



The Longest Day: The D-Day Landing at Normandy

Thursday, June 23 | 5:30 p.m.

In June 1944, American troops prepared to execute the largest amphibious operation in the history of the world. Thousands of ships transporting nearly a quarter of a million soldiers in the first few days. Many thousands of aircraft would be flying in support of the landings; bombers, fighter bombers and fighters each had their orders to destroy bridges, railways, communications, armored units on the roads. Losses for those airborne units were expected to reach 80% in the first 24 hours. Planning the entire operation had taken more than a year; from the smallest belt buckle to the enormous concrete caissons known as "Mulberries" to be connected into an artificial harbor. The weather was the worst it could be, with little relief in the forecast. Supreme Allied commander, General Dwight Eisenhower alone would make the decision about "The Longest Day".

Join historian, Michael Eckers, for a presentation on the planning, execution and aftermath of D-Day.

This presentation is open to the public and is free to attend.
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