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## 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

(LEXINGTON, KY) June 6, 2024 will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Normandy Invasion and D-Day when some 160,000 allied troops landed on the northern French region's beaches during World War II.

Lexington has a long history with Normandy, having been Sister Cities with Deauville, France since 1957. To commemorate this special occasion, they have teamed up with the Kentucky Theatre, KET, The Nunn Center, the Lexington Public Library's Kentucky Room, the Lexington History Museum, Lexington Sister Cities and Full Field Agency for a special event to be held on June 6 at the Kentucky Theatre beginning at 5:30 pm.

In addition to remembering the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, it will also be a remembrance of eight (8) fallen soldiers with connections to Lexington who are buried in the Normandy American Cemetery. The event will be free and open to the public.

Mayor Linda Gorton will open the program with welcome remarks, followed by short films on the beaches of Normandy. In addition, Dr. Eli Capilouto will speak and introduce audio footage from The Nunn Center of interviews with some of Lexington's D-Day veterans. Youth from the Sister Cities Deauville Exchange will introduce the eight soldiers and proclamations will be given to family members. Congressman Andy Barr and Governor Andy Beshear are also slated to make remarks. KET will be presenting the documentary "In Their Own Words". The program will end with reception.

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