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**HOOVER INSTITUTION FELLOW VICTOR DAVIS HANSON
TO DELIVER WWII MEMORIAL LECTURE IN WASHINGTON, DC**

Sponsored by the Friends of National World War II Memorial, the 6th annual WWII Memorial Legacy Lecture will be held at the National Defense University on Wednesday, November 14.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host the 6th Annual “Haydn Williams” World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the National Defense University’s (NDU) Lincoln Hall Auditorium at 260 5th Avenue, SW at Fort McNair in Washington, DC.

Previous Legacy Lecturers have included Pulitzer Prize-winning author Rick Atkinson; British author, historian, and broadcaster Sir Max Hastings; U.S. Naval Academy professor and author Dr. Craig Symonds; Stanford University professor and author Dr. David Kennedy; and renowned journalist and author Tom Brokaw.

This year’s Legacy Lecturer is Dr. Victor Davis Hanson, Martin and Illie Anderson Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution.

Dr. Hanson’s lecture, titled “*Why the Axis Powers Lost World War II,*” will explore how the Axis triad, by invading Russia, bombing Pearl Harbor, and declaring war on the United States, ensured a new hostile alliance of the British Empire, the United States, and the Soviet Union that they could never defeat. Dr. Hanson argues that Germany, Italy, and Japan were regional, not global, powers and were fooled by prior British appeasement, American isolationism, and Russian collusion into thinking that their prior regional success translated into the ability to destroy three huge global powers.

Dr. Hanson is a classicist and military historian who has written or edited twenty-three books and hundreds of articles, including several relating to World War II’s place in modern American culture. He has received awards like the National Humanities Medal and the Bradley Prize and has taught at Stanford University, Hillsdale College, and the U.S. Naval Academy. He is currently a syndicated columnist for Tribune Media Services and a weekly columnist for the *National Review Online*.

The November 14th Legacy Lecture is free and open to the public; however, attendees are required to register beforehand to help facilitate check-in upon arrival at the security checkpoint at NDU. Interested individuals [may register for the event](#) on the Friends website at www.wwiimemorialfriends.org.

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 2018 Haydn Williams World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture is made possible through the generous endowment of the late [Ambassador F. Haydn Williams](#), a WWII veteran, former chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission’s WWII Memorial Committee, and founder and former chairman emeritus of Friends of the National World War II Memorial.

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, staging, and funding 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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