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## National Museum of the United States Army to Unveil Special Exhibit 'D-Day: Freedom from Above' on April 6 for operation's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Advance media tours will be available upon request; D-Day veteran available April 5 for onsite interviews

**Fort Belvoir, Va.** – The National Museum of the United States Army is set to open a new traveling exhibit, *D-Day: Freedom from Above*, on April 6, 2024. The exhibition pays tribute to the D-Day operation that took place on June 6, 1944, when more than 150,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the shores of Normandy. Visitors are encouraged to explore the historic invasion that President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously characterized as the "fight to end conquest."

The exhibit will offer an immersive experience using HistoPad tablets, allowing visitors to engage with technology that brings the true stories of U.S. Army paratroopers to life from their airborne landings to their actions on the ground. Through the tablets, visitors will see animations of the Soldiers' paired with original photos of the paratroopers and where they fought. The exhibit will also feature the heroic stories of the four Soldiers who received the Medal of Honor for their actions on D-Day. The medals will be displayed together for the first time in the exhibit.

Opening weekend will also include special D-Day-themed and family-friendly activities, including a "then and now" demonstration of equipment and parachute packing by U.S. Army paratroopers from Fort Gregg-Adams. The family craft activity will be available 9 a.m.—12 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The parachute packing demonstrations will take place 9 a.m.—2 p.m. on Saturday only.

The exhibit and all activities are included with the Museum's free admission. The special exhibit will be open daily and will run through November 2024.

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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 <a href="https://www.theNMUSA.org">www.theNMUSA.org</a>