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**WWII VETERANS TO SHARE THEIR STORIES AND EXPERIENCES
DURING PANEL DISCUSSION HOSTED BY
FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**

The veterans discussion panel is part of a three-day WWII Memorial Teachers Conference being held as part of Friends ongoing efforts to honor and preserve the national memory of World War II.

ARLINGTON, VA – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will hold a very special WWII Veterans Discussion Panel on Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 9:45 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. The event will be held in the theater room at the Women In Military Service for America Memorial next to the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Drive in Arlington, VA.

The panel will feature four WWII veterans and members of the "Greatest Generation," including Colonel Charles E. McGee, one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen and a career officer in the United States Air Force; U.S. Army D-Day veteran Herman Zeitchik; U.S. Army Battle of Okinawa veteran Colonel James Riffe; and U.S. Army Battle of the Bulge veteran Allan Howerton.

Throughout the panel discussion, the veterans will share first-hand accounts of their experiences and stories from World War II. The panel discussion is open to the public and will be moderated by WUSA9 Morning Anchor Mike Hydeck. Those wishing to attend the event are encouraged to [RSVP due to limited seating](#).

The WWII Veterans Discussion Panel is part of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial's first ever Teachers Conference being held at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial from July 20-22, from 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. each day. The conference is part of Friends' continuing efforts to honor and preserve the national memory of World War II.

About 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 honoring and preserving the national memory of World War II. To meet this mission, Friends sponsors an annual public lecture series featuring prominent historians; hosts an annual teachers conference in Washington, DC; 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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