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Mayor to Recognize 70 Year Anniversary of D-Day

Friday, June 6 2014, Mayor James J. Fiorentini will join the Disabled American War Veterans, Post 20, to honor those who served at the invasion of Normandy seventy years ago on June 6. The ceremony will take place at the WWII Memorial Monument across from the Post Office.

D-Day marks the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Seventy years ago, soldiers, sailors, and airmen for the Allied Expeditionary Force invaded Normandy in northern France. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive training. The courage of these troops turned the tide of World War II and changed the fate of the world forever. Their extraordinary service in the face of great danger demonstrated the finest qualities of our Nation and of our Allies, and millions around the world live in freedom because of their sacrifice.

Numerous Haverhill residents participated in the invasion of Normandy. Only two of them are still alive, Edwin Girroir and Raymond Jenkins. Mayor Fiorentini indicated he intends to recognize them on that day for their heroism.

Mayor Fiorentini also recognized in his Memorial Day speech which he dedicated to the soldiers who served at D-Day. At Memorial Day Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“We lost a lot that day in June 70 years ago, and all too many gold star families were created. But we gained something too. That day, 70 years ago on June 6, marked a turning point in history. American and British forces gained a foothold that would never be lost and within a little more than a year the war would be over. The sacrifices that our men and women made that day kept and free and ended the war. Today, our freedoms are intact, our right to vote is protected, and our freedom to worship and our freedom to speak out are intact because of the sacrifices made by our veterans on that day and on so many other days”

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“I am honored to be invited to join our Veterans on this important anniversary. It is a day we must never forget.”