

D-Day

On June 6, 1944, the Allied Forces of Britain, America, Canada, and France attacked occupying Nazi-German forces on the coast of Normandy, France. With a huge force of over 150,000 soldiers, the Allies attacked and gained a victory that became the turning point for World War II in Europe. This day would go down in history as D-Day. The **meaning** behind the "**D**" in **D-Day** has to **do** with military terminology. ... Most argue it was merely a redundancy that also meant "**day**," but others have proposed everything from "departure" to "decision" to "doomsday." One of General Eisenhower's aides said that the General's Staff felt it meant "Departure" but that everyone who had to get onto the beaches that day felt it stood for "Doomsday".

The Normandy landing operations and associated airborne operations were code-named Operation Overlord.

Code-named Operation Neptune, also called, D-Day, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties. The holiday was observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970, it was then moved to a "Monday Holiday" to be observed on the last Monday of May.

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

One of the greatest Military Memorials is the Tomb of the Unknown Solder. On March 4, 1921, the United States Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American serviceman from World War I in the plaza of the new Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. On November 11, 1921, the World

War I unknown soldier brought back from France was interred below a three-level marble tomb.

Two Unknowns from World War II--one from the European Theater and one from the Pacific Theater--and one from the Korean War were selected by Medal of Honor recipients. On May 30, 1958, after President Eisenhower awarded each the Medal of Honor, the Unknowns of World War II and the Korean War were interred in the plaza beside their World War I comrade. The original Vietnam Unknown was interred on May 28, 1984. But later, identification based on mitochondrial DNA testing, allowed the Unknown to become known and he was returned to his family. The slab over the crypt that once held the remains of the Vietnam Unknown has since been replaced. The original inscription of "Vietnam" and the dates of the conflict has been changed to "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen" as a reminder of the commitment of the Armed Forces to the fullest possible accounting of missing service members – MIAs and POWs. It is very possible that the remains of the Unknowns **could be** from any one of the Armed Services.

Unknown remains of servicemen, and now, service women will continue to be placed in the Tomb by Congressional decree as long as America sends forth our servicemen to defend our country in times of war.

The Tomb is inscribed with the words:

**HERE RESTS IN
HONORED GLORY
AN AMERICAN
SOLDIER
KNOWN BUT TO GOD**

And for the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines or Guardsmen entombed there:

**ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM**