

On Board: Travels with the President on the 70th Anniversary of D-Day

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THE PRESIDENT: Pausing to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day isn't just a moment to commemorate a victory as incredible as it was improbable. It's a chance to remember those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. It's a chance to honor those who answered the call to serve.

Young, fresh-faced GIs like my grandfather who marched through Europe in Patton's army. Women like my grandmother who rolled up their sleeves to work on assembly lines back home. The men who stormed the beaches of Normandy that day changed the course of human history.

Thousands of them rest here for all eternity. And in their memory, those who returned home from war were driven to live their lives the best they could raising families and helping build the American Century.

Today, a new generation of troops, the 9/11 generation, carries on that tradition. Some of them have come to Normandy today and as this time of war comes to an end and our troops come home, I hope every American will join me in honoring their service, just as we do the generations before.

[JET FLYOVER]