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Plaskett Joins Congressional Delegation to Normandy for D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration

Bipartisan delegation including Congresswoman Plaskett commemorates D-Day's 80th anniversary in Normandy, honoring heroes and upholding democratic values

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Vierville-sur-Mer, France - Sept. 5, 2023: The "Ever Forward" statue and the National Guard Monument, established in 2014, commemorate U.S. soldiers who landed at Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. By. GETTY IMAGES

Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett is part of a bipartisan Congressional delegation that traveled to Normandy, France this week to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

The delegation, which includes veterans and their families, active duty service members, and various government and military officials, as well as foreign dignitaries, will participate in the commemorative ceremonies on Thursday, June 6.

Ms. Plaskett expressed her deep respect and gratitude towards the servicemen and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, highlighting the significant contributions of Virgin Islanders during World War II. “It is my honor to pay homage to the men and women who serve in the armed forces especially those Virgin Islanders who, despite their second-class status, answered the call during World War II to defend our democracy and those who continue to defend America’s best values and support the efforts of other nations to do the same,” she stated.

Reflecting on the historical significance of D-Day, the congresswoman emphasized the sacrifices made by these servicemembers: “On the eightieth anniversary of D-Day, we honor the men who made the ultimate sacrifice and went directly into the heat of battle on behalf of their country during a time of great turmoil and danger. We as citizens, and as a community, are forever indebted to our servicemembers. Our resolve is that their sacrifice is not in vain as we continue to fight for liberty and justice for all, both at home and abroad.”

Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries also spoke on the occasion, recognizing the valor and courage of the veterans: “Eighty years ago, these brave servicemembers went directly into conflict because they knew that the future of civilization was at stake. We remember the remarkable courage under fire of our veterans and know that America is free only because of their extraordinary bravery.”