



Proclaiming June 6th 2023 as
D-Day Remembrance Day

Whereas, on this day, we commemorate the 79th anniversary of D-Day, the largest maritime invasion in history that fundamentally shifted the course of World War II and the role our community played in securing victory; and

Whereas, Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) was established early in World War II when the Navy rapidly adapted agricultural and petroleum-based industries alongside the Oxnard Deep-Water Port. NBVC played a crucial role in rushing fighter aircraft and supplies to the Pacific and equipping and training the Navy's new Construction Battalions whose mission was to quickly build our nation's airstrips, ports, roads, and buildings abroad; and

Whereas, NBVC's served a major role in transporting our nation's service men and women to the Pacific Theater, where they took part in the construction of our airfields and bases abroad that supported the bombers who ultimately ended America's involvement in World War II; and

Whereas, the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Congjo Valley Chapter, founded in 1984, has played a significant role in promoting patriotism and honoring the service of Ventura County veterans; and

Whereas, through events such as the annual Red, White, and Blue Ball, the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks Memorial Park, and the Veterans Day Ceremony at Congjo Creek Park North, the MOWW Congjo Valley Chapter has provided opportunities for the community to express gratitude and respect for our veterans; and

Whereas, the Congjo Valley Chapter's leadership in creating the Congjo Valley Veterans Memorial Plaque at Congjo Creek Park demonstrates their dedication to preserving the memory of those who have served our nation; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges and applauds the Military Order of the World Wars Congjo Valley Chapter's public initiatives celebrating and memorializing our veterans, and encouraging leadership for our youth through their Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference.

Now Therefore Be It Proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura that June 6, 2023, shall be observed as: "D-DAY REMEMBRANCE DAY." We call upon the citizens of Ventura County to commemorate this day in honor of the bravery and sacrifice of our World War II veterans and to recognize the enduring contributions of the Congjo Valley Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars and the Naval Base Ventura County to our County and our Country.

Presented on this 6th day of June 2023

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Matt LeVere, Supervisor 1st District

Jeff Gorzill, Supervisor 2nd District

Kelly Long, Supervisor 3rd District

Janice S. Parvin, Supervisor 4th District

Viancy Lopez, Supervisor 5th District