



LIBERATION. RECONCILIATION. FOR EVERY GENERATION.  
**PATTON**  
THE CONCERTS  
NORMANDIE  
BASTOISE  
*2014*

## Dear Friends and Family.

We did it! We turned the beaches of Normandy from a bloody remembrance of the past, to a living hopefulness for the future. We honored the soldiers who touched the sand, and fought their way through to victory. But, more than that, we welcomed not just the Allies – but also our former enemies.

Think how different the world is today and now imagine what we will accomplish in another 70 years, if we not only keep up Patton's liberation, but now to add to it Patton's RECONCILIATION!

This takes blood and guts, of course, with apologies to Grandpa who would rather be known as Brains and Guts. It also takes your involvement and support. We have **TWO MORE DAYS** left of our crowd funding campaign ([Click to DONATE](#)) and hope we have inspired you enough to become a part of the magic.

The concerts were free to the public (as they should have been on such an occasion) and a roaring success. If you have already contributed THANK YOU! If you believe in the power of our mission of "Liberation, Reconciliation for Every Generation" then consider helping us sustain its success by contributing now.

I was humbled on so many occasions throughout that weekend. Introducing our original song "The Greatest Generation". Hearing the notes of "A Soldiers Requiem" LIVE produced by the angelic Sylvia Rhyne DURING the parachute drop over Utah Beach. Who could have believed Paul Anke's "The Longest Day" could segue into Iron Maiden's version of the same or that "White Cliffs of Dover" could be in a trio with "Wonderful World" and "Over the Rainbow"?

We had D-Day Veterans, Milton Staley and Tom Ingram, join us onstage singing James Brown's "Living in America"! Holland's Sir Thijs van Leer (son of a Normandy Veteran) spontaneously offered a requiem of his own dedicated dear friend Denise Thill who died on June 7th in Mont St. Michel while in service to the Veterans. We shared a short Public Service Announcement about Gary Sinise' RISE project which provides housing for Limbless Veterans (The Foundation committed 10,000 to this cause on D-Day). We even had members of the Band of Brothers cast spontaneously hop on stage in support of our efforts to engage the world!

This was likely the last decennial anniversary to take place in the presence of actual D-Day Veterans. We had a heartfelt embrace of a fitting opportunity for transmission of memory and the sharing of those fundamental values for which so many young men were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice: peace, freedom, brotherhood and the dignity of humankind. In the words of President Obama, "People cannot live in freedom unless free people are willing to die for it".

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Germany's Thomas Blug and the international All Stars he brought together were a force to be reckoned with as they poured all their energy and soul into this unique event! We even have received a further invitation to perform again... and again... so The Patton Concerts will continue making special moments happen in Bastogne, The Czech Republic, and Normandy again, just to name a few.

To all who gave donations to help us launch this - I thank you from the bottom of my heart. To those of you who believe what we believe - I hope you will consider joining our movement. No contribution is too small and all of it will make a difference. We are offering perks in return for your donations: books, signed memorabilia, etc. ([Click to DONATE](#))

I was awarded France's Legion of Honor Medal on Utah Beach but it is an honor not just to me personally, but to all those who believe in the Patton Foundation and what it stands for. I will need your support to live up to its demands by implementing new ways to commemorate the Veterans and ultimately help hinder the mere notion of war.

Please review the clips of our concert as recorded by Ouest France ([Link](#)) as well as my 3,000 feet descent into Picauville from the historic Whiskey 7 c-47 with the All Veteran Jump Team ([Link](#)).

Hope you enjoy it! What a fantastic week it was. Let's end on a triumphant note together and gear up for the next step!

**Danke, Merci, Thank You!!**

Faithfully, Helen Patton