

MEDIA ADVISORY

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75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ANZIO TO BE COMMEMORATED AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL *Ceremony to mark the 1944 battle of the Italian Campaign during WWII.*

Washington, D.C. – On Tuesday, January 22nd at 11:30 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial will hold a brief ceremony and wreath presentation to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Anzio, a significant battle during the Italian Campaign of World War II.

The Battle of Anzio began on January 22, 1944 with the Allied amphibious landing known as Operation Shingle and ended on June 5, 1944 with the capture of Rome. But the price of victory was high. Allied forces suffered 43,000 casualties: 7,000 killed and 36,000 wounded or missing. In one measure of the courage and sacrifice of those who fought there, 22 Americans were awarded the Medal of Honor, the most of any single battle of World War II.

During the January 22nd ceremony at the World War II Memorial, WWII veterans and representatives of our Allied Nations will present wreaths at the Atlantic Arch of the Memorial in honor of the 186,000 Allies who served and in remembrance of the 7,000 Allies killed and the 36,000 wounded or missing during the Battle of Anzio.

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial's WWII 75th Anniversary Commemoration is generously sponsored by AT&T. Generous support has also been provided by the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation and Worthington Industries.

Who: World War II Veterans
Commander Richard McHugh of the Royal Navy and Assistant Naval Attaché, British Embassy
Major Jeff Pederson, Canadian Army Forces, Canadian Embassy
Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Todd Wolf, Wounded Warrior Chaplain, Military District of Washington
Fred Muntzner, son of Frederick Muntzner who was killed at Anzio on April 18, 1944
U.S. Army Band Bugler
Military District of Washington Army Color Guard

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

When: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 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 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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