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D-Day 81 Years

D-Day, observed annually on June 6, brings overwhelming memories of the brave men and women who fought a strategically planned and well-executed battle that ultimately led to the end of the Second World War. More than 75 years after the end of World War II, these memories remain fresh to the over 300,000 living U.S. veterans of the war. The rest of us look to their legacy and the rich history of events told through museums and memorials. There is not a more important time than today for us to remember and honor them as we reflect on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

What does the 'D' in D-Day stand for?

The Army and The National World War II Museum have given two explanations. First, it is simply a designation used to indicate the day of an operation as well as the days leading up to it and after it. For example, June 5, 1944, would have been D-1 and June 6, D-Day. Second, 'D' stands for 'departed date', meaning the date an operation began. So in the case of WWII, there were multiple D-Days for the various amphibious assaults.

National Flag Week

National Flag Week starts on June 8 every year. It is a day for all Americans to celebrate and honor the flag, its designers, and its makers. The flag represents all the 50 states of the country that together form the United States of America and its citizens. It is a week for citizens to pause and recognize the greatness of their nation and its people. The American flag has a proud and glorious history, and many brave soldiers have died defending it. Some also observe this week as a way to honor veterans and servicemen.

During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation "urging the people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America.



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