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12 January 2015 - Reagan High School student **Julia Brunson** (11th grade) and U.S. History instructor **Margaret Holtgreive** have been selected to represent the **State of Wisconsin** in the National History Day Organizations annual program entitled: “Normandy - A Sacrifice for Freedom,” a highly esteemed student and teacher institute.



This powerful program is hosted by the NHD to “provide life-changing educational opportunities to students.” Each participating student selects and researches a U.S. service member who did not survive the Invasion of Normandy on D-Day (June 6, 1944). This military operation involved air and naval bombing along the beach of Normandy in France as well as the amphibious landing of 24,000 American, British and Canadian troops while under heavy military fire. It is estimated that at least 10,000 allied casualties occurred that day and over 4,000 service personnel died in their concerted attempt to liberate France from Nazi control.

The students’ work will involve research, readings, video interviews, and on-line discussions. All of their work culminates in a student/teacher trip to Normandy to provide a eulogy for each student-selected fallen soldier, sailor or marine who sacrificed their lives on the Normandy beach. For more information, please visit www.nhd.org

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