



Remembering D-Day

Rev. Peter R. Hook, VFW National Chaplain, 2024-2025

June 6th is the 81st Anniversary of D-Day

Under the leadership of Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the D-Day invasion of Northern France took place on June 6, 1944. This massive operation—still the largest amphibious invasion in world history—turned the tide of World War II against Nazi Germany. It involved more than 5,000 ships carrying troops and vehicles across the English Channel, supported by 13,000 aircraft (some carrying paratroopers and others dropping bombs), all committed to the cause of liberating Europe.

While this successful invasion was the beginning of the liberation of Europe, the losses encountered on D-Day were high. By the end of the Normandy Campaign, it is estimated that nearly 425,000 Allied and German troops were killed, wounded, or listed as missing.

In honor of all those who fought for freedom on D-Day, and all who served before and after that historic moment—as well as our present-day service men and women, the VFW and its Auxiliary encourage every American to fly the U.S. flag and to give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy.

With deep respect and enduring gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter R. Hook". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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