



THE D-DAY STORY
PORTSMOUTH



Friday 26th & Saturday 27th July
9.30am to 5.30pm

What is the Festival of Knowledge?

The Festival of Knowledge aims to make academic research and ideas accessible to all. Whatever you know (or don't) about D-Day, you are welcome to come and take part.

Join us for a packed programme of Q&A sessions, workshops and drop-in activities with some of the world's leading specialists on D-Day.

We will cover topics from the role of the American 1st Infantry Division on the Normandy beaches, to the personal stories of nurses on D-Day and the intelligence missions that made the campaign a success.

How to book:

All sessions are included in The D-Day Story ticket price.

For ticket prices, go to www.thedaystory.com

Advanced booking is recommended for all sessions.

To book, email thedaystory@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

or call **023 9288 2555**.

The event has been made possible with the support of the Normandy 75 conference (22nd to 25th July 2019), a partnership between Brécourt Academic, Global War Studies Journal and University of Portsmouth. Speakers from the conference have generously given their time to participate in the Festival of Knowledge.

The Festival of Knowledge is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



The 'Big Red One' at Omaha

Session details

A lively and interactive Q&A session with the expert on the American 1st Infantry Division at Omaha.

Date

Friday 26th July

Time

10am to 11am

Location

The Briefing Room

Session type

Q&A

How to book:

Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

John C. McManus is an award-winning professor, author, military historian and one of America's leading experts on the history of modern American soldiers in combat. He is a Curators' Professor of U.S. military history at Missouri University of Science and Technology, and frequently serves as an expert for documentaries. A veteran of many battlefield tours, he has travelled thousands of miles to give lectures on military history and to research the realities of combat for American soldiers.





U.S. Navy Seabees in Southern England

Session details

Drop in to find out why the U.S. Navy Seabees were based in the South of England before D-Day and discover the logistics that made the invasion possible.

Date

Friday 26th July

Time

11 am to 12.30pm
and
2pm to 3.30pm

Location

Reception

Session type

Q&A

How to book:

Just drop in.

About the speaker:

David L. Snead joined Liberty University's history department in 2004 as an Associate Professor after teaching for 5 years at Texas Tech University. He currently holds the positions of Assistant Chair and Graduate Coordinator within the department. He specialises in 20th century American diplomatic and military history, and is the author and editor of three books. He has been happily married to Lori Snead since 1991 and has been blessed with twin daughters and a son.





The Royal Australian Air Force on D-Day

Session details

Join Adam Lunney in our exhibition galleries. Using our displays he will explain the role the Australian air forces played on D-Day.

Date

Friday 26th July

Time

11am to 11.30am
and
2pm to 2.30pm

Location

D-Day Exhibition

Session type

Talk

How to book:

No need to book but numbers are limited, so arrive early to avoid disappointment.

About the speaker:

Adam Lunney is a Sydney-based military historian and author. He has had a life-long interest in military history and has read widely on the subject for more than 30 years. He holds a Master of Arts (Military History) from UNSW College at the Australian Defence Force Academy and is a member of the Spitfire Association (Australia). He is the author of *Ready to Strike: The Spitfires and Australians of 453 (RAAF) Squadron over Normandy*.





Share your stories

Session details

Bring your Second World War photographs to share and discuss in this fascinating workshop with author and historian Julie Summers.

Date

Friday 26th July

Time

11.30am to 12.30pm

Location

The Briefing Room

Session type

Workshop

How to book:

Advance booking essential.
Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

Julie Summers is one of Britain's foremost social historians. The author of thirteen works of non-fiction, she was listed as one of only four women in the top fifty historians in Britain in 2015. Her bestselling book 'Jambusters' inspired the ITV drama series 'Home Fires', which had a regular television audience of over six million. Her work predominantly explores the impact of the Second World War on people's lives, with particular focus on women and children on the Home Front.





A single misstep with a big consequence

Session details	Date	Time
Bring your questions and discover how double agent Lily Sergueiew, codenamed Agent Treasure, made decisions that could have had terrible consequences for D-Day.	Friday 26th July	1.30pm to 2.30pm
Location	Session type	How to book:
The Briefing Room	Q&A	Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

Mary Kathryn Barbier is Professor of History at Mississippi State University. Her most recent publication is 'Spies, Lies, and Citizenship: The Hunt for Nazi Criminals'. Barbier is the editor of 'I Worked Alone: Diary of a Double Agent in World War II Europe' by Lily Sergueiew, the author of 'D-Day Deception: Operation Fortitude and the Normandy Invasion', the co-editor of 'War in History', and co-series editor of a six-volume 'Cultural History of War' covering antiquity to the present day.





Mary Morris's 'Very Private Diary'

Session details

Find out more about the role of wartime nurses through the story of Mary Morris, who wrote a diary about her experiences on the home front and the frontline.

Date

Friday 26th July

Time

3pm to 4pm

Location

The Briefing Room

Session type

Q&A

How to book:

Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

Carol Acton is Associate Professor of English at St Jerome's University in the University of Waterloo. She has edited the diary of a nurse who worked in Britain and Europe throughout the war, published as 'A Very Private Diary: A Nurse in Wartime, Mary Morris'. Her most recent book, with Dr Jane Potter, is entitled, 'Working in a World of Hurt: Trauma and Resilience in the Narratives of Medical Personnel in Warzones'.





Stopping the Panzers

Session details

Discover how, thanks to their CO's foresight, the Staffordshire Yeomanry prevented 21st Panzer Division from threatening the D-Day landings.

Date

Friday 26th July

Time

4.30pm to 5.15pm

Location

The Briefing Room

Session type

Talk

How to book:

Call or email to book.



Discover your military family history

Session details

Are you interested in finding out more about your D-Day or military ancestors? Drop in and chat with Phil McCarty for hints and tips on how to carry out family research.

Date

Saturday 27th July

Time

11am to 12.30pm
and
2pm to 3.30pm

Location

Reception

Session type

Drop in

How to book:

Just drop in.

About the speaker:

Phil McCarty is a former Senior Research Officer in the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He has served in several Territorial Army units, culminating in command of an Army Cadet Force unit in London. He has contributed to several volumes on military history, including 'Operation Market Garden: The Battle for The Low Countries'. He is a member of numerous historical societies, including the Royal Historical Society, the Army Records Society, and the British Commission for Military History.





Calendar of triumph, calendar of tragedy

Session details

See the big picture and put Normandy in context of significant global events that took place in 1944.

Date

Saturday 27th July

Time

10am to
11am

Location

The Briefing Room

Session type

Talk

How to book:

Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

In 1990, **Richard B. Frank** published his first book 'Guadalcanal'. His second work, 'Downfall: The End of the Imperial Japanese Empire', was published in 1999 and has been called "One of the six best books in English about the Second World War". Both books won awards and became main selections of the History Book Club. In 2007, Frank completed MacArthur as part of the Palgrave Great Generals series. He is currently working on a narrative history trilogy about the Asia-Pacific War 1937-1945.





Operation Neptune

With David Kohnen and colleagues of the
U.S. Naval War College

Session details

Join a panel of leading experts from the U.S. Naval War College as they discuss Operation Neptune, the Allied invasion by sea.

Date

Saturday 27th July

Time

11.30am to
12.30pm

Location

The Briefing Room

Session type

Panel discussion

How to book:

Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

The panel discussion is led by **David Kohnen**, who earned his PhD with the Laughton Professor of Naval History in the War Studies Department at King's College London. He is the author of '21st Century Knox: Influence, Sea Power, and History for the Modern Era' and 'Commanders Winn and Knowles: Winning the U-Boat War with Intelligence'. The panel features Craig L. Symonds, Geoffrey Till and Evan Wilson of the U.S. Naval War College.





Inside the book and behind the film 'The Longest Day'

Session details	Date	Time
Douglas McCabe will take a critical look at Cornelius Ryan's research and book, 'The Longest Day' compared with Darryl Zanuck's film of the same name.	Saturday 27th July	1 pm to 2pm
Location	Session type	How to book:
The Briefing Room	Talk	Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

Douglas McCabe is the retired Curator of Manuscripts for the Archives and Special Collections Department at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio USA. The position included serving as the Archivist of the Cornelius Ryan Collection of World War II Papers. Ryan was the author of 'The Longest Day', 'A Bridge Too Far', and 'The Last Battle'. In this capacity Douglas McCabe provided extensive research assistance to authors, designed exhibits, wrote and presented papers, and appeared in several television productions.





Operation Overlord, reconnaissance and intelligence

Session details

Uncovering the story of signals, aerial and human intelligence and reconnaissance missions through objects from The D-Day Story's collection.

Date

Saturday 27th July

Time

2.30pm to
3.30pm

Location

The Briefing Room

Session type

Talk

How to book:

Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

Dr. David Abrutat is a former Royal Marines Commando, RAF Officer, Zoologist and is now an Associate Fellow and Lecturer in International Relations and Security Studies at the University of Buckingham's Department of Economics. He has long had a passionate interest in Second World War military history and is a member of the Royal Marines Historical Society.





Behind the inventions: Mulberry and PLUTO

Session details

Discover the stories of the people and organisations that made Mulberry Harbours and Pluto possible.

Date

Saturday 27th July

Time

4pm to
5pm

Location

The Briefing Room

Session type

Talk

How to book:

Call or email to book.

About the speaker:

Jacob Thomas-Llewellyn attended Reading University, gaining a first-class honours degree in War, Peace and International Relations. He was subsequently awarded a research grant by the Department of Politics and International Relations to study at Masters level which he completed with a Distinction in Strategic Studies. Now undertaking his doctoral research in history, he's embarking on a thesis examining British Second World War political, military and industrial relationships using Projects Mulberry and Pluto as case studies.



The Normandy Memorial Wall



The men and women of D-Day hold a special place in the nation's heart and, with your help, they will be honoured and treasured forever at The D-Day Story. To help raise funds for an ongoing learning programme in support of the 75th anniversary in 2019, a memorial wall has been created on which the names of those who took part or who made a significant contribution, regardless of nationality and arm of service, can be recorded.

Friends and relatives of those who took part in the campaign are invited to commission the engraving and installation of a brick bearing the name and unit (regiment, ship or squadron) or organisation of the person they wish to honour and remember. It is suggested that the first name by which he or she was ordinarily known is used, without rank or initials. In addition, regiments, Corps, ships, squadrons and civilian supporting organisations can record their participation by having their crest or logo installed on the wall.

To find out more information or to secure a memorial brick or plaque visit:
www.ddaytrust.co.uk



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