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**WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND OTHERS TO COMMEMORATE  
PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY AT THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**

*Bruce Allen, President of the Washington Redskins, will give the keynote address.*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) will remember and honor all those who died in the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor 76 years ago during a special event at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 12:53 p.m.

President of the National Football League’s Washington Redskins, Mr. Bruce Allen, will serve as the ceremony’s keynote speaker. Under Mr. Allen’s leadership, the Washington Redskins have maintained strong support for our nation’s military and veterans’ communities, even launching “Redskins Salute” a free military appreciation community. Mr. Allen also serves as a member of Friends’ [WWII 75th Anniversary Honorary Committee](#) alongside Presidents George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter, Senator Bob Dole, Tom Hanks, Frederick W. Smith, and others.

As part of the ceremony, Mr. Allen and more than a dozen World War II Veterans and Pearl Harbor Survivors will place wreaths at the Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans who lost their lives during World War II, including the more than 2,400 who lost their lives on December 7, 1941.

ABC7/WJLA-TV news anchor, Jonathan Elias, will serve as the event’s Master of Ceremonies. Friends’ chairman Josiah Bunting III and Cassius Cash, acting superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, will offer welcome remarks. The Military District of Washington will provide military support for the event.

**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 honoring and preserving the national memory of World War II and to creating the next “Greatest Generation” of tomorrow. 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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