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ENERGY

Gov. Dunleavy examining energy bills passed by Alaska Legislature

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Energy bills passed by the Alaska Legislature will help the state address natural gas supply problems in Southcentral's Cook Inlet region and energy problems statewide, Gov. Mike Dunleavy said on Monday.

But he and his staff members are still poring over the details of the bills that passed and things that were left out, the Republican governor told reporters. In the latter category was a bill he introduced, House Bill 276 and Senate Bill 194, that would have reduced royalties for Cook Inlet natural gas and oil. A different royalty reduction bill, House Bill 223, passed the House but not the Senate.

Dunleavy, speaking to reporters gathered at a U.S. Department of Energy-sponsored event in Anchorage, said he has not decided what to do now about Cook Inlet royalty relief.

"Obviously, we wanted all of our bills to move and pass because we saw specific problems that we're trying to solve," he said. Examining the approved legislation will take a bit of time because several bills wound up being combined, he said. "And so, probably within the next week or so, it makes sense . . . to see what we'll do with Cook Inlet in terms of incentivizing more gas production."

Asked about the possibility of calling a special session on Cook Inlet royalty relief, Dunleavy was noncommittal.

"We're going to take a look at what else was passed and what was left out to see what we need to do in the near future, what we need to get ready for next year," Dunleavy said. The possibility of a special session "depends on, once we do our analysis of the bill, what that looks like."

One important provision that did pass, he said, concerned regulating Cook Inlet natural gas storage. That will increase storage capacity in the region, he said.

That proposal was originally intruded in a standalone measure, Senate Bill 220, but wound up bundled with other energy provisions into a larger bill that was also about carbon capture, reserves-based lending and geothermal energy.

LOREN HOLMES / ADN

Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy participates in a panel discussion about arctic energy issues with Alberta Premier Danielle Smith on Monday during the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage.

The carbon-storage provisions were originally proposed in a standalone bill the governor introduced last year. If signed by Dunleavy, the bill passed by the Legislature will enable the state to set up a regulatory framework for leasing what is known as "pore space" underground where carbon gases may be stored.

Related to that effort was a bill passed last year enabling the state to start a system of selling carbon credits to preserve sections of state-owned forested land. Regulations for those sales are still being made final, and potential buyers have shown interest, Dunleavy said.

"We have had a number of tire kickers, seat-sitters, look-under-the-engine people, but they've been waiting for the regs," he said.

Discussions are ongoing with potential customers in Japan and other Asian allies that could help Alaska monetize carbon, he said.

Monday's event at which Dunleavy spoke was a daylong energy meeting called Connecting the Arctic that was a prelude to this week's Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference.

Dunleavy and Alberta Premier Danielle Smith both spoke about oil and gas production that is continuing in their regions even as they work to limit emissions of carbon gases. Scientists say the accumulation of those gases in the atmosphere creates a greenhouse layer that causes climate change.

"We're transitioning away from emissions. We're not transitioning away from production," Smith told the meeting audience.

Compared to Alaska's estimated remaining oil reserves of 3.6 billion barrels, Alberta has 1.2 trillion barrels of oil remaining, Smith said. At the same time, Alberta has available for storing carbon dioxide "the second-largest pore space in the world, aside from Russia," she said. "And we're a better friend and ally than Russia, even though they're close."

Alberta, like Alaska, is hoping to use those vast underground spaces for carbon storage, she said. "My officials tell me that we have enough pore space to capture, theoretically, all of the CO2 emissions that have already been produced by man so far."

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ALASKA LEGISLATURE

Alaska lawmakers approve bill ending use of firefighting foams with 'forever chemicals'

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For the second time in two years, the Alaska Legislature passed a bill requiring a phase-out of firefighting foams with contaminants called "forever chemicals."

The chemicals, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances that are commonly known as PFAS, have become notorious for their persistence and widespread presence in the environment.

Known for their resistance to flames and degradation, PFAS chemicals — which number in the thousands —have been used since the 1950s in a wide variety of products, from consumer goods like clothing and cookware to industrial materials like paints, sealants and drilling fluids. The chemicals have spread over time into soils, waterways, drinking water supplies and people's bodies. The chemicals have been linked to developmental delays in children, reproductive problems in adults, increased cancer risks, weakened immune systems and other health problems.

Firefighting foams, the subject of the bill passed by the Legislature, Senate Bill 67, are the most common source of PFAS pollution in Alaska and in other U.S. states.

The bill requires a switch to PFAS-free foams by the start of 2025. It also authorizes a program to remove PFAS firefighting foams from villages with fewer than 2,000 people.

A bill last year that included similar provisions was vetoed by Gov. Mike Dunleavy.

Preventing more PFAS pollution, which has already proved costly to address, is the bill's goal, said the sponsor, said Sen. Jesse Kiehl, D-Juneau.

"I think getting that PFAS bill back to the governor's desk will prevent a lot of spills and poisoned drinking water in rural Alaska. Prevention's cheaper than cleanup," Kiehl said on Thursday, the day after the Legislature adjourned.

Numerous villages around the state received, in the past, special "Code Red" kits: portable firefighting units that included PFAS foams. Most of those kits are no longer operable, but the foams in them remain a hazard, Kiehl said.

"A critical, critical thing in the bill is that help removing the PFAS foam from tiny rural villages that do not have the money for hazmat removal on their own," he said.

Last year, lawmakers approved the substance of Senate Bill 67 after it was folded into a separate bill, House Bill 51, that was aimed at stopping use of another type of chemical — hydrofluorocarbons — as refrigerants. Hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs, are potent greenhouse gases, and the bill would have ensured that building codes in Alaska allow for HFC-free alternatives.

The bundled HFC-PFAs bill passed both chambers with wide support. However, Dunleavy vetoed House Bill 51, citing concerns about the state burden of removing PFAS foams from communities.

This time around, Kiehl said, there were some alterations that should alleviate the governor's concerns.

Instead of having the state conduct the actual PFAS collection from rural villages and dispose of it, the state will reimburse rural communities for the cost of doing that, Kiehl said. Reimbursable costs include those of replacing equipment that might have been contaminated with PFAS foams.

The statewide cost of the bill is estimated at $2.55 million, money that is already contained in the just-passed capital budget for the coming fiscal year.

Alaska Community Action on Toxics, a nonprofit that has studied PFAS contamination in the state, praised lawmakers for passing Kiehl's bill.

"The passage of this legislation is so meaningful to all of us who are working to protect water quality and community health throughout Alaska from the devastating effects of PFAS," Pamela Miller, ACAT's executive director, said in a statement. "We look forward to further work with legislators on the complex problems associated with PFAS contamination and ensuring protection of our waters, wildlife, and people."

A study by ACAT published last year found PFAS contamination in all 15 waterways tested in the Anchorage and Fairbanks areas. Those contaminated waters included popular recreation sites and sites in residential neighborhoods.

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Dunleavy has not yet taken a position on Senate Bill 67, according to a spokesperson.

"The governor will review the legislation after it is transmitted to his office and make a decision," Jeff Turner, Dunleavy's communications director, said by email.

Nearly all Americans have some level of PFAS contaminants in their bodies, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, though concentrations of some PFAS compounds have dropped considerably in recent years as their use has been cut back.

Contamination of drinking water has been a concern nationally. The Environmental Protection Agency in April made final the nation's first enforceable limits on six types of PFAS compounds.

Within Alaska, there are nearly 500 sites that the state Department of Environmental Conservation has identified as being contaminated with PFAS compounds. They range geographically from Imikpuk Lake and the old airstrip near it on the northern outskirts of Utqiagvik to the Ketchikan airport in Southeast to Shemya Island, site of a former U.S. Air Force station, near the western tip of the Aleutians.

Airports have been common sources of PFAS pollution, as their firefighting units were previously required by the federal government to use PFAS-containing fire-suppression foams. That requirement was recently lifted by the Federal Aviation Administration, which last year released a plan for airports to transition to approved non-PFAS foams.

Passage of Senate Bill 67 coincides with other federal actions to diminish PFAS use and presence in the environment.

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 that was signed into law on Thursday by President Joe Biden includes establishment of a $350 million fund to reimburse airports across the nation for costs of replacing PFAS-using firefighting equipment. The fund will also pay for disposal of PFAS chemicals.

Twenty-six Alaska airports, including the international airports in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau, are eligible for FAA funding for PFAS replacement, said Joe Plesha, a spokesperson for Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska.

The bill passed by the Legislature carves out exceptions to the PFAS-free mandate.

Those foams would continue to be used if required by federal law, according to the bill.

Additionally, oil and gas facilities, which are at risk of especially intense fires, would be allowed to continue using those foams until the state fire marshal makes a formal determination that an alternative PFAS-free firefighting foam is available, safe and effective. Once that determination is made, the state fire marshal is to issue a regulation that will prompt the transition at oil and gas facilities to PFAS-free foams, according to the bill.

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Former President Donald Trump's sons Eric Trump, Donald Trump Jr., daughter-in-law Lara Trump and daughter Tiffany Trump gather at Manhattan criminal court before closing arguments in Trump's criminal hush money trial in New York on Tuesday.

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TRUMP

ULIA NIKHINSON / Pool

Former President Donald Trump gestures while leaving for a lunch break at Manhattan Criminal Court on Tuesday.

Wednesday. He later added: "We'll never know if this effort to hoodwink voters made the difference in the 2016 election, but that's not something we have to prove."

Trump lawyer Todd Blanche told jurors that neither the actor, Stormy Daniels, nor the Trump attorney who paid her, Michael Cohen, can be trusted.

"President Trump is innocent. He did not commit any crimes, and the district attorney has not met their burden of proof, period," Blanche said.

Following more than four weeks of testimony, the summations tee up a momentous and historically unprecedented task for the jury as it decides whether to convict the presumptive Republican presidential nominee ahead of the November election. The political undertones of the proceedings were unmistakable as President Joe Biden's campaign staged an event outside the courthouse with actor Robert De Niro while Blanche reminded jurors the case was not a referendum on their views about Trump.

In a marathon five-hour argument that stretched deep into the evening, Steinglass stressed to jurors the trove of evidence they had viewed but also sought to defray potential concerns about witness credibility. Trump and his legal team, for instance, have repeatedly denounced Cohen as a liar.

The prosecutor acknowledged that Daniels' account about the alleged 2006 encounter in a Lake Tahoe hotel suite, which Trump has denied, was at times "cringeworthy." But he said the details she offered — including about decor and what she said she saw when she snooped in Trump's toiletry kit — were full of touchstones "that kind of ring true."

He said the story matters because it "reinforces (Trump's) incentive to buy her silence."

"Her story is messy. It makes people uncomfortable to hear. It probably makes some of you uncomfortable to hear. But that's kind of the point," Steinglass said. He added: "In the simplest terms, Stormy Daniels is the motive."

The payoff unfolded against the backdrop of the disclosure of a 2005 "Access Hollywood" recording in which Trump could be heard bragging about grabbing women sexually without their permission. Had the Daniels story emerged after that recording, it would have undermined his strategy of spinning away his words, Steinglass said.

"It's critical to appreciate this," Steinglass said. At the same time he was dismissing his words on the tape as "locker room talk," Trump "was negotiating to muzzle a porn star," the prosecutor said.

Blanche, who spoke first, sought to downplay the fallout by saying the "Access Hollywood" tape was not a "doomsday event."

Steinglass also maintained that the prosecution's case did not rest solely on Michael Cohen, Trump's former lawyer and personal fixer who paid Daniels $130,000 to keep quiet. Cohen later pleaded guilty to federal charges for his role in the hush money payments, as well as to lying to Congress. He went to prison and was disbarred, but his direct involvement in the transactions made him a key trial witness.

"It's not about whether you like Michael Cohen. It's not about whether you want to go into business with Michael Cohen," Steinglass said. "It's whether he has useful, reliable information to give you about what went down in this case, and the truth is that he was in the best position to know."

Trump faces 34 felony counts of falsifying business records, charges punishable by up to four years in prison. He has pleaded not guilty and denied wrongdoing.

The two sides also differed on a recording Cohen made of himself and Trump discussing what prosecutors say was a plan to buy the rights to the story of a Playboy model, Karen McDougal, from the National Enquirer, after the publication's parent company paid her $150,000 to keep quiet about an affair she says she had with Trump.

Blanche said the September 2016 recording, which cuts off before the conversation finishes, is unreliable and isn't about McDougal at all, but rather about a plan to buy a collection of material the tabloid had hoarded on Trump. Steinglass said the recording was part of a "mountain of evidence" against Trump.

Though the case featured sometimes seamy discussion of sex and tabloid industry practices, the actual charges concern something decidedly less flashy: reimbursements Trump signed for Cohen for the payments.

The reimbursements were recorded as being for legal expenses, which prosecutors say was a fraudulent label designed to conceal the purpose of the hush money transaction.

Defense lawyers say Cohen actually did substantive legal work for Trump and his family. But Steinglass said that argument is undermined by a 2018 Trump tweet in which the then-president described the arrangement with Cohen as a "reimbursement" while insisting it was unrelated to his candidacy.

"Mr. Cohen spent more time being cross-examined at this trial than he did doing legal work for Donald Trump in 2017," Steinglass quipped. "Do you think there's any chance Donald Trump would pay $42,000 an hour for legal work by Michael Cohen?"

In his own address to the jury, Blanche castigated the case's entire foundation.

He said Cohen, not Trump, created the invoices submitted to the Trump Organization for reimbursement and he rejected the prosecution's caricature of a details-oriented manager, suggesting instead that Trump was preoccupied by the presidency and not the checks he was signing. And he mocked the idea that the alleged hush money scheme amounted to election interference.

"Every campaign in this country is a conspiracy to promote a candidate, a group of people who are working together to help somebody win," Blanche said.

He reserved his most animated attack for Cohen, with whom he tangled during a lengthy cross-examination.

Mimicking the term "GOAT," used primarily in sports as an acronym for "greatest of all time," Blanche labeled Cohen the "GLOAT" — greatest liar of all time — and called him "the human embodiment of reasonable doubt."

"He lied to you repeatedly. He lied many, many times before you even met him. His financial and personal well-being depend on this case. He is biased and motivated to tell you a story that is not true," Blanche said, a reference to Cohen's social media attacks on Trump and the lucrative income he has derived from books and podcasts about Trump.

The attorney's voice became even more impassioned as he revisited one of the more memorable moments of the trial: when Blanche sought to unravel Cohen's claim that he had spoken to Trump by phone about the Daniels arrangement on Oct. 24, 2016.

Cohen testified that he had contacted Trump's bodyguard, Keith Schiller, as a way of getting a hold of Trump, but Blanche asserted that at the time Cohen was actually dealing with a spate of harassing phone calls and was preoccupied with that problem when he spoke with Schiller.

"That was a lie," Blanche said, "and he got caught red-handed."

In his testimony, Cohen acknowledged a litany of past lies, many of which he said were intended to protect Trump. But he said he had subsequently told the truth, at great cost: "My entire life has been turned upside-down as a direct result," he said.

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Revenge plot may end with a bloody stump

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Readers: As I announced last week, my final "Ask Amy" column in this space will run on June 30. Readers will be able to find me through my newsletter and on amydickinson.com.

Until then, I'll occasionally open my files and rerun some previously published Q&A. Here are two:

Q. Dear Amy: I learned that my boyfriend might have cheated on me.

He told me that a friend of his saw a female — that the friend used to date — on a dating site.

The friend wanted to get revenge on this ex, so he used my boyfriend's old profile from the dating site to catfish her.

However, from everything I saw, it seems like my boyfriend was not the middle man, but the primary person.

All the messages between the two were from my boyfriend, and the messages from him sounded just like him — not like his friend.

My boyfriend and I got into an argument, and he left the house.

At the same time he was arguing with me, he was texting the girl, wanting to see her.

He went to her house that night and when he came home, he was acting differently.

Later I spoke with the female involved and she told me that she and my boyfriend had in fact slept together.

He has adamantly denied this, saying that he only went to her house as a bet from his friend — the one who was using his profile on the dating app.

I'm trying to move forward from this situation, but I don't know if I believe my boyfriend.

I need a second opinion: How does this situation sound to you?

Do you think he cheated?

Should I put this behind me, move on, and accept his explanation?

— Wondering and Worried

A. Dear Wondering: Rome's Bocca della Verita, or "Mouth of Truth," is an ancient marble mask, which according to the popular medieval legend will bite the hand off anybody who has told a lie.

The idea is that you place your hand inside of the mouth of this large sculptured mask, and then let the magic of the Bocca della Verita be your lie detector.

You might recognize this monument from the wonderful Audrey Hepburn/Gregory Peck movie "Roman Holiday."

Let me put it this way: If your guy had placed his hand inside the "Mouth of Truth" while spinning his entertaining tale — about his friend using his account to catfish a woman — he would be left holding a bloody stump.

So yes, put this behind you. You also might want to put him behind you.

ONLINE

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Q. Dear Amy: I live in an affluent neighborhood of expensive, although older homes.

The vast majority of homes are very well-maintained and manicured. Many have had major remodels to look like brand-new homes.

However, there are a couple of homes that are in serious need of a facelift!

One home in particular is a complete eyesore.

Although it is worth more than a couple million dollars, the lawn is dead, there are high weeds where the lawn should be, paint doesn't match and/or is faded in places, wood facia is rotting, along with other significant cosmetic problems.

There do not seem to be any code violations.

I am not aware of the owner's financial situation, but they have been there long enough where there should be significant equity to refinance and pull-out money for repairs — or sell and move to a less expensive home.

Other neighbors have left notes, to no avail.

Any suggestions on how to get this family to fix up their house, or even move?

— Frustrated Neighbor

A. Dear Frustrated: It is so generous of you to provide such a detailed list of repairs that need to be made to this property! You've obviously inspected the house quite closely.

You've also extended your generous attitude toward these strangers by offering suggestions for how they might finance improvements to their property in order to meet your needs, including the idea of them moving.

What you haven't done is offer to mow their lawn. Or offered to get a group of people together to help with some cosmetic repairs to the outside of their home — oh, the horror of faded paint!

What a neighborhood! People leaving notes and developing repair punch lists and investment advice — and not one person finding out who these neighbors are and asking if they need a hand.

I suggest that you approach this by putting human values ahead of property values.

Changing your own orientation and approach should improve the neighborhood.

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NTSB: No accredited pilot was aboard plane in deadly crash

Chris Klint
Alaska Public Media

Neither of the men killed last month in a Southwest Alaska plane crash had a pilot's certification, according to a preliminary report from federal investigators.

The National Transportation Safety Board's report, issued last week, takes a closer look at the May 17 crash on a lake near Nondalton that killed pilot Dave Hedgers, 58, and his sole passenger Aaron Fryar, 45. Investigators said they spoke with acquaintances of the men, who told them Hedgers had recently purchased the wheel-equipped Taylorcraft BC-12D.

"According to the Federal Aviation Administration, neither the pilot/airplane owner, nor his passenger, possessed a pilot certificate, and neither had an FAA medical certificate," investigators said in the report.

Clint Johnson, the NTSB's Alaska chief, said Monday afternoon that investigators and the FAA haven't been able to find any signs that Hedgers or Fryar had ever previously held pilot certificates or student-pilot certificates.

"At this point right now, all indications are that neither one of these occupants were (certificated) pilots," Johnson said.

Uncertificated pilots are rarely seen in Alaska incidents investigated by the NTSB, Johnson said, occurring about once a year.

He said investigators are still determining how much of a factor the lack of certification was in the crash.

"We don't know what the training was, what the decision-making was," Johnson said. "The basic answer to that question is, we don't know what kind of training the pilot had because he never received the pilot's certificate."

According to the NTSB report, the plane left Port Alsworth headed for Nondalton, about 24 miles southwest, at about 11:30 a.m. on the morning of the crash.

Search efforts for the plane began at about 8 p.m. that evening, and it was found about 90 minutes later two to three miles southeast of the Nondalton airport. Alaska State Troopers said the plane was found flipped in the water. Divers retrieved Hedgers' and Fryar's bodies from the aircraft.

"The partially submerged wreckage was situated in a shallow portion of Six Mile Lake, and approximately 200 yards from the shore," investigators said.

Five days after the crash, the wreckage was removed from the lake and taken to Port Alsworth for an examination. The plane had sustained extensive lower-fuselage damage consistent with crashing on water, but investigators didn't spot any "preaccident mechanical anomalies," according to the report.

"To date, the accident airplane's maintenance logbooks could not be located," the report said.

According to witnesses, weather along the route from Port Alsworth to Nondalton on May 17 included low clouds, fog and reduced visibility. The NTSB is still gathering weather data on conditions at the time of the crash.

Troopers said both men's bodies had been sent to the state medical examiner's office for autopsy.

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NATION

Centenarian veterans are sharing their memories of D-Day 80 years later

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American D-Day veterans are welcomed by U.S. soldiers at Deauville airport on Monday in Deauville, Normandy, to attend D-Day 80th anniversary commemorations.

COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France — World War II veterans from the United States, Britain and Canada are in Normandy this week to mark 80 years since the D-Day landings that helped lead to Hitler's defeat.

Few witnesses remain who remember the Allied assault. The Associated Press is speaking to veterans about their role in freeing Europe from the Nazis, and their messages for younger generations.

Papa Jake

"I am the luckiest man in the world," D-Day veteran Jake Larson, a 101-year-old American best known on social media under the name "Papa Jake," said as he arrived in Normandy this week. Papa Jake has more than 800,000 followers on TikTok.

Born in Owatonna, Minnesota, Larson enlisted in the National Guard in 1938, lying about his age as he was only 15.

In 1941, his guard unit was transferred into federal service and he officially joined the Army. In January 1942, he was sent overseas and assembled the planning books for Operation Overlord.

He landed on Omaha Beach in 1944, where he ran under machine-gun fire and made it to the cliffs without being wounded.

After the landing, Larson remembers that he slept close to a comrade who had put his rifle by their side. "In the morning, when we got up, he picked up his rifle from my litter where I was going to sleep and it fell in two. A piece of shrapnel came down and hit the rifle and broke it in two," he said.

"I'm lucky to be alive, more than lucky. I had planned D-Day. And everybody else that was in there with me is gone," said Larson, who now lives in Lafayette, California.

"Here I am 101, without an ache or a pain in my body. How is that possible? Somebody up there likes me," he said, pointing to the sky.

Floyd Blair

Floyd Blair, 103, served as a fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps. On June 6, 1944, he flew in two support missions across Omaha Beach as the Allied invasion began.

"I saw one of the saddest things I've ever seen. The color of the water changed," he recalled Tuesday as he was paying tribute to fallen comrades at the American cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer.

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World War II and D-Day veteran Jake Larson visits graves on Tuesday at the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer. World War II veterans from across the United States, as well as Britain and Canada, are in Normandy this week to mark 80 years since the D-Day landings that helped lead to Hitler's defeat.

"Those poor guys on the ground deserve all the credit they can get. The paratroopers, the armored forces, the ground troops. They are the ones," he said.

After D-Day, Blair participated in missions to support and protect Allied troops. His targets included German tanks, troop trains and other threats to the advancing troops and his radio was tied directly into the U.S. tanks on the ground.

Bob Gibson

"I'm living on borrowed time now," Bob Gibson, 100, enthusiastically said when arriving at the Deauville airport in Normandy. "I want to see the beach again."

Gibson was drafted into the Army in 1943 and was sent to Britain. On June 6, 1944, he and his unit landed on Utah Beach in the second wave.

"Terrible. Some of the young fellows never ever made it to the beach. It was so bad that we had to run over (them) to get on the beach. That's how bad it was," he said.

Gibson drove an M4 tractor with guns, engaging the enemy day and night. He continued to serve through Normandy and headed to Germany.

"You wake up at night every once in a while too. It seems somebody's shooting at you. But we were glad to do it. That was our job, we had to do it, right?"

Gibson, of Hampton, New Jersey, pondered the time that's passed since then, and said this will probably be his last D-Day anniversary in Normandy.

Les Underwood

Les Underwood, 98, a Royal Navy gunner on a merchant ship that was delivering ammunition to the beaches, kept firing to protect the vessel even as he saw soldiers drown under the weight of their equipment after leaving their landing craft.

"I've cried many a time … sat on my own," Underwood said as he visited Southwick House, on the south coast of England, the Allied headquarters in the lead-up to the Battle of Normandy. The event Monday, sponsored by Britain's defense ministry, came before many of the veterans travel to France for international ceremonies commemorating D-Day.

"I used to get flashbacks. And in those days, there was no treatment. They just said, "Your service days are over. We don't need you no more.'"

George Chandler

George Chandler, 99, served aboard a British motor torpedo boat as part of a flotilla that escorted the U.S. Army assault on Omaha and Utah beaches. The history books don't capture the horror of the battle, he said.

"Let me assure you, what you read in those silly books that have been written about D-Day are absolute crap," Chandler said.

"It's a very sad memory because I watched young American Rangers get shot, slaughtered. And they were young. I was 19 at the time. These kids were younger than me."

Bernard Morgan

About 20 British veterans gathered on the deck of the Mont St. Michel ferry bound from England for northern France, as crowds gathered on the deck and along the shoreline to wave and cheer for them on their voyage to D-Day commemorations.

"It was more pleasant coming today than it was 80 years ago," chuckled Royal Air Force veteran Bernard Morgan, who worked in communications on D-Day.

Kirka reported from Portsmouth, England and aboard

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