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History Center to Commemorate 75th Anniversary of D-Day

- A panel of WWII veterans will share their stories in a FREE evening program, presented in partnership with Veterans Breakfast Club -

PITTSBURGH, May 22, 2019 – The Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center will honor the 75th anniversary of D-Day with special programming on **Thursday, June 6**.

This year marks 75 years since Allied forces stormed the beaches at Normandy, France, in what would become a major turning point of World War II, and the largest air, land, and sea military operation on record.

Beginning at noon at the History Center on June 6, reenactors from The Furious Fourth WWII Living History Group will march through downtown Pittsburgh in honor of local service members killed on June 6, 1944. The procession will conclude at 3 p.m. at the Southwestern Pennsylvania WWII Memorial on the North Shore.

At 7 p.m. that evening, the History Center will host a **D-Day at 75** public program where History Center curator Leslie Przybylek will present a short presentation on Pittsburgh's significant contributions that helped win World War II.

Following the presentation, Todd DePastino of the Veterans Breakfast Club will moderate a special panel of local D-Day veterans who will share their riveting first-hand accounts of the invasion at Normandy.

Attendees of the evening program will have after-hours access to the History Center's newest exhibition, ***The Vietnam War: 1945-1975***.

Admission to all **D-Day at 75** programming is FREE and open to the public. Pre-registration for the evening program is encouraged at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

D-Day at 75 is presented in partnership with the Veterans Breakfast Club, The Furious Fourth WWII Living History Group, and in conjunction with [Pittsburgh D-Day 75](#).

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



On June 6, the Heinz History Center will host a D-Day at 75 program featuring a panel of World War II veterans to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Normandy invasion.

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