

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

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D-Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration at Bullock Museum

June 6 screening of new IMAX film to feature conversation with decorated WWII soldiers Bob Bearden and Johnny Marino

MAY 20, 2014 (AUSTIN, TX) – Friday, June 6, 2014, marks the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied Invasion of Normandy, France which changed the course of the war, and of world history. Learn more about this important operation from two soldiers who landed and fought on the beaches of Normandy during *D-Day* 70th Anniversary Commemoration on June 6, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Bullock Texas State History Museum IMAX Theatre.

Presented in partnership with the Texas Veterans Land Board's Voices of Veterans oral history project, The *D-Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration* will begin at 2pm with a screening of the new IMAX film, *D-Day: Normandy 1944*. Following the screening, World War II Veterans Robert Bearden, author and former POW, and fellow soldier Johnny Marino, will conduct a panel discussion and Q&A session about their personal experiences in the Battle of Normandy. After the program, Mr. Bearden will be signing copies of his book, "*To D-Day and Back*" in the Bullock 2nd Floor Lobby.

This program is free for all veterans and active military and reservations are required and can be made by filling out an <u>online form</u>. For questions, please call (512) 936-4649. Non-military patrons may attend by purchasing tickets <u>here</u>.

<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 <u>www.thestoryoftexas.com/d-day</u> for show times. Call (512) 936-4649 for more information.

About the Voices of Veterans program: The Voices of Veterans oral history program seeks to record the stories of Texas veterans and archive the transcripts in the Office of Veterans Records for future researchers, historians, genealogists and the general public. Any veteran interested may contact the Texas VLB at 1-800-252-VETS (8387), or send an e-mail to <u>vlbinfo@glo.texas.gov</u>.

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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.