

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Spratt Announces Recognition of D-Day Vets**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that he will recognize veterans from the Fifth Congressional District who participated in the Battle of Normandy (D-Day). Normandy veterans will be presented with the “Jubilee of Liberty Medal” at Veteran’s Day ceremonies in Rock Hill, Sumter, and Darlington on November 10 and 11.

The "Jubilee of Liberty Medal" was first awarded in 1994 to American servicemen for their participation in the Battle of Normandy. The medals were minted at the request of the Regional Council of Normandy and presented to veterans attending the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landing on June 6, 1944.

Spratt wants to recognize those veterans from the Fifth District who were unable to attend the 1994 observance. Eligible veterans include those who served in Normandy from June 6, 1944 to August 31, 1944 in ground forces, offshore supporting personnel, or flying cover overhead.

Interested veterans can contact any of Rep. Spratt’s three District offices: Rock Hill (803) 327-1114, Sumter (803) 773-3362, or Darlington (843) 393-3998, by September 15, 2003, to obtain an application form. Forms must then be returned to any of his district offices no later than October 1, which is the deadline for ordering medals. All qualifying veterans will be acknowledged at Veteran’s Day ceremonies planned for the Fifth District.

The counties in the Fifth Congressional District are Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Fairfield, Florence (part), Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee (part), Marlboro, Newberry, Sumter (part), and York.

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