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First Release

Dear friend and honored Veteran of World War Two and/or the Korean War Era,

Please kindly accept an invitation to attend D-Day Conneaut 2018, America's premier living history event of the WWII era! We are proud to tell you that, once again, Eric Montgomery will be serving as your Veteran Liaison. Last year, we welcomed an amazing gathering of 157 WWII Veterans along with 92 Veterans of the Korean Era. Each year, your vitality and ability to attend this truly amazing event makes it most memorable for everyone involved. Please mark your calendar with the 2018 dates – **Friday, August 17th & Saturday, August 18th.**

As in the past, transportation to and from our Veteran Parking Area and within the park itself, along with complimentary refreshments served throughout the day, will help you get around comfortably and enjoy the event regardless of any physical limitation you may have. Our annual Veteran Program begins at 9 AM Friday with veteran reception and registration. At 10:45 AM, our first set of veterans wishing to share their stories of duty and service will commence, followed by a complimentary lunch provided for you and a guest. If you plan on attending that luncheon, please reserve your spot by contacting Eric (Phone: 412-726-6665 - Email: STITCH@ddayohio.us). Following the luncheon, for those willing to stretch out their sea legs, the Higgins boat cruise will follow, then our second veteran recollection program, the Tank Battle, and the Battle of Foucarville. Secure seating will be reserved for you and a guest for the afternoon battles. Passes for the luncheon, the seating area for the battles along with your 2018 customized name tag will be available at Veteran Registration.

On Saturday, the Veteran Hospitality Tent reopens at 8:30 AM. At 9:30 AM, we will transport you and your guest down to the bridge for our third major combat recreation; "Kellam's Bridge" at La Fiere which begins at 10 AM sharp. At 11:15 AM, our "Veterans Salute" program will again include a French Legion d'honneur medal ceremony on the Allied parade ground. Following the ceremony, Saturday's "Recollection Program" will serve as the final forum to showcase your unique wartime experiences, if you so choose. At 3 PM our event's namesake recreation, the amphibious landing of Normandy, where nearly 1000 reenactors along with tanks, flamethrowers, an 88mm anti-tank gun, airplanes and landing craft of all sorts will portray that longest day. After the landing, we will return you to the Veteran Hospitality Tent so we can get you back to your vehicle. You and your guest are welcomed to attend our spaghetti dinner at the Conneaut Human Resources Center until 7 PM. Our USO Dance begins at 8 PM at the same location.

Once again, if you are planning to attend the event in 2018, please reserve your attendance by contacting Eric (Phone: 412-726-6665 - Email: STITCH@ddayohio.us). In August, you will receive a finalized Veteran Schedule, Veteran Parking Map and any other last minute updates. If you would like to share your experience while in service, please indicate such in your e-mail message and you will be contacted by phone directly. Lastly, if you are from out of town and need help finding suitable lodging, we have a short list of available places for your consideration, but they go fast so call for details. Until then, please stay healthy...

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