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Remembering D-Day

According to the U.S. military, “D-Day” was an Army designation used to indicate the start date for specific field operations. In this case, the “D” in D-Day doesn’t actually stand for anything—it’s merely an alliterative placeholder used to designate a particular day on the calendar.

The military also employed the term “H-Hour” to refer to the time on D-Day when the action would begin. This shorthand helped prevent actual mission dates from falling into enemy hands, but it also proved handy when the start date for an attack was still undecided. Military planners also used a system of pluses and minuses to designate any time or day occurring before or after D-Day or H-Hour.

D-Day was the name given to the June 6, 1944, invasion of the beaches at Normandy in northern France by troops from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries during World War II. France at the time was occupied by the armies of Nazi Germany, and the amphibious assault—codenamed Operation Overlord—landed some



156,000 Allied soldiers on the beaches of Normandy by the end of the day. Despite their success, some 4,000 Allied troops were killed by German soldiers defending the beaches. At the time, the D-Day invasion was the largest naval, air and land operation in history, and within a few days about 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed. By August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and in spring of 1945 the Allies had defeated the Germans. Historians often refer to D-Day as the beginning of the end of World War II.

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General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Order of the Day (1944)

This order was issued by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to encourage Allied soldiers taking part in the D-day

<https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/general-eisenhowers-order-of-the-day>

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944 ! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned ! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory !

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory !

Good Luck ! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.



Dwight D. Eisenhower

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Poth Market Days
4	5 VFW Meeting	6 VPR D-Day	7 Food Distribution	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 VPR Flag Day	15	16	17
18	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Poth Market Days
2	3	4 Independence Day VPR Independence Day	5 Food Distribution	6	7	8
9	10 VFW Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 VFW 124th National Convention Phoenix, AZ (22-27 July)	25	26	27 VPR Signing of the Korean Armistice	28	29
30	31					