

## BELATED D-DAY JUNE 6, 1944

Yes, I have an excuse. D-Day's 75th anniversary was last week, but due to my incompetence at managing time, we put a belated Memorial Day article in this space instead. This week we will share with you this belated D-Day article, and it, too, will be a week late. Not only do I have trouble keeping track of the days as they whiz by in a blur, but also, some of the best writings about these significant dates don't come out soon enough for us to share them with you on time.

The following message appeared in my email on Wednesday, June 5, from Jim Hake, founder of Spirit of America, an organization that works with our military in hot spots around the world, helping both soldiers and locals with needed supplies that are not otherwise available through standard budgets. Spirit of America is a great outfit, and worthy of our support.

Jim's story of his dad reminds me of my own dad, Ernie Gommel. No, he didn't serve in a combat role in the military, which always bothered him. He tried to enlist with the army and with the navy, but since at that time he was involved in making steel pipe (in the Bay Area), they asked him keep at that job since it was a necessity for the war effort. Some of the pipe they made was invasion pipe, for the D Day invasion itself.

Jim's description of his dad's "can-do" spirit reminds me hugely of my dad, who used that very phrase, and who challenged us with, "Don't tell me what can't be done. Tell me what can be done!" He also quoted my grandfather's motto: "The difficult takes a little while. The impossible takes a little longer."

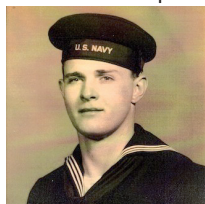
So here is Jim's D Day story.

*Ernie Gommel*

Greetings,

Tomorrow is the 75th Anniversary of D-Day – the beginning of the Allied invasion of Normandy and the turning point in the liberation of Europe in World War II. My father was part of the invasion at Utah Beach.

He decided to enlist in the Navy after the attack on Pearl Harbor and became a SeaBee. "SeaBee" comes from CB or Construction Battalion. As a Chief Shipfitter, my father's job was to



set up the pontoon systems – like those below – that allowed the Allied invasion to reach scale, offloading trucks, tanks, supplies and personnel onto the beaches of Normandy.

My dad was a large and larger-than-life man. . . . But like most of his generation he didn't talk much about his military service.

My father never went to college but he was smart and hardworking. The most reliable way to get him upset was to use the word "can't." There was a sign behind his office desk: "Instead of thinking of reasons why it can't be done, think of ways to do it." He meant it. If my brother, sisters or I complained we couldn't do something, he'd get pretty agitated and say, "You can do anything! You're a Hake!"

My dad's can-do spirit was, in part, a quality of his generation – a quality reflected in the poster of "Rosie the Riveter."

I love that poster. Every word matters. What it doesn't say also matters. It doesn't say, "They can do it!" or, "I can do it!" It doesn't say, "Why can't government do it?" It says, "WE can do it!" We the people of the United States.

Rosie symbolized that you didn't have to wear a uniform to serve. That's what Spirit of America is about: citizens serving the nation.

Today, we face a more complex array of threats and challenges than ever before. But it is still true that We Can Do It. As it has been since our founding, America's greatest hope is the initiative, can-do spirit, generosity and optimism of our citizens, working together and doing what needs to be done.

All of us at Spirit of America are in awe of the courage, sacrifice and service of those who stormed the beaches of Normandy 75 years ago. We are inspired by those who served before the D-Day invasion and those who have served since. And, we are proud to build on the legacy they created.

All the best, Jim

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## D-DAY PRAYER

By President Franklin Roosevelt.

"My fellow Americans: Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far.

And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer: Almighty God: Our

sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest-until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home -- fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas -- whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them--help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent,



let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too -- strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen."

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- 5 - We are putting this in. Thanks.  
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Coffeemate Cinnamon Roll flavor	10A	5
Cauliflower Crust Pizza (frozen)	1B	5
Dannon Low Fat Vanilla Yogurt, 32 oz	1B	5
Land O Lakes Cocoa Classics, large can		✓
Tiger Balm		✓
Fresh Pet Grain Free Chubs	4B	5
Buckler Nonalcoholic Beer		✓
Virgils Root Beer, 16 oz wire top bottle		✓
Clamato Chile Lime Salt		✓
Sierra Nevada Tropical Torpedo Beer		✓
Jamaica Flowers (Hibiscus)		✓
Springfield Jasmine Rice, 5 lb		2,3
Queen Elephant, 5 lb	9B	
Friskies Cat Food, Pate Chicken, 5 1/2 oz		✓
Shasta Diet Root Beer		✓
A&W Diet Root Beer	1A	
Orange Sherbet (any brand)		✓
Betty Crocker Reese Peanut Butter Cookie Mix	7B	
Nestle Tangerine Fruit Juice Bars	10A	
Bobs Red Mill Buckwheat Flour	7B	5
Lays Family Size Lightly Salted (blue bag)	10A	5
Sara Lee French Cheese Cake	11A	5
Canned Baby Corn	9B	5
Dry Chick Peas (Garbanzos) bag	9B	5
Bob's Red Mill Baking Soda	7B	
Taco Bell Taco Sauce	9B	
Claim Jumper Razzleberry Pie		✓
Wallets	14	5
Del Monte Fruit Cups with Chia	9A	5
La Choy Beef Chow Mein	9B	5
Coke with Stevia	1A	5
Coke Orange Vanilla, 2 liter		✓
12 pack and 20 oz	A1	
Rubber Boots	13	4
Dasani Drops		✓
Entenmann's Chocolate Fudge Cakes		✓
Ruffles Flaming Hot	10A	5
Jiffy Peat Pellets	3B	4
Lay's Potato Chips, Dill Pickle		✓
Vidalia Onions, 2 lb bag (by May 30)	Prod	5
TV Wall Mount		Holiday Lane

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