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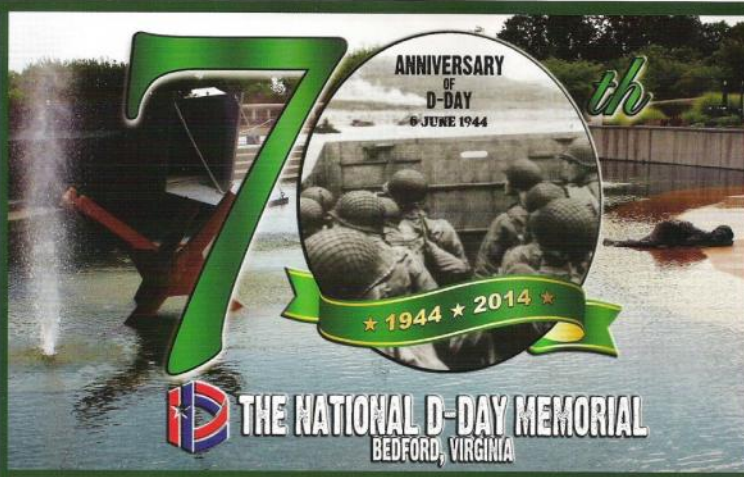


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70th Anniversary Plans Underway

Foundation staff, volunteers, and the board of directors are already hard at work preparing for the 70th anniversary of D-Day in 2014. The official commemoration begins on Friday, June 6 at 11AM with a special ceremony featuring guest speakers, dignitaries, patriotic music, laying of wreaths by D-Day units, and recognition of D-Day veterans. Other activities throughout the afternoon include a USO show at 2pm, a veteran's reunion tent, living history, and veteran's oral history stations. On the evening of June 6, the public is invited to the Memorial for an outdoor movie night with a 1940s theme. The outdoor Canteen will offer the best of period refreshments and the featured film will be "Casablanca." More activities follow on June 7 when the community of Bedford hosts a 1940s parade.

Antique cars, bands, veterans, and living historians will parade through town paying tribute to those who served.

The Memorial will continue its commemorative activities on the evening of June 7 with a performance by the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. Weekend events wrap up on Sunday, June 8 at 11AM with a field chapel service authentic to 1944.

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Mark your calendar
for these events
to commemorate the
70th Anniversary
of D-Day

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Friday
June 6, 2014
11AM
70th Anniversary of
D-Day
Commemoration
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Friday
June 6, 2014
Outdoor Movie
Night
and Canteen
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Saturday
June 7, 2014
10AM
D-Day Parade

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Saturday
June 7, 2014
Jimmy Dorsey
Orchestra
Performance
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June 6-7, 2014
Veterans' History
Project
at the National
D-Day Memorial
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Sunday
June 8, 2014
11AM
Field Chapel Service

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Check the National
D-Day Memorial
Foundation's 70th
Anniversary
event page on our
website
for more updates at
<http://bit.ly/11wjVKO>

With D-Day veterans turning an average age of 90 next year, record numbers of D-Day and WWII veterans are expected to attend what may well be the last large gathering of this historic generation. Operation Overlord, the official name for D-Day, was the largest land, air, and sea operation in history; its purpose was the creation of an Allied foothold on the edge of Nazi-occupied Europe in Normandy, France. Drawing upon human and military resources on an unprecedented scale, D-Day also created an unprecedented number of veterans of a single battle, derived from every sector of our population. In its historical and human consequences, D-Day is epic as well. A turning point in the course of the war, D-Day signaled the beginning of the end of the age of fascism and the return of hope to millions in occupied nations globally. Thus, the story of D-Day is the story of individuals from a broad variety of backgrounds and perspectives living in extraordinary times. The goal of the 70th Anniversary Commemoration is to bring to light as many of those perspectives as possible.



Through the Surf by sculptor, Jim Brothers.

The Memorial has posted full details about the commemoration on its website. More details will be added weekly as new information becomes available. Please visit www.dday.org, or contact the Foundation at (800) 351-DDAY with questions. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for what promises to be a memorable and historic weekend.