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## **A Tribute to Courage, Competence and Commitment *D-DAY: NORMANDY 1944***

**HARRISBURG, WHITAKER CENTER (May 21, 2015)** — On June 6, 2015, the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of D-Day, Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts and 3D Entertainment Distribution are proud to premiere in our Select Medical Digital Cinema, *D-Day: Normandy 1944*, a N3D LAND Productions film written and directed by Pascal Vuong and narrated by Tom Brokaw. This compelling documentary will continue throughout the summer.

June 6, 1944: The largest Allied operation of World War II began in Normandy, France. Yet today, few know in detail exactly why and how. From the end of 1943 through August 1944, this region became the most important location in the world. Blending multiple cinematographic techniques, including animation and stunning live-action images in 3D, *D-Day: Normandy 1944* brings this monumental event to the world's largest screens for the first time. Audiences of all ages, including new generations, will discover from a new perspective how this landing changed the world. The family friendly documentary, *D-Day: Normandy 1944*, pays tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Pascal Vuong was honored to produce the film so that "...family audiences the world over will discover exactly why and how, from the end of 1943 through August 1944, history was defined in this region of France. And why, 70 years later, we in the western world should all be grateful to those who gave everything, including their lives, for our liberty."

"The extraordinary quality of the sound track and the crystal clear images on the largest screen in Central Pennsylvania will bring the scenes from D-Day alive for visitors of all ages," says Dr. Michael Hanes, President and CEO of Whitaker Center.

Several special activities will be taking place to accompany the opening day of the documentary. D-Day veteran Wayne Doyle will make remarks and answer questions from guests. The Furious Fourth, a group of Fourth Infantry Division WWII reenactors, will also be in attendance with several presentations and meet and greets throughout the afternoon. In addition, the Furious Fourth will facilitate a WWII Scavenger Hunt that will educate children about items that were valuable to the war effort. Also, veterans and active duty military personnel will receive free admission to *D-Day* on opening day with the purchase of one paid Cinema admission.

For more information, please visit [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) or call 717-214-ARTS.

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**Editor's Note:** Select Medical Digital Cinema turns any movie into a total immersion experience; the screen itself is 38 feet high and 70 feet wide. The powerful 5-channel, 20,000 watt surround sound system makes every film sound as big as it looks. From under the sea to outer space, educational films to Hollywood blockbusters, 2D to state-of-the-art 3D, our Digital Cinema makes every movie experience one to remember. Please follow Whitaker Center on Twitter @whitakercenter and on Facebook at [facebook.com/WhitakerCenterHbg](https://www.facebook.com/WhitakerCenterHbg) for the latest news and events. We are also on Youtube, Pinterest, and Instagram.