



History L.V.T. aviation convention,

In the 1980s the military aviation hobby grew fast. At the end of the 1980s the first aviation conventions were organized in the Netherlands providing in a need.

The roots of the annual military aviation convention organized by the “Luchtvaart Vereniging Twenthe (LVT)” go back to 1990. The first edition (Jan '90) was located at a meeting room at the restaurant of Twenthe airport. The convention proved to be a success although the meeting room was too small for all exhibitors and visitors.

As a result of this a new bigger location was needed for the 1991 & the 1992 edition. This new location was found in the community house “ Het Kompas” in Enschede. The convention excelled because it was well organized and the material was of high quality and a wide range. As a result it became the most visited convention in the Netherlands on military aviation. This convention did not go unnoticed abroad and soon international military aviation enthusiasts expressed their interest in the convention.

Growing interest from national and international exhibitors and visitors made it necessary for the 1993 edition to find a new location with more space and possible future expansion. This location was found at the convention centre “Luttikhuis” in Oldenzaal. This location was used for 20 years hosting editions 1993 thru 2012, acquiring the position of Europe’s largest military aviation convention. The convention with international exhibitors and visitors became well known among military aviation hobbyists all over the world (*).

In 2012 the convention centre “Luttikhuis” changed owners forcing the LVT to find a new location. For the 2013 edition a new location was found at Hotel-Restaurant “Savenije” in Lonneker near Enschede. All following editions (2013 thru 2017) have been held at this location. In particular the Hotel-Restaurant facilities of this location are an advantage for international visitors.

On 24th March 2018 the LVT will organize the aviation convention for the 29th time, again at Hotel-Restaurant “Savenije” in Lonneker.

(*) the evening prior to the convention, marking international friendship, the LVT board organizes an informal meeting for foreign exhibitors and visitors, as well as invitees of the LVT board.