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D-Day 80th Anniversary commemorations announced by National Army Museum and The Army Historical Foundation

Media invited for tours and live broadcasts from exhibits and events

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – In honor of the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the National Museum of the United States Army and The Army Historical Foundation will present a series of events and exhibitions that explore and remember the daring airborne operations and the largest amphibious invasion in military history and a significant turning point in World War II.

Media Photo / Video Op: The special commemorations below are in addition to the Museum’s permanent display of D-Day artifacts including one of only six remaining LCVP “Higgins Boats” that took part in the D-Day beach landings, which is featured in a life-like tableau with Soldiers descending a cargo net into the craft, enhanced by theatrical lighting.

Interview Ops: Interviews are available with Ms. Tammy Call, Museum Director; Mr. Paul Morando, Museum Chief Curator; and retired U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Burt Thompson, Foundation President.

Museum D-Day Symposium, April 5: Free day-long symposium open to the public, featuring presentations by notable historians and military experts on the invasion's planning, execution and historic significance. Virtual and in-person attendance options with advance registration at <https://www.thenmusa.org/2024-dday-symposium/>.

Special Exhibit Opening, April 6: “D-DAY: FREEDOM FROM ABOVE.” Visitors will explore the D-Day invasion through the true stories of U.S. Army paratroopers brought to life by interactive HistoPad technology. The exhibit will also feature the four Medals of Honor that were awarded for actions performed on D-Day. Learn more about these heroic Soldier stories and see their medals on display together for the first time. Included with free admission, the exhibit will run through November 2024. Opening weekend will also include special D-Day-themed visitor activities, including a “then and now” demonstration of equipment and parachute packing by U.S. Army paratroopers.

Overseas Tour of D-Day Sites, September 12 – 19: In partnership with the National WWII Museum, The Army Historical Foundation invites guests to join a specially curated journey through history, travelling

to the famous church at Sainte-Mère-Église to Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc before concluding in Paris. Bookings are now available on the events tab at [ArmyHistory.org](https://www.armyhistory.org).

Special demonstrations, gallery talks and family activities will take place throughout the year. All events are free and information is posted on the Museum's events calendar at [theNMUSA.org](https://www.theNMUSA.org).

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About the National Museum of the United States Army

The National Museum of the United States Army provides the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions through the eyes of the American Soldier. By preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting invaluable artifacts, the National Army Museum creates learning opportunities for all visitors and bonds the American people to their oldest military service. We are America's Army Museum. The U.S. Army owns and operates the Museum. The Army Historical Foundation continues its fundraising role in support of the Museum and manages all retail, catering and special events. For more information on the National Museum of the United States Army visit www.theNMUSA.org

About the Army Historical Foundation

The Army Historical Foundation establishes, assists and promotes programs and projects that preserve the history of the American Soldier and foster public understanding of and appreciation for the contributions of all components of the U.S. Army and its members. The Foundation serves as the Army's official fundraising entity for the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army. The award-winning, LEED-certified Museum opened on November 11, 2020, at Fort Belvoir, Va., and honors the service and sacrifice of all American Soldiers who have served since the Army's inception in 1775. For more information on the Foundation and the National Museum of the United States Army, visit [ArmyHistory.org](https://www.armyhistory.org). A media kit and images are available for download on the [media page](#).