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Senator Walczyk Wears Black Tie in Remembrance of D-Day

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Senator Mark Walczyk is donning a black bowtie today in remembrance of those who fought and were lost on D-Day. D-Day commemorates June 6th, 1944, where almost 133,000 troops from the United States, British Commonwealth, and their allies landed on a beach in Normandy to complete a pivotal operation in World War II. According to the Department of Defense, casualties from these countries surpassed 9,000 in the first 24 hours of the landing.

The Imperial War Museum classifies D-Day as the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare. The Allies utilized around 11,000 planes and used 5,000 ships to carry nearly

30,000 vehicles to land allied forces on five beaches in Normandy. This invasion of Normandy, codenamed Operation Overlord, was the start of a campaign that would cost many lives but ultimately convinced the Germans that defeat was inevitable. Many historians classify D-Day as the beginning to the end of WWII.

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“The bravery of the soldiers who stormed the beaches in Normandy displayed for the world what our service members are capable of,” said Senator Walczyk. “The boldness of the amphibious assault coupled with the American fighting spirit is why we won the day and established a foothold in Europe. My tie is tied today to celebrate their valor, and honor the many men who paid the ultimate sacrifice on D Day.”

“Today we pause to remember the iconic soldiers who selflessly stormed the beaches of Normandy to end WWII,” said Jim Brotherton, Former Commander of Carthage American Legion Post 789. “These amazing soldiers were willing to give everything in the name of freedom and in some cases they did. We will never forget the sacrifices they made on that monumental day and will forever honor their commitment to this great country.”

“D-Day was a huge turning point in WWII. Their sacrifices didn’t just affect our country but the entire world,” said Jasyn Griffin, Lowville American Legion 162 SAL Commander-Elect. “We will forever honor their commitment to our country and celebrate their service on June 6th every year.”

Senator Walczyk represents the 49th Senate District of New York State which encompasses either the entirety or part of Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Oswego, Herkimer, Hamilton, and Fulton counties. Bow Tie Tuesday is a fun initiative by the Senator to raise awareness to important issues and will be released each Tuesday on his website and social media.