

The 'Vlaamse RadioAmateurs' and the Battle of the Golden Spurs.

The 700th anniversary of the Battle of the Golden Spurs means a lot to all Flemings. And thus also to the Vlaamse RadioAmateurs (VRA), the Flemish Radio Amateur association.



The Flemish Radio Amateur association (VRA) is an association of –and for- Flemish licensed radio amateurs and listeners acting to serve the needs of all Flemish radio amateurs.

For this very important anniversary we organize a special event.

First of all, all Flemish radio amateurs are granted to use a special prefix. This will be OS (in stead of the usual ON) and can only be used as from May, 18 2002 at 00:00 hours until July, 11 2002 at 24:00 hours (local Belgian time).

Moreover we will setup special event stations on July, 11, 2002, the anniversary day of the Battle of the Golden Spurs. As from 12:00 hours noon (local time) until 24:00 hours midnight (local time) we will be in the air on the following frequencies and in the following modes with the special call **OS4VRA**:

VHF	FM	144.775 MHz	HF Phone:	3,620 MHz – 7,070 MHz – 14,200 MHz –
VHF	USB	144.275 MHz		21,250 MHz and 28,500 MHz
VHF	SSTV	144.500 MHz	HF SSTV:	14,230 MHz

A special QSL-card is foreseen for this special day
QSL only via FRA, PO Box 1630, B-1000 Brussels 1

To commemorate this 700th anniversary, a very special and exclusive award in four-color printing is available. The conditions for obtaining this award are made as easy as possible.

How to obtain this exclusive award?

By gathering following points:

In Belgium:	10 points
In Europe:	5 points
Outside Europe:	2 points

How to gather these points?

1. **From May 18, 2002 until July 11, 2002:**

Each OS-station:	1 point
Each OS-station, member of VRA:	2 points
Station OS4VRA	3 points

2. **On July 11, 2002 between 12:00 en 24:00 uur (local time)**

Having a contact with the special event station **OS4VRA** gives you all 10 points necessary.

How to acquire the award?

The price for this special and exclusive award is: 10€, or 10 US\$

In case of **1.** – list of worked (or heard) stations, to be signed by two licensed radio amateurs, to be sent to: **F.R.A., PO Box 1630, B-1000 Brussels 1 (Belgium)**, inclusive the amount, or payment to account number 000-0879271-63 to the name of 'Vlaamse RadioAmateurs vzw' Brusselsesteenweg 113 in B-2800 Mechelen (Belgium) with the mentioning of your call and 'Golden Spurs Award'.

In case of **2.** – no list has to be sent; the logbooks of our own stations are sufficient. In this case you should only send us the fee to account number 000-0879271-63 to the name of 'Vlaamse RadioAmateurs vzw' Brusselsesteenweg 113 in B-2800 Mechelen (Belgium) with the mentioning of your call and 'Golden Spurs Award'.



We invite all radio amateurs and listeners all over the world to celebrate this anniversary with us, beyond all frontiers.

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