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U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn travels to Normandy, France on D-Day to pay tribute to WWII soldiers

Senator also honors Tennessean Bob Cole who was posthumously presented Medal of Honor for Valor during WWII

NORMANDY, France June 6, 2024— U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) joined 17 of her Senate colleagues in honoring the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion by Allied forces during World War II at the Normandy American Cemetery. She met with WWII veterans, including Tennessean Cletis Bailey, visited the gravesites of fallen soldiers, and attended a memorial service.

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STATEMENTS of HONOR

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U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn is shown here with several members of the U.S. Military who represent today's commitment to protect the nation as soldiers did on D-Day (Photo/Courtesy: Blackburn Senate Office).

Awarded Bronze Star for WWII Service

"I've had the opportunity to spend a moment with Cletis Bailey, another Tennessean who is here for this celebration, and to say thank you to so many of these men that fought – men and women who fought – on D-Day,

who fought in World War II, and to express my thanks and my gratitude."

• The Senate delegation was led by U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and John Boozman (R-Ark.) and also includes Senators Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Jack Reed (D-R.I.),

Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Joe Manchin (I-W.Va.), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), and

Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.).
• On Sunday, June 9, the delegation watched as hundreds of U.S. servicemembers stationed in Europe and from U.S.-based units with historical links to D-Day join servicemembers and civilians from all over Europe participating in a commemorative parachute jump.

4-H Club shooting sports athletes get ready to compete in National Championships June 23-28

From The Hunting Wire

The numbers are in, and there are 721 Competitors registered from 40 States for the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships being held June 23-28 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Heartland Public Shooting Park will host the Compound Archery, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Muzzleloading, Recurve Archery, Shotgun, Smallbore Pistol, and Smallbore Rifle events. The Pinnacle Bank Arena will host the Air Pistol, and Air Rifle events. These nine different disciplines will compete in 27 different events.

For example, the 161 registered archers will shoot a 1/2 World Archery Outdoor Target (formally FITA) round, a 1/2 Field round,



and a 30-target 3-D round. "I believe one of the most grueling disciplines is Hunting & Outdoor Skills" says Scott Stuhr, National 4-H Shooting Sports Program Coordinator. "Not to take anything away from the other disciplines, but these competitors not only have to be proficient in shooting 3 different pieces of equipment, but they also have all that studying and practice to do for the written tests and other competitions they do

each day." Day one for the 45 registered Hunting & Outdoor Skills competitors start with a 15-target 3-D Archery course followed by identifying specimens by using skulls, furs, wings, feathers, tracks, scat, or sound. They will also take a written test with questions pertaining to habitat, behavior, wildlife management, breeding seasons, or other characteristics. Day two is a 15-target hit or miss shotgun competition

that simulates different hunting scenarios. The Hunter Skills test is based off topics such as first aid, decoys, game recovery, firearms/ammunition, or game care to name a few. Then there is a written test on map interpretation and reading. A 15-target rifle competition, with 2-D animal targets, begins day three. The test includes subjects such as ethics, safety, landowner relationships, and federal and state game laws.

They may also view videos of hunting situations and be asked if they should "shoot or don't shoot" and "why". There is a hunting scenario given to the participants prior to the competition that the participants must prepare for and be able to answer questions about. A compass

course, using a real compass (no GPS allowed) rounds out the day. For more information about the National 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships please visit National Championships. If interested in volunteering at the National Championships, please visit Volunteer Opportunities. To learn more about 4-H Shooting Sports, go to <https://4-hshootingsports.org>.

For information on having a booth, sponsoring an event, or becoming a supporter of 4-H Shooting Sports, or anything else related to 4-H Shooting Sports, please contact Scott Stuhr, at coordinator@4-hshootingsports.org



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