



## Programme May – June 2019

### Come and take a picture of yourself in Utah Beach!

From April 15 and during all the festivities of the summer of 2019, the Conseil Départemental is offering visitors the opportunity to take pictures of themselves next to metal structures installed in Utah Beach!

### The men of Utah Beach !

20 banners with photographs of soldiers who took part in the landing at Utah Beach will float between Sainte-Marie-du-Mont and Utah Beach.

*Organization: Utah Beach D-Day Committee and D-Day Museum*

### From June 1st :

#### Exhibition « Utah Beach, Then and Now »

Inauguration of the new exhibition « Utah Beach, then and now ». Through old pictures superimposed to actual ones, the visitor is immersed in D-Day on Utah Beach and Ste-Marie-du-Mont. This provisory exhibition will stay from June 2019 to November 2020.

*Organization: Utah Beach Landing Museum - musee@utah-beach.com - 02 33 71 53 35*

### Friday 31 may :

#### FULL - Screening of « the Girl who wore freedom » documentary.

A feature documentary film that tells the story of the Normandy Invasion from the perspective of the French. On June 5th, 1944, in Ste. Marie du Mont, Normandy, five-year-old Danielle Patrix fell asleep to the familiar sounds of German jackboots marching on her cobblestone street. When she awakened, she heard an unfamiliar rumbling. American tanks, arriving from Utah Beach, rolled past her front door announcing





liberation from Germany. Soldiers stopped at her door and placed gifts of gum, chocolate, and candy in her apron. On that day, June 6th, 1944, they also gave Danielle and Ste. Marie du Mont freedom.

The Girl Who Wore Freedom tells the story of D-Day and its legacy told by those who lived it and those who continue to honor its lasting impact through celebrations of remembrance and gratitude.

Premiere at 8 :30Pm. Booking : 02 33 71 53 35 or [musee@utah-beach.com](mailto:musee@utah-beach.com)

Organisation : Normandy Stories, and the Utah Beach Museum – [musee@utah-beach.com](mailto:musee@utah-beach.com) – 02 33 71 53 35

### Saturday 1 June :

#### Car Rally

Car rally (electric cars) of the Syndicat des Energies de la Manche (passes through Utah). Hours to define.

### Sunday 2 June :

#### « In the footsteps of our liberators »

23 kms of hiking with commented stops in Utah Beach and Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, upon registration. Meeting at 9 :00am, departure 9 :30am near the 4th Division monument in front of the museum. Lunch break in the village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont (bring your picnic or restaurant on site). Second departure at 1 :30pm (12kms of hiking). Coming back to the museum around 4 :30PM. On registration. 4 euros per adult (including the tickets entrance to the museum on the same day)

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## World War II Foundation International Film Festival Red Carpet Event at the Utah Beach

7PM – 11PM : Red carpet at the Museum with actors from the Band of Brothers television series, D-Day and World War II veterans. Special guests also attending. Ticketed event. Includes: Access to museum, food, drink, dessert, music, autographs and photos with actors and veterans. Cost: 75 euros.

Organization : WWII Foundation - <http://www.wwiifoundation.org/events/film/>

### Monday 3 June:

#### Band of Brothers Actors signing at the Utah Beach Museum.

11AM to 2PM: Cost: 20 euros. Does not include admission to museum. – More informations with the WW2 Foundation.

#### Meeting with Paul Golz, German WW2 Veteran

3PM : presentation of his experience of WW2 and question and answer session - Museum access required - museum hangar

#### Special screening and meeting wit the actors of Band of Brothers – 6PM to 8PM

Special screening at the Utah Beach Museum of a short film chronicling several Band of Brothers actors returning 18 years later to where they did their “bootcamp” or training for the series. Film is produced and introduced by Rick Warden, who played Lt. Harry Welsh. 30 minutes. Shot in England. Rick Warden’s short film will be followed by a panel discussion with the actors from Band of Brothers in the B-26 hangar at the Utah Beach Museum. The topic is Behind the Scenes of Episodes 2 & 3 of the series, *Day of Days* and *Carentan*. Cost: 20 euros. Organization : WWII Foundation - <http://www.wwiifoundation.org/events/film/>

### Thirsdasy 4 June :





Sons of Scotland Pipe Band Concert : 2pm

4 to 9 June :

### Utah Memory Field Historigal gathering (From 9 :30AM to 7PM)

The Utah Memory Field is a historical gathering that presents in a playful and immersive way the army of yesterday and today. The various exhibitions on display provide a glimpse into the events that took place in Utah Beach on June 6, 1944 and the days that followed.

To see : - US side : Hospital Medical 3th BMC, 4th/79th infantry divisions, 6TH Cavalry Division, 91yh Evac Hospital, more than 30 vehicles... - French side : Free French naval forces, Free French air forces, Civilians, Resistance fighters. But also a garage of the GER XV 2ndDB with RBFMs and Marinettes...

- Throughout the week, activities are planned at the UTAH MEMORY FIELD (medical reenacted scenes, immersive scenes, baptisms of historic vehicles on rough terrain, workshops on civilians and their way of life, Battle at 1/72th, model exhibition and model making, presentation of equipment and demonstrations of the French Army, etc.). Catering and drinks on site. Admission to the Utah Memory Field is free.
- Late opening of the camp : Friday 7 June, until 11pm.

### Utah Memory Tour

On June 4, 5 and 7, 8, 9, departure of the Utah Memory Tour for a 40 miles trip in a historic vehicle. Meeting at 8:30 am (breakfast offered). Departure from the Utah Memory Tour at 9:00 am. Return to Utah Beach at 4:30 pm to visit the Utah Beach museum. End of the day visit at 7:30 pm. Secured parking. Passage through Saint-Martin-de-Varreville, the Crisbecq Battery, Camp Arizona, Carentan, the Normandy Victory Museum in Catz, Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, the Utah Beach Landing Museum and to finish the Utah Memory Field with its historic 4x4 baptism. (Registration via [arhnm44@gmail.com](mailto:arhnm44@gmail.com) / 07 68 09 17 87, 38 euros per adult, 32 euros for people with disabilities, 28 euros per child // Rates include the 70 km journey, museum visits, breakfast, lunch and a snack). Places are limited, reservations required.

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### Thursday 6 june :

- 6th of June ceremonies :
  - 8 :30 am : Ceremonie at Winters Monument
  - 9 :15 am : Ceremony at the Franco-Danish monument
  - 10 :45am / 11h15 : Concert by the Danish Navy Battery Band
  - 2PM : Official Ceremony at Utah Beach
  - 4PM : Ceremony at the Frog Men monument

The Museum will be closed on the morning until 2pm.

- 4 :30 PM : Land'Art "freedom for the sea". A group of 16 young Germans and 25 students from the Félix Buhot secondary school in Valognes will work on making sculptures from waste material collected on the beaches during the week of the festivities. On June 6, the group will officially present their ephemeral sculpture.

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- 5 :00 PM : Outdoor concert of the choir "Voice of Shared Peace": Concert performed by young German and French people. They will present peaceful German and French songs, interspersed with French texts from Anne Frank's diary.

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### Friday 7 june :

#### Utah Memory Ball

- 7:30pm/23pm: Concert on the museum esplanade, Les Madeeson & Co. will perform French and American songs from the 1940s and 1950s. Spectators, whether in period military or civilian clothing, are invited to dance and swing to the music of yesteryear. Catering and drinks on site.
- Late opening of the museum (until 10PM, last entrances at 9PM).





- Late opening of the camp « Utah Memory Field » until 11PM. Catering and drinks on site.
- 11PM : Firework on Utah Beach

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### Sunday 9 June :

#### Start of the race « 19.44 »

10:00am: Start of the "19.44" race from Utah Beach, direction Carentan.

Organization : Town Hall of Carentan - Sebastien Lesnée - [lesne.sebastien@free.fr](mailto:lesne.sebastien@free.fr)

#### 4PM : Ceremony at the US Navy monument

### Monday 10 June :

10 :30 am : Comanches Ceremony (organization Stéphane Jacquet)

### Saturday 23 June :

#### Commented walk « Then and Now »

6 km of commented walk "Then and Now", putting in parallel the exhibition presented in the museum from June 1, 2019. Departure 10am from the museum. (4 euros per person, including the museum and exhibition entrance ticket). Places are limited. Registration required: [musee@utah-beach.com](mailto:musee@utah-beach.com) / 02 33 71 53 35

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