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

If you are a veteran of WWII, the Korean War, or the intervening time leading up to the Vietnam War. please kindly accept my invitation to attend D-Day Conneaut 2018, America's premier living history event of the WWII era! I am proudly to tell you that once again I will be serving you as your veteran liaison. I am also equally proud to tell you that my staff and I welcomed an amazing gathering of 157 WWII Veterans along with 92 Veterans of the Korean Era to our 2017 event. Each year I am amazed at the vitality and ability of our aging veterans to attend this truly amazing event, made most memorable by your presence. The 2018 dates are **Friday August 17th & Saturday August 18th.**

Our annual Veteran Program begins at 9AM Friday with veteran reception and registration. At 10:45 AM, I will have the honor to introduce our first set of veterans wishing to share their stories of duty and service. Following our morning "Veteran's Recollection Program" lunch will be provided for you and a guest within the Hospitality Tent. Following the luncheon, weather permitting, those that are up to it can depart by golf cart, parade style, to the shore line to set sail upon a WWII era Higgins boat. After the cruise, veterans who would like to share their experiences can participate in our afternoon "Veterans' Recollection Program" at the Hospitality Tent beginning at 1:30PM. At 3PM, the Tank Battle at Sword Beach returns for its second year. At 5PM, reenactors will recreate the battle of Foucarville located near to the Hospitality Tent. What you decide to attend is entirely up to you and you are free to catch a golf cart to any of the encampments wherever you want. Secure seating will be reserved for you at afternoon battles. Collect your seating passes each day along with your custom built nametags at the WWII/Korean Era Registration desk.

On Saturday our 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 scenario; "Kellam's Bridge" at La Fiere. At 10AM, U.S. Paratroopers will attack and defend a strategically vital bridge from German forces. At 11:15, our "Veterans Salute" program includes a French Legion d'honneur medal ceremony on the Allied parade ground. Following the ceremony, Saturday's "Veterans Recollection Program" will serve as the final forum to showcase your unique wartime experiences at 12:30 lasting until 2PM. At 3PM our event's namesake recreation, the amphibious landing of Normandy, where a record number of 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, you and your guest are welcomed to attend our spaghetti dinner at the Conneaut Human Resources Center until 7PM, and in the evening, our USO Dance begins at 8PM at the same location.

If you are planning to attend the 2018 event then **I NEED TO KNOW** by contacting me by phone, email or just send me a card or note or Veteran Registration Card available on our web site. Once I know you are planning to attend, I will then mail you at the end of July a finalized Veterans Schedule, Veteran Parking Map, and instructions on how to attend the luncheon on Friday. If you would like to share your experience while in service I need to hear from you. Lastly, if you are from out of town and need help to find suitable lodging, I have a short list available for your consideration. Until then my friends, I wish you my very best!

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