



**VETERANS GROUP AT SHELL POINT  
JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER  
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***Our 8 Federal Uniformed Services***

ALL VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AT SHELL POINT

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, 30 MAY 2022. SHELL POINT PROGRAM ON TELEVISION. SPECIAL BBQ BUFFET 11 AM TO 2 PM @ CRYSTAL W/20% DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS – PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS.**
  - **D-DAY – 06 JUNE 1944**
  - **VETERANS GROUP MONTHLY MEETING – TUES, 21 JUNE – 10:30 TO 11:30 SOCIAL CENTER**

**VIDEO SELECTION – D-Day explained - On 6 June 1944, Allied forces launched Operation Overlord.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f2IUwGvW3A>

**(4 MIN)**

**NOTES:**

**1. MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMS –**

- **SHELL POINT WILL AGAIN PRODUCE A TELEVISED PROGRAM TO BE AIRED ON MONDAY 30 MAY AND TUESDAY 31 MAY – 10 AM, 2 PM AND 9 PM.**
- **MONDAY, MAY 30, 10 TO 11:30 A.M. CONNIE BROWN HALL/TAC: THE LOST SQUADRON PRESENTED BY BOB CARDIN (HARBOR COURT). AT THE BEGINNING OF WWII IN EUROPE, A GROUP OF 6 P-38 FIGHTERS AND 2 B-17 BOMBERS FLYING TO THE WAR ZONE RAN OUT OF FUEL AND CRASH LANDED ON THE GREENLAND GLACIER. IN 1992, AFTER 50 YEARS OF SNOW BUILD UP A TEAM OF EXPLORERS MELTED 268 FEET INTO THE GLACIER AND RECOVERED A P-38 AND DUBBED HER “GLACIER GIRL.” LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS REAL-LIFE ADVENTURE FROM BOB CARDIN WHO WILL PRESENT A RIVETING ACCOUNT OF HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH THE RECOVERY, RESTORATION AND FLYING OF THIS VERY HISTORIC AIRPLANE.**

**2. D – DAY: D-DAY WILL BE COMMEMORATED ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022, THE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY ALSO KNOWN AS THE ALLIED INVASION OF NORMANDY**



On June 6, 1944, Allied soldiers bravely stormed the beaches of Normandy, France. The Normandy beaches were chosen because of the range of air cover, and it was the shortest distance from Great Britain. Five landing beaches were selected for the assault: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. As dawn broke, the largest armada ever assembled began its assault on the beaches of Normandy. By the end of the day, the Atlantic Wall, (which took the Germans years to build), had fallen and the invasion was a success. The events of D-Day forged partnerships and reinforced trans-Atlantic bonds that remain strong today.

## D-DAY SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the D-Day landings lies in the fact that they represented a major turning point in World War II and allows us to reflect on those who gave their lives to guarantee the freedom enjoyed today. Less than a year after the invasion, the Allies formally accepted Nazi Germany's surrender.

The D-Day invasion, or Normandy landings, were part of a top-secret mission called "Operation Overlord." They marked the beginning of the end of World War II and the liberation of German-occupied Western Europe. The D-Day landings broke the Atlantic wall which was thought to be unbreakable and allowed the Allies to successfully complete the liberation of Western Europe. After the victory in Normandy, Paris was liberated in August 1944 as the Allies pushed slowly eastward and the Soviet Union moved toward Berlin as well.

Adolf Hitler launched one final unsuccessful counteroffensive in December 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge, called "the greatest American battle of the war" by Winston Churchill. While the battle was intended to split Allied lines and force negotiated peace, American forces were able to contain the battle and inflict heavier losses on the German forces. The fighting would continue for another month, but Hitler's last chance at stopping the Allies advancing from the west was lost.

The war in Europe was officially over on May 8, 1945, otherwise known as Victory in Europe Day or V-E Day.

## D-DAY DEFINITION

There is no general consensus on how D-Day was coined. Many believe it simply means *Day*. During WWII allied forces used the terms D-Day and H-Hour for the day and hour on which a combat attack or operation was initiated. The letters are derived from the words, "D" for the day of the invasion and "H" for the hour the operation was to begin. However, the French maintain it stood for "disembarkation" while others say "debarkation." So, like many questions in history the answer remains up for debate.

June	
PTSD Awareness Month & PTSD DAY	Month of June & 27 June
D-Day	June 6
Women Veterans Day	June 12
Army Birthday & US Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 19 - Third Sunday in June
Juneteenth	June 19
Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday	June 23

[\(https://militarybenefits.info/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/\)](https://militarybenefits.info/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/)

### WARTIME PERIODS

**WWII 12-07-41 to 12-31-46\* - 5 years**

**Korea 06-27-50 to 01-31-53 - 3 years**

**Vietnam 11-01-55 to 05-15-75 - 20 years**

**Gulf/Afghanistan ended 2020 - 20 + years**

**Cold War 1946 to 1991 - 45 years**

**\* Special recognition for our 50 WW II Veterans!**

*A veteran - whether active duty, retired, or national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including THEIR LIFE"*



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