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MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

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Monday is Memorial Day, marking America's annual remembrance of our nation's war dead. And as we pause this year to honor those who have made the supreme sacrifice, we are also preparing to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

D-Day was the turning point of World War II -- some have called it the turning point of the 20th century. And from the front lines to the supply lines, Kansas has many proud connections to this climactic battle.

General Dwight Eisenhower -- the Man from Abilene -- led the allied forces. The first unit ashore at Omaha Beach was the legendary "Big Red One" based at Fort Riley, Kansas. From aircraft to fuel to crystals for radios, Kansans from every corner of the state contributed to the war effort.

And of course, countless Kansans answered the call to serve in uniform. They fought bravely. Many didn't come home. Like their comrades from across America, they served with skill, professionalism and patriotism. Each and every one played a part in the defeat of tyranny and the survival of democracy. It is these courageous Americans -- and all other Americans who put their lives on the line in conflicts before and after -- that we remember on Memorial Day.

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