

D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944 opens at the Bullock IMAX in May.

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## Normandy hero to speak at the Bullock

May 3 screening of new IMAX film to feature conversation with decorated WWII soldier Frank Denius

**APRIL 9, 2014 (AUSTIN, TX)** – More than 60 million people died during World War II, and the D-Day Invasion at Normandy changed the course of the war, and of world history. Learn more about this important operation from a soldier who landed and fought in Normandy during "Conversation With a Normandy Hero" on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Bullock Texas State History Museum IMAX Theatre.

Lawyer-philanthropist Frank Denius was just 19 when he was sent to France as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Division of the National Guard. He landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy shortly after the initial arrival of Allied troops in France on June 6, 1944, and fought in every major campaign until the war ended eleven months later. He earned four Silver Stars and two Purple Hearts, making him one of the most decorated soldiers of the war.

Denius will join Dr. Tom Hatfield, director of the Military History Institute in UT's Briscoe Center for American History on May 3, for a public conversation after the 2:00 p.m. screening of the new IMAX film, D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944. Denius and Hatfield are coauthors of the soon-to-be published memoir about Denius' experiences called, On the Way.

This program is free for all veterans and active military and reservations are required and can be made by filling out an online form. For questions, please call (512) 936-4649. Nonmilitary patrons may attend by purchasing tickets at http://bit.ly/DdayTix.

<u>D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944</u> brings the June 6, 1944 landing of Allied troops on the beaches of Normandy, France, to the biggest screen in Texas for the 70th anniversary of this pivotal World War II event.

Blending animation, CGI and stunning live-action images, the film thrills audiences of all ages in breathtaking IMAX® 3D as they discover how 100 days in the summer of 1944 changed the course of history. Narrated by Tom Brokaw. Check <a href="www.thestoryoftexas.com/d-day">www.thestoryoftexas.com/d-day</a> for show times. Call (512) 936-4649 for more information.

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## About the Bullock Museum and IMAX Theatre

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the museum has welcomed more than 6 million visitors since it opened in 2001. The museum features Austin's premier 400-seat, state-of-the-art theatre which uses innovative IMAX technology to create the ultimate film experience. The Bullock Museum and IMAX Theatre are located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue. For more, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com.