

Press Release

D-Day 72nd Anniversary Battlefield Tour

A seaborne landing on a heavily defended enemy coast is about the most hazardous operation of all. Yet in the largest, most complex and ambitious operation of its type ever attempted, on 6 June 1944, 3 million Allied soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines co-operated to storm the French coastline at what was then perceived to be a weak point in the 2,000 mile long Atlantic Wall.

Six divisions landed on five beaches, and three more airborne divisions were dropped to protect the flanks in the biggest sea-borne invasion in history. By nightfall on D-Day, 176,000 troops were ashore and establishing hard-fought-for beachheads.

Operation Overlord was the prelude to the Normandy Campaign, during which the Allies destroyed forty German divisions, two-thirds of those arrayed against them.

To commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the event next year, and after the success of the tour this year, a five-day Battlefield Tour has been arranged for **3 to 7 June 2016**, at which Royal British Legion members and their families and friends are welcome.

The tour includes return travel from Shaftesbury and around the battlefields; the return ferry crossing; four nights bed & breakfast accommodation at a hotel near Bayeux; a full-time accompanying Guide/Historian; entrance to museums at Arromanches and the Airborne Museum at Pegasus Bridge; and a map pack and one packed lunch.

Price per person £ 635.00 (**10% discount** for RBL members) Single supplement £ 120.00

Those interested should contact 01747 828719 or email <oldcount@aol.com> or ring 01747 854765 for a reservation form.