

D-DAY 80

Never forgotten

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EAST Sutherland Rescue Association (ESRA) has thanked everyone who was involved in or who attended the D-Day 80 commemorations in Dornoch.

ESRA took the lead role in organising a programme of events to mark the anniversary on Thursday, June 6.

D-Day was June 6, 1944, when thousands of Allied troops from Britain, the United States, France, Australia and Canada landed on five beaches along the German-occupied French coastline.

It was the largest seaborne invasion in history and began the liberation of France and the rest of Western Europe, laying the foundations for the Allied victory on the Western Front.

ESRA's Tony Ross posted on the group's social media page after last Thursday's events: "What an amazing night last night was. Thank you so much to everyone who was involved or just came along and joined in."

"It was incredible to see the communities of



The colours of the British Legion, Dornoch Veterans and the Royal Naval Association.

Pictures: Andy Kirby

Sutherland come together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in such spectacular fashion."

ESRA is now hoping to create a video to capture the entire event, which included a walk by 'evacuees' from

Dornoch war memorial to Dornoch Cathedral Green; services; a barbecue at the Cadogan Lifeboat Station; and a lighting of a beacon as well as other tributes.

Mr Ross wrote: "I am sure that many of you have photos and videos and my

next task is to create a video capturing the entire event to that end I would like to ask anyone who has footage and/or photos to get in touch."

ESRA is asking for photos and videos to be emailed to photos@esra.uk

A service of remembrance was held, led by Rev John Chambers.

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A beacon and Lamp for Peace was lit at 9.15pm to coincide with national timing and similar events at Inver and Tarbat Discovery Centre.



Sutherland Lord-Lieutenant Patrick Marriott read the International Tribute.



It was an evening full of ceremony.



Cath Macangus, Provost of Dornoch, and others look round a World War II exhibition set up in the Cadogan Lifeboat Station by Historylinks and the UHI Dornoch campus. Music of the era was played.



Dornoch Pipe Band paraded at Dornoch beach car park, where the