



COMMEMORATE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF

D-DAY

WITH THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM



**Commemorative events at the Museum
will feature WWII veterans, exhibit tours,
film screenings, and more.**



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Dear Museum visitors,

Each year on June 6, The National WWII Museum pays tribute to the more than 150,000 Allied troops who participated in the Invasion of Normandy—the greatest amphibious assault in history. It is a day to remind us of the sacrifices made by those who were at the tip of freedom's spear on June 6, 1944, and to recall this institution's origins as The National D-Day Museum.

This June 6, however, is particularly meaningful as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of this pivotal battle in the war in Europe. It is a special moment to pay tribute to D-Day veterans and their families along with the men and women of Higgins Industries in New Orleans and other WWII Home Front workers who helped secure victory.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, The National WWII Museum has published a new book about the Normandy invasion by my predecessor Nick Mueller. We are also proud to offer a series of programs including: a special exhibit dedicated to the life and work of French Commando and fine-art painter Guy de Montlaur; a new documentary film about the battle for the bridge at La Fièvre; a partnership with Turner Classic Movies on a prime-time series dedicated to WWII films; a national Electronic Field Trip for students to take a live interactive journey into the Normandy invasion; an online continuing education course dedicated to D-Day, offered in partnership with Arizona State University; a new permanent exhibit celebrating Higgins Industries and its charismatic leader, Andrew Jackson Higgins; an Educational Travel program of more than 900 guests in Normandy; and an extensive schedule of events at our New Orleans campus from June 3 through 8 including the annual Dr. Hal Baumgarten D-Day Commemoration Ceremony.

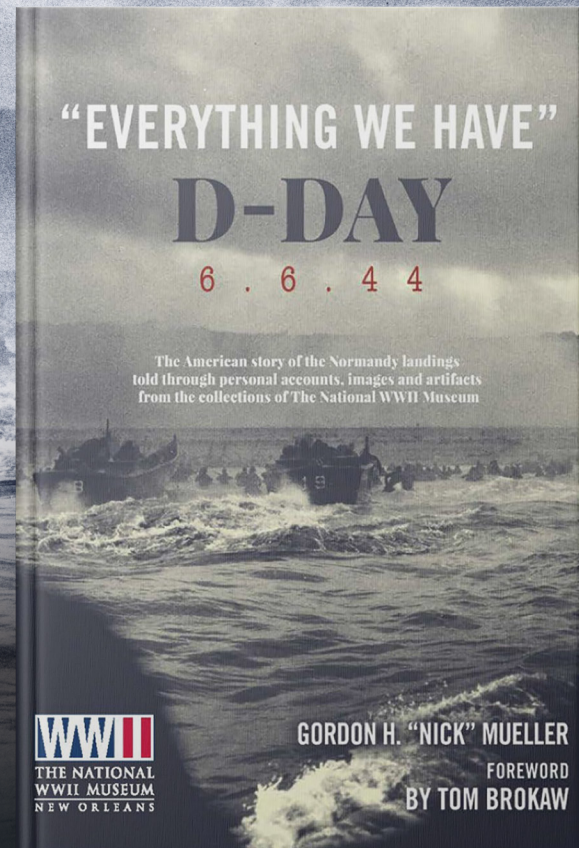
These programs not only honor the veterans who helped change the course of history but also ensure that their stories are not forgotten. As America's National WWII Museum, it is our great responsibility and honor to become their storytellers and ensure that their legacy of service, leadership, selflessness, teamwork, and determination are shared with students, teachers, historians, family members, and lifelong learners across the country.

I invite you to join us for one or several of our 75th anniversary of D-Day programs as we honor all who fought for our freedom and help keep their stories alive for generations to come.

Stephen J. Watson
President & CEO

"EVERYTHING WE HAVE" D-DAY

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The National WWII Museum's *"Everything We Have"* tells the personal stories of the people involved in Operation Overlord in their own words, some for the first time. Based on the firsthand accounts held in the Museum's archives, and illustrated with many never-before-seen documents and artifacts, *"Everything We Have"* offers a rare insight into the experiences of those soldiers, airmen, and sailors who overwhelmed Hitler's forces at the Normandy coast.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

SNEAK PEEK SCREENING:

Sunken Roads: Three Generations After D-Day

5:00 p.m. Reception | 6:00 p.m. Screening

7:00 p.m. Filmmaker Q&A

Solomon Victory Theater

(Registration Required)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

World Premiere of *Seize & Secure:*

The Battle for La Fièvre

6:00 p.m. Reception | 7:00 p.m. Screening

8:00 p.m. Panel Presentation

Solomon Victory Theater

(By Invitation Only)

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

H-Hour Ceremony

6:30 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center

LECTURE:

Kevin Farrell presents “D-Day’s Leadership Lessons”

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center

US Marine Corps Forces Reserve Band Performance

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center

MEET THE AUTHOR:

Linda Hervieux presents “Forgotten: The Untold Story of D-Day’s Black Heroes, at Home and at War”

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Louisiana Memorial Pavilion

Dr. Hal Baumgarten D-Day Commemoration Ceremony

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center

Museum Birthday Celebration

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center

Heroes Welcome for WWII Veterans

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center to

BB’s Stage Door Canteen

The 75th Anniversary of D-Day Electronic Field Trip

11:30 a.m. (repeats at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.)

Louisiana Memorial Pavilion

D-Day Veterans Panel Discussion

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center

The Victory Belles

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Louisiana Memorial Pavilion

GALLERY TALK:

Larry Decuers presents “Guy de Montlaur’s D-Day”

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Joe W. and Dorothy D. Brown Foundation

Special Exhibit Gallery

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Depictions of D-Day

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center

The Victory Swing Orchestra

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

BB’s Stage Door Canteen

(Registration Required)

FILM SCREENING:

The Longest Day

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center

(Registration Required)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

ENCORE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING:

Seize & Secure: The Battle for La Fièvre

5:00 p.m. Happy Hour at The American Sector

Restaurant & Bar | 6:00 p.m. Screening

Solomon Victory Theater

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Unless noted, all events are free and open to the public. Many of the presentations will air at [Livestream.com/nww2m](https://livestream.com/nww2m). The schedule of events is subject to change. For more information, email DDay75@nationalww2museum.org.



PRIVATE HAL BAUMGARTEN'S D-DAY

Private Harold "Hal" Baumgarten, Company B, 116th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, as part of the first waves of the assault force.

"I was wounded five times, three times on June 6, twice on June 7," Baumgarten said in his harrowing Museum oral history, which is excerpted in the new D-Day history book *"Everything We Have"* D-Day 6.6.44 by Museum President & CEO Emeritus Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller, PhD. "Now you might say to yourself, 'What kind of an idiot would keep fighting, being wounded?' We were left with three options: stay there and die, give up the beach to the Germans, or fight wounded. We decided to fight wounded."

Of the 30 men on Baumgarten's landing craft on D-Day, 28 did not survive the invasion. In his oral history, he methodically includes their names and hometowns in his narrative. "I don't want people to forget about them," he said.

Baumgarten's WWII service—for which he received a Purple Heart and two bronze stars, among other honors—inspired him to devote his life to "paying back," first by becoming a teacher, then a physician. Dr. Baumgarten's vow to honor the memories of the men who fell around him on D-Day was

evident in scores of interviews, his own writing, countless speaking engagements around the world, and his dedication to The National WWII Museum.

Dr. Baumgarten credited Museum cofounder Stephen E. Ambrose with encouraging him to write and speak about his war experiences. It was through the Ambrose connection that Dr. Baumgarten's journey onto and across Omaha Beach reached its widest audience: At The National D-Day Museum's June 6, 2000, opening ceremony, *Saving Private Ryan* director Steven Spielberg told Dr. Baumgarten that the film's unforgettable beach combat scenes were drawn from the recorded interviews Ambrose had done with the veteran. "He is the real thing," said *Saving Private Ryan* star Tom Hanks, who also attended the opening.

Dr. Baumgarten died at age 91 on December 25, 2016. His memory lives on in his oral history (online and now in Dr. Mueller's book) and in the Museum's annual D-Day commemoration ceremony (10:30 a.m. June 6, US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center), which bears his name thanks to a generous gift from family members Karen and Leopold Sher. Join us to remember him and all the others who fought for our freedom on June 6, 1944.

Light of Remembrance

Museum Members offer a glowing tribute to all those who risked everything to fight for freedom on June 6, 1944.



As we approached the 75th anniversary of D-Day and began planning our annual Dr. Hal Baumgarten D-Day Commemoration Ceremony, a special ceremony to show our respect and recognition for all those who risked their lives for our freedom on June 6, 1944, we wrote to over 176,000 of our Members asking them to join us in paying tribute to that legacy.

We sent our Members a small piece of wax, which represented the spark of hope that the soldiers brought to those five beaches as they stepped on land, growing into a powerful flame of freedom for all of Western Europe. We asked our donors and Members to return that small piece, which in turn was combined with all the other pieces and was melted to form one large three-foot candle representing the Light of Remembrance, a tribute to those who risked everything to fight tyranny on that day. The candle will be displayed and lit during the Dr. Hal Baumgarten D-Day Commemoration Ceremony.



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