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All-American D-Day Band to Perform in Normandy for Anniversary of D-Day

Outstanding High School Musicians Selected Nationwide to Honor America's Greatest Generation

The **All-American D-Day Band**, composed of outstanding high school musicians selected from band programs across the United States, will travel to Normandy, France, to participate in ceremonies commemorating the **82nd Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Liberation of Europe by American and Allied Forces**.

Band members are chosen based on demonstrated **musical excellence, leadership, and exemplary citizenship**, representing the very best of the Spirit of American Youth. These young Americans will serve as musical ambassadors of remembrance, honoring the sacrifices of the brave servicemen who stormed the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

During their visit, the band will perform in a commemorative ceremony at **Utah Beach**, one of the iconic landing sites of the D-Day invasion, paying tribute to the courage and sacrifice of Allied liberators. The ensemble will also present a concert and lead the **D-Day Memorial Parade** through the historic Normandy village of **Sainte-Mère-Église**, the first town liberated by American paratroopers during the D-Day campaign.

For the citizens of Normandy, remembrance remains deeply personal. More than eight decades later, they continue to honor the young Americans who helped secure freedom in Europe. Today's All-American D-Day Band members—many the same age as the soldiers who fought there—will be warmly welcomed as reminders of those young liberators and enduring symbols of friendship between the United States and France. The educational experience will also include visits to historic and cultural sites throughout Normandy and Paris, helping students deepen their understanding of history, sacrifice, and international friendship.

The All-American D-Day Band will perform under the leadership of **Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Beth Steele**, an accomplished musician and conductor with a distinguished military career. During her distinguished service as a U.S. Army musician, she held leadership assignments with **The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own"** in Washington, D.C.; served as Commander of the **Continental Army Band** in Hampton, Virginia; Commandant of the **Army School of Music** in Virginia Beach, Virginia; served with the **U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus** in Washington, D.C.; and concluded her career as Commander of the **U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus** in Heidelberg, Germany.

The program is produced by Historic Programs, a national nonprofit organization that develops official commemorative and educational programs around the world to honor history makers in the places where history was made.

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