Fact Sheet

Nowy van Hedel

Quick Facts:
- Nowy is the 30-year old Dutch man who adopted Private First Class Stanley Clark’s grave in 2003.
- He works as an instructor at the local NATO base.
- He has a passion for military history and World War II reenacting.

Private First Class Stanley Clark

Quick Facts:
- Born to a large family in Lewiston, Maine (seven older brothers and four sisters!)
- Volunteered to be a Member of the 401st Glider Infantry Regiment.
- Gliders were engineless fabric and plywood planes that were towed by transport planes and then released behind enemy lines. Most gliders had to crash land and there were 40% casualty rates for some missions.
- Clark died during Operation Market Garden while fighting to defend a bridge.
- He had just turned 20 years old.