

MEDIA ADVISORY

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75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION TORCH TO BE COMMEMORATED AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

A wreath will be laid at the Atlantic Arch of the Memorial in remembrance of the more than 1,000 Allies killed during the operation.

Washington, D.C. – On Wednesday, November 8th at 11:30 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial will host a brief ceremony and wreath presentation at the World War II Memorial’s Atlantic Arch to mark the 75th anniversary of Operation Torch, the Allied invasion of French North Africa.

The November 1942 jointly planned U.S. and British amphibious operation in then French-held territories of Algeria and Morocco marked the introduction of the American forces into the Atlantic Theater against the Germans and the first major combined combat operation during World War II involving American and British forces.

During the November 8th ceremony at the World War II Memorial, WWII veterans, and representatives of the Allied Nations that took part in the campaign will present wreaths at the Atlantic Arch of the Memorial in honor of the more than 100,000 Allies who served and in remembrance of the more than 1,000 killed during Operation Torch.

Who: Josiah Bunting III, Chairman, Friends of the National World War II Memorial
Embassy Representatives of the Allied Nations
World War II Veterans

Where: National World War II Memorial
17th Street between Constitution and Independence Avenues
Washington, DC

When: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 11:30 AM

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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