

# VFW Remains Thankful for the Bravery and Heroism of D-Day Veterans

## June 6 marks the 75th anniversary of the Allied invasion

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Tomorrow, June 6, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. will pause to remember the more than 156,000 brave Allied troops who landed along the 50-mile stretch of Normandy's beaches in an effort to liberate German-occupied France and bring an end to the Nazi regime.



June 6, 1944, forever changed the course of history. With over 5,000 ships, 11,000 airplanes and more than 150,000 service men, the Allied Forces' Normandy beach landing invasion of Europe was, and remains, the largest air, land and sea operation ever undertaken.

Sand-colored beaches turned to crimson, and bodies littered the beaches and water. Yet, because of their valor, sacrifice and sheer determination, by the end of the day the Allied Forces had successfully breached the German's fortress. But our success on D-Day came at a

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very steep price, with nearly 10,000 casualties and 4,000 confirmed dead.

Now, 75 years after the massive operation that changed the tide of World War II, the more than 1.6 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary remain thankful for the bravery and heroism displayed that day, and we reflect on a selflessness that has transcended continents and generations.