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**RENOWNED JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR**  
**TOM BROKAW TO DELIVER WWII MEMORIAL LECTURE IN WASHINGTON, DC**  
*Sponsored by the Friends of National World War II Memorial, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual WWII Memorial Legacy Lecture  
will be held at the National Defense University on Tuesday, November 10.*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Haydn Williams” World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1 PM at the National Defense University’s Lincoln Hall Auditorium at 260 5th Avenue, SW at Fort McNair in Washington, DC.

This year’s Legacy Lecturer is Tom Brokaw, an award-winning journalist and author.

Mr. Brokaw has spent his entire distinguished journalism career with NBC News beginning in 1966 in the Los Angeles bureau where he covered Ronald Reagan’s first run for public office, the rise of the Sixties counter culture, the assassination of Bobby Kennedy and the 1968 presidential campaign. From Los Angeles, Mr. Brokaw went to Washington as the White House correspondent during Watergate and as the principal back up for John Chancellor as anchor of *NBC Nightly News*. Next stop: New York and the *TODAY* show followed by his appointment as anchor and managing editor of *NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*.

In 1998, Mr. Brokaw published his first book, *THE GREATEST GENERATION*, one of the most popular nonfiction books of the 20th century. He followed that with six other books, including *BOOM! VOICES OF THE SIXTIES*, *THE TIME OF OUR LIVES* and, most recently, *A LUCKY LIFE INTERRUPTED: A MEMOIR*.

Mr. Brokaw has won every major award in his craft, including Peabody, duPonts, Emmys, and lifetime achievement recognition. In November of 2014, Mr. Brokaw was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, the highest civilian award given to those who made “meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.”

Mr. Brokaw’s WWII Memorial Legacy Lecture, titled “Big Ideas for Big Challenges,” will be followed by a Question & Answer segment with the 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 Haydn Williams World War II 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.

The 2015 Haydn Williams World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture is made possible through the generous contributions of WWII veteran [Ambassador F. Haydn Williams](#), Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission's WWII Memorial Site and Design Committee and Chairman Emeritus of Friends of the National World War II Memorial.

**About Friends of the National World War II Memorial ([www.wwiimemorialfriends.org](http://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. 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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