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**RENOWNED BRITISH AUTHOR, JOURNALIST, AND BROADCASTER
SIR MAX HASTINGS TO DELIVER WWII MEMORIAL LECTURE IN WASHINGTON, DC**

*Sponsored by the Friends of National World War II Memorial, the 2nd annual National WWII Memorial Legacy
Lecture will be held at the National Defense University on Thursday, November 6.*

WASHINGTON—The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host the 2nd Annual World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 9 AM at the National Defense University's Lincoln Hall Auditorium at 300 5th Avenue, SW at Fort McNair in Washington, DC.

This year's Legacy Lecturer is Sir Max Hastings, an award-winning author, journalist, and broadcaster whose work has appeared in every British national newspaper. He has published twenty-three books, including *FINEST YEARS: Churchill As Warlord 1940-45*; *ARMAGEDDON: The Battle for Germany 1944-45*; and *NEMESIS: The Battle For Japan 1944-45*. His history of World War II *ALL HELL LET LOOSE* – titled *INFERNO* in the United States – was published in 2011. In 1967-68, he worked in the U.S. after winning a World Press Institute fellowship, an experience which inspired his first book *AMERICA 1968: The Fire This Time*, published when he was just 23. Sir Max spent many years as a foreign correspondent for BBC TV and the London Evening Standard, reporting on eleven conflicts, including Vietnam and the 1982 South Atlantic war, which inspired *BATTLE FOR THE FALKLANDS*, the 1983 best-seller he wrote with Simon Jenkins. He was editor, then editor-in-chief, of *The Daily Telegraph* from 1986-1995, and of the *Evening Standard* from 1996-2002. He was knighted in 2002 for services to journalism.

Sir Max's WWII Memorial Legacy Lecture, titled "A 21st Century View of The Greatest Conflict in History," will be followed by a Question & Answer segment with the 600+ National Defense University students and other guests.

The World War II Memorial opened in 2004 and honors the more than 16 million who served in the U.S. armed forces, the more than 400,000 who lost their lives, and all who supported the war effort from the home front.

The National World War II Memorial Memorial Legacy Lecture, a signature program of Friends, is an annual public lecture series that features preeminent historians and others speaking on the lasting significance and impact of World War II on America and the world.

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About The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (www.wwiimemorialfriends.org):

Founded in 2007, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring that the legacy, lessons, and sacrifices of World War II are not forgotten. To meet this mission, Friends sponsors an annual public lecture series featuring prominent historians; provides teachers with curriculum materials; and collects and archives video interviews of World War II veterans and other members of the Greatest Generation. *Capturing the Voices of World War II*, a service-learning program in which high school students interview World War II veterans at "their" Memorial, transforms the Memorial into an outdoor classroom and provides a unique platform to digitally document the stories brought to life through first-person veteran accounts. Additionally, Friends has the lead responsibility in planning and staging five or more major national commemorative events annually and each summer sponsors a dozen free public performances of military bands at the Memorial. Friends relies on private support to breathe new life into the Memorial and to ensure that it continues to serve as a living lesson for all Americans.

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