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**NEARLY FIFTY WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND OTHERS TO COMMEMORATE
73RD ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY AT THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) will pay tribute to the Greatest Generation at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, May 8th at 11:00 a.m., marking the 73rd anniversary of the Allied Forces Victory in the Atlantic and the end of World War II in Europe.

WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veteran Mr. Harry Miller will serve as the ceremony's keynote speaker. During WWII, Mr. Miller served as a crewman with the U.S. Army's 740th Tank Battalion, taking part in the Battle of the Bulge. He served again with the Army in Korea and then with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam. He retired in 1966 following 22 years of military service.

As part of the commemoration, Mr. Miller and more than forty other World War II veterans will place wreaths at the WWII Memorial's Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans and 60 million people killed worldwide during the deadliest military conflict in human history.

ABC7/WJLA-TV news anchor, Jonathan Elias, will serve as the event's Master of Ceremonies.

Friends' chairman Josiah Bunting III and Robin Nixon, acting deputy 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.wiimemorialfriends.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, staging, and funding five or more major national commemorative events annually and is currently sponsoring a national four-year World War II 75th anniversary commemoration. 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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