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Biden omits mention of D-Day on 77th anniversary of Normandy invasion

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President Joe Biden's social media accounts did not post about D-Day on the 77th anniversary.
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President Biden seemed to have forgotten about the anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion of northwestern Europe that turned the tide against Nazi Germany in World War II.

Biden did not reference the 77th anniversary of Operation Overlord on either his personal Twitter account or his official @POTUS account Sunday, the date of the invasion. The president did highlight his remarks in Tulsa, Okla., last week that marked the 100th anniversary of that city's 1921 race massacre.

He also tweeted, "We're getting America back on track" from the @POTUS account, and "In the competition for the 21st century, the future will be built right here in America" from his personal account.

The White House did not put out a statement referencing D-Day (or any statement at all) on Sunday, though it did note the 40th anniversary of the known beginning of the AIDS epidemic the previous day.



The British Normandy Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer on June 6, 2021.
Sameer Al-Doumy, Pool via AP

Vice President [Kamala Harris did pay tribute](#) to those who took part in the invasion, tweeting: “On the 77th anniversary of #DDay, we honor the heroes who stormed the beaches of Normandy and liberated a continent. We will never forget their courage and sacrifice.”

First lady [Jill Biden also posted](#) her thoughts on Twitter, writing, “77 years ago, families gathered around radios and heard FDR pray for a ‘peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.’ Let us never forget those who fought, their families, or sacrifices, and let us always pray for peace.”

The lack of a tribute from the president was a source of disappointment for some Twitter users Monday.

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“As the number of WWII vets who remain with us continues to dwindle, it becomes more important, not less, to remember them & their heroic deeds, including their bravery & sacrifice on the beaches of Normandy,” tweeted Washington Examiner reporter [Jerry Dunleavy](#). “Huge unforced error by Biden not to commemorate D-Day over the weekend.”

“I was disappointed to see that yesterday President Biden failed to honor the memory of the heroes who fought for our freedoms on D-Day,” tweeted [Rep. Diana Harshbarger](#) (R-Tenn.). “These American heroes deserve much better.”

Other social media users suggested that Biden’s forgetfulness was actually a deliberate snub.

“I’m FURIOUS that Biden couldn’t be bothered to say ANYTHING to recognize the bravery of those who fought at Normandy 77 years ago,” tweeted [Rep. Ronny Jackson](#) (R-Texas). “His ‘Hate America Agenda’ is so strong, he wants us to FORGET about our war heroes. WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEIR BRAVERY!”



American soldiers storming the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944.
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At least one member of the executive branch raged against the omission.

“As a veteran, I find it reprehensible that the president ends his speeches with ‘God bless the troops,’ which now seems to be in words only,” an anonymous Department of Homeland Security official who fought in Afghanistan and Iraq [told Fox News](#). “He blatantly forgot to acknowledge the tremendous sacrifice of our greatest generation.”

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Monday that even though Biden didn’t commemorate the invasion over the weekend, those who fought on the beaches of northern France that June morning remain “close to his heart.”

“I can tell you that certainly the — his value for the role that the men who served on D-Day and the memory of them, the families who have kept their memory alive over the course of years on this day is something the president has spoke to many, many times in the past,” she said. “It’s close to his heart, and I wouldn’t be surprised if there’s more we would have to say on it.”

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