



WWII TRIBUTE OF HONOR

Participants of D-DAY, Liberation of France and Europe

On June 6, 2024 we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D-DAY, the name given to the amphibious invasion of the beaches at Normandy in northern France by some 156,000 troops of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries during World War II. France was occupied by the armies of Nazi Germany.

The Cape May County Clerk's Office has a web page is to honor those who had a part in the Allied Forces landing on the beaches at Normandy in Northern France on June 6, 1944 and the days following which resulted in the liberation of France and Europe from their occupation by Nazi Germany. www.capemaycountynj.gov/1660/Tribute-of-Honor

It is estimated that some 4,000 Allied troops were killed by German soldiers defending the beaches. At the time, the D-Day invasion was the largest naval, air and land operation in history. Within a few days about 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and 100,000 tons of equipment had landed. By August 1944, all of Northern France had been liberated and in the spring of 1945 the Allies had defeated the Germans. D-Day is considered the beginning of the end of WWII.

Do you have a family member who participated During WWII in Europe, Normandy or the Battle of the Bulge as a member of the armed services or in some other way such as ambulance driver, a medic, a farmer who came to aid others? If so tell us their story.

Submit a **WWII TRIBUTE OF HONOR** with a photo along with
- Hero name- If a veteran - Military Division and rank - Story of the hero's life and service
Submissions can be made to Rita M. Rothberg, Cape May County Clerk 609-465-1018. Rita.
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Harry Kulkowitz

• 1924-2017 - U.S. ARMY 114TH SIGNAL CORPS



Harry Kulkowitz the son of Russian Immigrants, who were Jewish, was born in New York 1924. His father was a tailor in New York City. His mother Sophia died while Harry was fighting in Europe. To join up in 1941, when the Americans came into the war, Harry had to lie on his enlistment papers, he was not yet 18, to fight alongside his friends. Harry originally signed up to be a photographer and then became radio intercept operator. As a radio operator, he was trained to listen to Nazi codes and messages.

Harry landed on Utah Beach, Normandy on June 6, 1944, as a 20-year-old with the 114th Signal Company, sea sick and frightened and as he says not knowing what the hell was going on! After landing on Utah Beach June 6, 1944 Harry went on through the whole European campaign eventually finishing in 1945 in Germany.

Sixty years later, Kulkowitz was welcomed with opened arms in the small villages of France. The mayor of Houseville honored him with a special medal and accolades at a public ceremony. Women who remembered the invasion came up to him and kissed him. Women who weren't even born in 1944 came up to him and kissed him. Harry's picture appeared on the front page of the local paper the next day.

In 1944, when Kulkowitz landed on Utah Beach and approached the village of Houseville, he had only one thought in mind - to rid the world of Adolph Hitler. He felt it was his duty as an American and as a Jew to enlist. Kulkowitz's generation performed selfless acts of sacrifice and heroism, yet somehow, despite overwhelming accomplishments, they remain humble.

Long after the war, in 1978, our Harry started the Mad Batter restaurant and the Carroll Villa Hotel on historic Jackson Street in Cape May New Jersey. The opening of the business helped to facilitate the renaissance of great restaurants in Cape May. The rest is HIS-story.

