

## RAPID FIRE

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**"The election's done. We don't have opponents anymore. Now it's time to come together, to work together to move this state forward."**

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, who won the right to finish his term in a recall challenge June 5. Walker is the first U.S. governor to survive a recall attempt, brought on when he took away the union rights of most public workers as part of a strategy to curb state spending.

**"Are we the only ones who are brave on the planet? ... I mean, it's just stupid, I think. I'm embarrassed. I'm embarrassed every time I hear it."**

Radio talk-show host Bill Press, admitting he is on a "major crusade" to replace "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem

**"When the chips are down, when life is tough, you really see the true qualities of an individual."**

Frank Hillery of Boston, whose son, Kevin, is the first paraplegic to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy. The 22-year-old was paralyzed in 2011 when a tree fell on him while he was bicycling, ending his dream of becoming a Navy SEAL. Hillery missed a semester but finished with his class, and now plans to attend law school.

**"The whole thing? This whole locker is mine?"**

Andy Zhang, 14, the youngest golfer in the history of the U.S. Open, when officials showed him where he'd store his gear at the Olympic Club in San Francisco

**"The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."**

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in his farewell speech given at West Point on May 12, 1962

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# Remembering NORMANDY

**Veterans gather again  
in the land they liberated  
68 years ago.**



**ABOVE:** D-Day veterans Eugene Cook of Newnan, Ga., left, and John Perozzi of Cherry Hill, N.J., helped the Airborne Museum in Ste. Mère-Eglise break ground on a major expansion.

**RIGHT:** American Legion National Commander Fang Wong, center, National Sergeant-at-Arms David Louie, left, and Auxiliary National President Kris Nelson hoist the colors at the Normandy American Cemetery near Omaha Beach.

Photos by Jeff Stoffer



**LEFT:** An active-duty color guard stands before wreaths laid in memory of D-Day sacrifices.

**BELOW:** Wong enjoys a chat with Air Force Academy senior Jeremiah King of Ohio, a former American Legion Buckeye Boys State participant.

**BOTTOM:** Wong accepts a medal, similar in stature to the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, from Dr. Claude Gagnon of the Assemblée Nationale, during an event honoring The American Legion.



John Perozzi, 92, had not been to Normandy since he arrived by parachute on June 6, 1944. On the 68th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, he stood in the rain on a narrow street in Ste. Mère-Eglise and soaked it all in. "I am so impressed with the people and the way they rebuilt their town ... so many happy faces," he said, displaying a chest full of medals, including his newest, the French Legion of Honor, which he received during this year's anniversary activities in France. "I am very proud and blessed that I could come here."

The New Jersey veteran was among many notable figures who joined American Legion National Commander Fang Wong and American Legion Auxiliary National President Kris Nelson in honoring the invasion's memory and those who gave their lives in the march to victory.

Others who visited France included Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, commanding general of the U.S. Army Europe and the 7th Army, as well as Brig. Gen. Alan Stolte of the U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), and hundreds of active-duty troops from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado and duty stations around the world.



**ABOVE:** Kaye Weninger of Locust Valley, N.Y., and Ste. Mère-Eglise Mayor Marc Lefevre unveil a new sign recognizing a sister-city relationship that began as "Operation Democracy" in the post-World War II recovery. [www.operationdemocracy.com](http://www.operationdemocracy.com)