing the 2nd edition of Daks over Normandy. Our goal is set for no less than 35 aircraft and we hereby officially invite you and your aircraft to be one of those 35!

We have every reason to believe it will be the very last time these commemorations will be organized on such a large scale. Most probably it will also be the very last time veterans of the landings will be able to attend. And last but not least; June 2019 will most definitely be the very last time and last chance all of us have to bring so many DC-3/C-47's together to the exact places where she excelled and where she saw her finest hours.

Team

The Daks over Normandy project team consists of dozens of volunteers who each have their own task and give their time and effort to make this event a once in a lifetime experience for all involved. The management of the Daks over Normandy team is in the hands of 4 persons. They are:

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| Peter Braun | Event Director |
| Andrew Dixon | Aerial Coordinator |
| Geraldine Dixon | Event Director UK |
| Eric Zipkin | Chief Pilot US |

Overall planning

Planning has been agreed upon with the following local parties: CAA-UK, DGAC (French Civil Aviation Authorities), Duxford Airfield, UK and the Imperial War Museum, Caen Carpiquet Airport and the local and regional governments in both the UK and France.



Status

As previously stated, the event is now officially scheduled and is part of the main events during the 75th Commemorations of the D-day Invasion in June 2019, both in the UK and in France.

Schedule (provisional)

During the whole event, from the 2th to the 9th of June 2019, open days and a DC-3/C-47 gathering will take place at Caen Carpiquet Airport. We have again decided to start the event at an airfield in the South of the UK, in order to cross the English Channel in the same tracks of the hundreds of C-47's that made history in June 1944. Our Airshow and the planned parachute drops will be watched by hundreds of thousands of visitors expected on the Normandy peninsula during the commemorative events. And our show will be a unforgettable one! This because it will be the first – and probably the very last – time the skies over Normandy will see so many DC-3/C-47's again.

Note: all times and actions mentioned are approximate and subject to change.

June 1nd or 2nd (not later than 14.00 hrs. UK-time) 2019

- * Assembly of all participating DC-3/C-47/C-53's and Li-2 at Duxford Airfield, UK
- * Official welcome
- * Pilots' briefings for 3 June
- * TV and Radio will be present
- * Joint dinner in the evening

June 3rd 2019

- * Pilots' briefings
- * Formation flying training day -- procedures and plans will be circulated well in advance.
- * Arrival of about 200 paratroopers of various associations for the cross Channel jump

June 4th 2019

- * Open day airport
- * Flying & formation demos
- * Demo jumps
- * Scenic flights for public
- * Evening dinner for all crews, paratroops, officials, sponsors, etc.
- * Evening- / night photo shoot for assemble (aviation) press

June 5th 2019

- * Open day airport
- * Briefings pilots and paratroops
- * Flight preparations
- * Cross channel formation flight plus jump into France
- * Assembly at Caen Carpiquet Airport
- * Official opening France

June 6th, 7th, 8th 2019

- * Open day airport
- * Briefings pilots and paratroops
- * Scenic flights for the public
- * Formation flight over battle fields, invasion beaches
- * Jumps into historic drop zones

June 9th 2019

- * All aircraft involved in mass formation over/jump into La Fiere drop zone.
- * Official closure of event.



Funding

Notwithstanding the overall excellent support we have from civilian authorities, we do not expect huge amounts of financial aid from them. We are in process of setting up an international corporate sponsoring request program and envision to bring in companies such Boeing, Airbus, British Aerospace, Dassault Aviation, Airtotal Fuels, Jeppesen, large carriers such as American Airlines, United Airlines, Air France and British Airways and other potential sponsors. At this stage, we are unable to foresee the budgets we will collect and afford to put into your costs, but our experience from 2014 has taught us that we will succeed in bringing in the required funding. We ask you to take the first part of this journey, the trip to Duxford, UK upon yourself. For the duration of the event we will take care of your fuel, all landing-, parking- & handling fees. We will also provide your crew with a rental car and accommodation. And on top we will pay € 500,00 for every flying hour you make during the event.

75th D-Day Squadron

Under the name "The 75th D-Day Squadron" an initiative is launched in the United States to support the owners and operators who are flying in from the United States and Canada. The support basically envelops the flying- and technical side of the Atlantic crossing. However all efforts are made to also draw in the big sponsors to help the owners and operators with the cost of that crossing. The initiator and coordinator of it all is Eric Zipkin, who in 2014 was one of the participants with C-47 "Placid Lassie". He has made the return crossing and knows all the ins and outs.

In the meantime however we do recommend you to also do a personal research request for sponsorship. We are working very hard at making this event a huge success and we trust this event will be absolutely great. The historic significance of it and the impact it will have on the aviation world will be enormous. But we are a non-profit organization and depend on you and our sponsors to make it all happen!

Questionnaire

Could you in return please confirm your receipt of this invitation and your participation intent along with the specifics of your aircraft and the answers to the following questions:

1. Do you confirm your participation in "Daks over Normandy" with your aircraft?
- Please let us know at no later date than 1 August 2017)
2. What is the configuration of your aircraft?
 - Passenger aircraft? If yes how many passengers are you allowed on board?
 - Cargo aircraft? Can you drop free-fall and/or static-line paras and how many are allowed? In case of static-line; how is your anchor line cable attached (please send photos)
3. Please send us a color photograph of your aircraft for use on our website (min. res. 300 Dpi) along with a concise history of maximum about 500 words
4. How large is your crew?
(we count with max. 5 per aircraft with regards to stay, which will be arranged)
5. What are the registration details of your aircraft? Come Spring 2019 we need copies of insurance / certificate of airworthiness / latest annual inspections / passenger flights certificates / Licenses, etc.

So far our questionnaire and the first stage of the event. More questions will follow. If you have any questions and/or remarks, please feel free to contact us at any time. We will send you an answer to all of your question as soon as possible!



Concluding

As said before, this will be the very last chance we have together to bring so many of these beautiful aircraft together to the place where she saw her finest hour. This will be aviation history in the making and we are very sure this event is going to make a lasting impression on the people of France and the UK, on all tourists and visitors, on all participants and last but not least on all attending veterans. It will certainly place a truly unforgettable mark on all participating parties and individuals. Together with you we want to make it a huge success and sincerely hope you share our opinion by helping us and to attend! We are looking forward to your answer and respectfully would like to receive that not later than 1 August 2017. That would give you a period of almost two years for your preparations.

With best regards,

Daks over Normandy

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