



A Memorial Testament of Freedom
A Commemoration of the Normandy Landing, 6 June 1944
National D-Day Memorial, 6 June 2014



Homage a sculpture by artist Jim Brothers,
dedicated 6 June 2014.
On this special occasion we pay tribute to our friend, Jim Brothers.
15 Aug 1941 - 20 Aug 2013

The 70th Anniversary of
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A Memorial Testament of Freedom
A Commemorative Observance at the National D-Day Memorial
Bedford, Virginia, Eleven o’Clock, Friday, 6 June 2014
The Seventieth Anniversary of the Allied Landing at Normandy

Overture and Choral Prelude.....29th Division Band

Drum Roll and *Attention*.....Band

Passing the Baton.....Golden Knights, U.S. Army Parachute Team

Invocation*.....The Rev. George Hatmaker, GySgt USMC (Ret.)

Presentation of the Colors*.....Army Jr. ROTC Battalion, Tunstall High School

*The Star Spangled Banner**.....Band

Welcome.....Dr. Barry N. Moore, USMC (Ret.), Chairman
National D-Day Memorial Foundation

Program Preamble.....Michael W. Rencheck, President and CEO, AREVA

D-Day Historical Excerpts

“Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen...”.....Greg Reed, Commander, Enduring Freedom Honor Team
General Eisenhower’s D-Day Order Faith Christian Schools, Fredericksburg, VA

“Almighty God: Our Sons...”.....Aaron Petitt, Enduring Freedom Honor Team
President Roosevelt’s D-Day Prayer Student, Faith Christian Schools, Fredericksburg, VA

C-47 Flyover:

Used extensively by the Allies during WWII, over 900 C-47 airplanes were involved in transporting approximately 13,000 paratroopers to Normandy for the D-Day invasion. “Miss Virginia”, the civilian version of the C-47, is being provided by Dynamic Aviation, Bridgewater, VA, and is being flown by pilots Karl Stoltzfus and Dan Gleason.

Symbol of Honor.....Band

“What am I doing here?”.....Bob L. VandeLinde
PFC George Alex, 82nd Airborne Division U.S. Army, 11th Airborne, 1948-52

“Just as my chute opened...”.....BG Blake Ortner, Land Commander
Lt. Colonel Nathaniel R. Hoskot, 507th Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne Division Virginia National Guard

“Shortly before six o’ clock...”.....ADM John C. Harvey, Jr., USN (Ret.), Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Defense
Captain Lorenzo S. Sabin, USN Commander, Close Gunfire Support Group Commonwealth of Virginia

“We saw hundreds upon hundreds of ships below...”.....BG David L. Young, USAF (Ret.)
Allen W. Stephens, 8th Air Force

“Every man was a hero...”.....The Hon. Earle T. Messier, Bedford International Alliance, Board of Directors
Sergeant Cecil Breeden, A/116th Infantry, 29th Division, Omaha Beach Mayor, Bedford, Virginia, 1984-88; 2003-05

“When we got within two or three miles...”.....The Hon. Stephen D. “Steve” Newman
Signalman Paul S. Fauks, B/7th Beach Battalion, Omaha Beach Senate, Commonwealth of Virginia

“We were rolling heavily...”.....Dan Villarrial
Dr. J.H. Patterson, Royal Army Medical Corps, medical officer, No. 4 Commando, Sword Beach USMC (Ret.), 1947-51/1955-62

“When a shell came over...”.....Lt. Col. Norbert Cyr, Canadian Forces Public Affairs Attaché
The Rev. R.M. Hickey, chaplain, North Shore Regiment, Juno Beach

“There were some horrible sights...”.....The Hon. Robert W. “Bob” Goodlatte
Lieutenant Hugh Bone, 2nd East Yorkshire Regiment, Gold Beach United States House of Representatives

“We approached a support boat...”.....The Hon. Terry L. Austin, House of Delegates
Robert E. Adams, US Coast Guard, coxswain, LCVP No. 22 from USS *Samuel Chase* Commonwealth of Virginia

“When we exited the landing craft...”.....COL Timothy Williams, Adjutant General of Virginia
Ellis "Bill" Reed, 5th Ranger Battalion

“When I jumped off the landing craft...”.....The Hon. Robert Hurt
Sid Salomon, 2nd Ranger Battalion, Omaha Beach United States House of Representatives

“Heavy mortar shells commenced...”.....Command Sergeant Major Brunk W. Conley
Captain George Mayberry, 4th Infantry Division Army National Guard

“I remember that D-Day was a long, long day...”.....ADM John Harvey
Private Irvin Airey, USMC, USS *Arkansas*

“Dear Kitty, This is ‘D-Day’...”.....Kathrien Mys, Enduring Freedom Honor Team
Anne Frank’s D-Day Diary Entry Student, Faith Christian Schools, Fredericksburg, VA

“Right after D-Day in June 1944...”.....The Hon. Kathy Byron, House of Delegates
Grace G. Peterson, US Army, Eighth Field Hospital, Utah Beach Commonwealth of Virginia

Prime Minister Churchill’s D-Day Announcement.....LTC Helen E. Bowman, British Army

P-51 Flyover:

Developed during WWII, the P-51 aircraft is best known for its role as a long range escort fighter in Europe, enabling the Allies to gain control of the skies. They signify the victorious result of the D-Day invasion. “Double Trouble Two” is provided by the Fighter Factory in Virginia Beach, flown by Mike Spalding and sponsored by Liberty University.

Dedicatory Preface, “Homage”.....April Cheek-Messier, President, National D-Day Memorial Foundation

Dedicatory Prayer**.....Ash Rothlein, D-Day Veteran
187th Advanced Army Ordinance Depot Company

Road to the Isles/Highland Laddie.....Major Burt Mitchell, Director
Virginia Military Institute Pipe Band, Lexington, VA

There were numerous acts of heroism on D-Day including an incident on Sword Beach with a group of British commandos headed by Lord Lovat, Commander of 1st Special Service Brigade. In WWII, British high command restricted the use of bagpipes to rear areas. Lovat ignored these orders and directed William “Bill” Millin, then aged 21, to play. When Private Millin hesitated, citing regulations, Lord Lovat replied: "Ah, but that’s the English War Office. You and I are both Scottish, and that doesn’t apply." Millin played *Highland Laddie* and *The Road to the Isles* as his comrades fell around him on Sword Beach. His act of heroism inspired the troops to move forward. Bill Millin died on August 17, 2010 at the age of 88.

Amazing Grace.....Major Burt Mitchell

Laying of Wreaths.....D-Day Units

1st Infantry Division Association
29th Infantry Division Association
82nd Airborne Division Association
238th Engineer Combat Battalion
8th US Air Force
Military Order of the Purple Heart
British Embassy
Embassy of Canada

4th Infantry Division Association
29th Infantry Division Ladies Auxiliary
101st Infantry Division Association
USS Rich Survivors' Group
US Army Ranger Association
Embassy of France
Embassy of the Republic of Poland

Shenandoah.....Band

T-6 Flyover:

*The Missing Man Formation is an aerial salute to commemorate the lives of soldiers killed in combat.
The sudden departure of one of the four aircraft in the formation symbolizes a fallen soldier's departure to the heavens.
The formation is led by pilot John Mazza and the aircraft are provided by the Fighter Factory in Virginia Beach
and sponsored by Liberty University.*

*Taps**.....Band

Memorial Salutations

D-Day and the Commonwealth.....The Hon. Timothy M. "Tim" Kaine
United States Senate

Liberation Recalled.....His Excellency Frédéric Doré, Monsieur le chargé d'affaires, France

A Veteran's Remembrance**Robert Sales, D-Day Veteran
Company B, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division

Musical Interlude and Memorial Collection
Eternal Father

Overlord Assembly.....The Allied Veterans of D-Day

The Longest Day, Paul Anka.....Band

Concluding Remarks.....April Cheek-Messier

America the Beautiful.....Band

Benediction*.....Rev. George Hatmaker, USMC (Ret.)

Postlude.....Band

*Assembly stands **D-Day Veteran

Note: The unveiling of Homage will take place immediately following the ceremony by the Memorial's Blue Star Garden.

The National D-Day Memorial is grateful to the many individuals, businesses, and organizations who assisted in making this program possible. Listed on the back of the program are a few of those we would like to thank; however, there are many more we are indebted to for their generosity in making the 70th anniversary a memorable one. Special thanks to everyone who took part in this event.

Dedication of Homage at the National D-Day Memorial

With sustained gratitude, the National D-Day Memorial Foundation acknowledges the individuals, families, groups, organizations, trusts, corporations, foundations, and communities whose generosity has supported the preparation, production, and installation of *Homage* at the Memorial.

Donors who contributed \$1,000 or more will be added to the bronze plaque that will accompany the sculpture. Those who contributed \$500 and above are mentioned in the program below.

Ash Rothlein; Anton Endler; LTC and Mrs. John L. Trevey; Rozanne L. Ridgway; Burton-Hammond VFW Post #2524; Betty M. Lee; Robert Garst; Mr. and Mrs. Carl McCurdy; United Auto Workers Local 2069; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Humphrey; Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Whisnant; Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Ring; Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Roger C. Lewis; Elizabeth G. Hoskins; Frances Clements; Fleet Laboratories; Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon P. Nichols; Town of Bedford; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leamy; Bedford International Alliance; Charlene D. Scott; Leigh C. McIvor; Lucille H. Boggess; County of Bedford; Ada C. Eubank; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Villarial; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Bond; The George and Sarah Buchanan Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Merryman; R.A. Slovonia Invitational Golf Tournament; Francis C. Bagbey; Hilman Prestridge; Richard Haywood; Dr. and Mrs. William M. Bass; Norma J. King; Annie Y. Merriam; Frederick T. Scruggs; and Thomas Engleby.



Bob Sales

Bob Sales served with the Virginia National Guard, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, Co. B. He landed on Omaha Beach on 6 June 1944 and was the only survivor of the 30 men on his landing craft. Sales was awarded three Purple Hearts and the Silver Star, among other medals, for battling his way across France before he was wounded and left partially blind. In February of this year, Sales received another medal in recognition of his efforts for helping liberate France from the iron grip of Nazi Germany.

In a ceremony in Northern Virginia, French President Francois Hollande made him a knight of the French Legion of Honor. Sales, now 91, was among only six World War II veterans chosen to receive the medal directly from the French president during his three-day visit to the United States.

Ash Rothlein served with the 187th Advanced Army Ordnance Depot Company. His unit followed the 1st Division as well as the 7th Army and the 1st French Army as a detachment. The 187th was awarded battle credits for Normandy, Northern France, and Germany from SHAEF. Rothlein was responsible for spearheading the effort to install "Homage" at the National D-Day Memorial. He also helped organize an effort with Rotary International to bring as many surviving D-Day veterans to the Memorial as possible for today's service.



Ash Rothlein

Following today's ceremony he will escort Lucille Hoback Boggess, who lost both of her brothers on D-Day, to the "Homage" sculpture for the unveiling. Ash Rothlein's own French Legion of Honor medal will hang from the sculpture today and each June 6 hereafter to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in Normandy.



If you are pleased with the educational initiatives of the National D-Day Memorial Foundation, please help keep the story alive. During the ceremony, there will be a special offering. Please consider making a donation if you are so moved.

Acknowledgments

29th Division Band; 497th CSSB; A Co. 116th Infantry Regiment; Travis Aldous; Andrew Marks with Hilton Garden Inn, Lynchburg; American Legion Post 16; AJROTC Tunstall; Baer & Sons Memorials; Jim Baldwin; Joe D. Banner; Bedford Antique Mall; Bedford Area Welcome Center; Bedford County; Bedford Main Street; Bedford Moose Lodge; Bedford Police Department; Bedford Fire & EMS; Bedford Department of Public Service; Bedford County Fire & Rescue; Bedford County Sheriff's Department; Bedford International Alliance; Bedford Ruritan Club; Bedford Memorial Hospital / Carilion Health; Berglund; Bill Blewitt; Lucille Boggess; Bower Center for the Arts; Gary Bray; Brown's Construction; Capt. Roderick Henderson and AJROTC Chatham and AJROTC Dan River; Carlton Toms; Centra Health; Chuck Atkins; Cintas; Domino's Bedford; Eahart Industrial; F&S Building Innovations; Carter Fisher; Hayden Furrow; Goose Creek Studio; Gordon Eubank; Harris Corporation; Hodges Pressure Washing; Honor Flight; KCD Maintenance and Painting; Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!; Alex Kershaw; John Kessler; Sunny Johnson Lewis; Lowes of Bedford; Guy Maffett; Bernard Marie; Phil McLanahan; Jeff Miller; National D-Day Memorial Volunteers; Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance; New London Trailers Inc.; New River Electric; Marion B. Freerks; MassMutual; NBI Development; Oak Tree Business Center; Pro Tech Fab; Ash Rothlein; Rotary International; Buster Shaeff; Jeff Sims; Sue Downs-Loyd with City of Lynchburg Tourism; Timberland Mulch; The Covington Company; The Town of Bedford; Town Kitchen & Provisions; Virginia Department of Health; Teva; TravelingScreens; The Trex Corporation; Todd Tucker; US Army Golden Knights; Virginia Department of Transportation; Virginia Defense Force; Virginia Furniture Market; Virginia State Police; Virginia Artesian Water; WalMart; Word of Life Church; Dave Young. Special thanks to all of the living historians who are participating in the events this weekend and to all of the speakers listed in today's program.

Operation Thank You



Operation Thank You was a contest designed to inspire students to create a visual “Thank You” message for D-Day and WWII Veterans. There were many excellent entries and it was difficult for the judges to decide on one winner. Mrs. Kelley Smith’s 3rd Grade Class of St. John the Evangelist School from Warrenton, VA worked with Mrs. Julie DeLanghe (parent) and created a 3D display that incorporated the Division Insignia and Flags of the Allied Countries involved in D-Day. Students who worked on the project included: Anneliese Maybach, Sofia Caballero, Maria Backo, Ruby Williams, Matthew Phillips, Christiana Frazier, Charlotte Bloom, Alastair Meneghini, Kaitlyn Harrington, Samuel Catts, Evelyn Federmeier, Mariana Pechie, Madeleine Peitler, Isabella, Peter Paccassi, Katherine Bloom, Jenna Gill, Bianca Simmons, Angelina Bales, Sofia Minera, Sophia Spaulding, Matthew Quarry, Natalie Phillips, Elena Fackenthall, Sara Dunphy, Collin Mayback, Lauren Wall, Olivia Darrow, Caroline Smith,

and Zachary Sickler. Mrs. Smith stated, “Students incorporated historical newsreels, photographs and oral history interviews with two WWII veterans from their church to further their connection to the project.” Student Jenna Gill wrote “I would like to thank the Veterans for all they have done for us to keep us free and safe.”

Items of Note:

There is limited seating near the front of the main plaza for the hearing impaired. An interpreter will be stationed in that area signing throughout the ceremony. Volunteers will direct you to appropriate seating.

The gift store tent has commemorative items for sale and is accepting credit cards only; however, the Memorial Store has a wide variety of merchandise and will accept other forms of payment.

Shuttle buses will run until 4PM today. Please return to east side of Memorial to the shuttle bus stops to board buses returning to satellite parking areas.

A medical tent is located on the west side across from the Memorial’s gift store.

The Bedford Ruritan Club is providing food and beverages for a nominal fee. They will be donating a large portion of the proceeds directly back to the Memorial. Please support them if possible. Also, consider purchasing a D-Day souvenir cup. With your \$5.00 purchase you will receive a drink with your purchase and \$1.00 refills. All proceeds benefit education initiatives at the Memorial.

Port-a-johns (standard and handicapped units) are located throughout the Memorial. Restrooms are also located in the main plaza. Please note there are no restrooms in the Memorial’s gift store.

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D-Day and WWII Veterans are invited to pick up their special souvenir item at the AREVA tent on the West Lawn.

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