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Henderson County to Memorialize D-Day

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On June 6, 1944, on the heavily fortified beaches of Normandy, France, a battle that included more than 160,000 Allied troops was launched. The invasion, supported by more than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft, gave the Allied troops a strong foot hold in Europe. But not without paying a price. Heavy casualties, more than 9,000 Allied soldiers, were killed or wounded.

June 6, 2019 we recognize and memorialize the sacrifices made by the brave men who landed on those beaches and gave their lives so that more than 100,000 soldiers could continue across Europe to defeat the enemy. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. speeches made by President Roosevelt and Supreme Allied Commander Eisenhower, and music from the era, will play from the Historic Courthouse balcony. At noon, we will observe a moment of silence followed by the ringing of the courthouse bell. The bell will toll six times followed by a pause, six more times with another pause, four times, a pause and four more times to signify the date of the D-Day crusade.

Please take a moment at noon to remember the fallen.

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