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A veteran combat parachutist of D-Day, June 6, 1944, Operation Market Garden of September 17-25, 1944, and the Battle of the Bulge, 16 December 1944 – 24 January 1945, will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a tandem parachute jump, Aug. 13.

World War II veteran Richard “Red” Falvey, in tandem with veteran Golden Knight Sergeant First Class [retired] Mike Elliott, along with six other members of the Ranger Group Parachute Team, plan to do an airborne tandem jump into a landing zone on the Army Heritage Trail in Carlisle, Pa., now scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13 at 12:30 p.m.

The second Airborne Soldier out of plane # 49 on D-Day, Falvey was a Soldier who trained with and dropped into Normandy with Easy Company, 2<sup>nd</sup>Battalion, 506<sup>th</sup>Parachute Infantry Regiment, assigned to the U.S. Army’s 101<sup>st</sup>Airborne Division. Easy Company was the unit made famous by the book, Band of Brothers. Falvey received 16 medals including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Battle of the Bulge Medal.

The Army Heritage & Education Center will celebrate Falvey’s service with an educational presentation on the D-Day invasion with guest speaker retired Brig. Gen. Harold Nelson, the Army’s former Chief of Military History; and an introduction to the AHEC collection and materials from D-Day and Operation Overlord.

In addition, the 506<sup>th</sup>Parachute Infantry Regiment re-enactment group will be on the Heritage trail conducting educational programs on the regiment and Falvey’s service during the war.

The schedule of event is as follows:

**Time:****Event:****Location:**

0930	Meet and Greet WW2 veteran 'Red' Falvey and the Ranger Group Parachute Team	Inside USAHEC
1030	Lecture: "Development of US Army Airborne Capabilities And WWII Airborne Operations," BG (Ret.) Harold Nelson Former Chief of Military History, Center of Military History	Inside USAHEC
1130	A History of Red Falvey and the 506th PIR, 506th PIR Re-enactment Group	WWII Core Area - Army Heritage Trail
1230	Parachute jump, Red Falvey and Ranger Group Parachute Team	Heritage Trail USAHEC
1245	Post event meet and greet with Red and the Ranger Group Parachute Team	Heritage Trail USAHEC

The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center archives one of the largest collections of U.S. Military items, with a collection of over 15 million historical pieces, some dating to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The Center is an all-in-one facility with on-site storage and preservation of historical items, along with a museum and historical trail where a variety of uniforms, weapons, documents, buildings and vehicles are linked to the stories of Soldiers and units. The history center is part of the U.S. Army War College, the premier educational institute for senior leaders of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Army Heritage & Education Center is 20 miles south of Harrisburg, at 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA, 17013. All AHEC events are free and open to the public. Learn more at [www.usahec.org](http://www.usahec.org) or join the community at [www.facebook.com/usawc#!/usahec](https://www.facebook.com/usawc#!/usahec).