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Dear friends of D-Day Conneaut

As we prepare for a very special D-Day Conneaut 2019, the nation's largest WWII and D-Day recreation, we invite you to join us for this exciting event. We also ask you to share this information with as many veterans as possible, especially those who served in the World War II or Korean War Era. **Our 2019 veterans program is 9:00AM to 5:00PM, Friday August 16 and Saturday August 17, 2019 at Conneaut Township Park, Conneaut, Ohio.**

In 2018, over 165 WWII and 83 Korean War Era Veterans participated in our formal Veteran Program. We are truly grateful and humbled that so many of these veterans choose to spend the weekend with us and we seek to make it a special, memorable experience. D-Day Conneaut recognizes veterans of all eras, but priority seating is given to older veterans or those needing assistance, particularly those of the WWII and Korean Era.

Veteran activities feature oral history presentations, a Friday Luncheon for WWII and Korean Era Veterans, rides aboard WWII landing craft, a Veteran Recognition Program, and four recreated battle scenarios related to the Normandy Invasion. Additionally, over 1,400 living historians attend the event to faithfully recreate WWII era military and civilian life. Veterans and their families are encouraged to tour the recreated camp and living history displays and demonstrations. See the Veteran Program FAQ for more detailed information.

There are 4 major combat scenarios at the event. On Friday, at 3PM a simulated tank battle on the sand and at 5PM, an engagement at a crossroads midpark. On Saturday, a battle for the control of a stone bridge takes place at 10 AM and at 3PM the event's signature amphibious landing begins.

Without a doubt, the Salute to Veteran's Medal Ceremony is the highlight of the Veteran Program. In a ceremony beginning at 11:30 AM Saturday, a French delegation will award Pre-qualified members of the WWII Veteran community with the French Legion of Honor, France's highest award for valor and dedication to restoring liberty and freedom to France. A must see!

Over the past 10 years, we have been privileged to see the positive effect that the D-Day Conneaut Veteran Program has on our aging heroes. Through the efforts of living historians, we are able to convey to our attending veterans the importance of their contributions to the war effort. We would ask that, if you know a veteran of the WWII or Korean War, please tell them about the event and how to contact us. We so much want them to enjoy this remarkable program. I urge you to visit the event website and our veteran page at [www.ddayohio.us](http://www.ddayohio.us) for the most current Veteran Program information.

**How do I sign up?** If you are a WWII or Korean Era veteran, please reserve your attendance by contacting Eric Montgomery ([stitch@ddayohio.us](mailto:stitch@ddayohio.us)) or Chris Heim ([ChrisH@ddayohio.us](mailto:ChrisH@ddayohio.us)).