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I often wonder why C-SPAN programs are not listed in TV Guide! Will C-SPAN repeat this 14-hour special?

Thank you again for a wonderful remembrance for the men and women that participated in every way before, during, and after D-Day. Mr. Jutras was right-on when he said "the men in the VA hospitals should <u>never</u> be forgotten" but they should be treated with respect by the public and especially the medical profession.

I agree with the gentlemen who spoke - June 6 should be a celebration of freedom and a commemoration of the event.

Sincerely,

Pataskala, OH 43062 (near Columbus)