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**BRITISH SCOTS GUARDS PIPES AND DRUMS TO KICK OFF
2014 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**
Concert to Begin at 6 p.m.; Event is Free and Open to the Public

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The British Army's 1st Battalion Scots Guards Pipes and Drums, the oldest infantry battalion in the British Army, will kick off the 2014 Summer Concert Series sponsored by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service, this week at the World War II Memorial.

On Thursday, May 1, the British Army's 25-member Scots Guards Pipes and Drums Corps will be the first a dozen performances to be held at the Memorial over the next three months. The concert begins at 6 p.m. at 17th Street, between Constitutions and Independence Avenues, NW in the nation's capital. It is free and open to the public.

Formed in 1642 as King James I's Royal Guard, the Scots Guards have seen action around the world as the oldest un-amalgamated Infantry Regiment in the British Army.

The British Scots Guards Pipes and Drums Corps will perform at the World War II Memorial on May 2 and 3 as well. A full schedule of the 2014 Summer Concert Series performances may be found on the Friends of the National World War II Memorial website.

About The Friends of the National World War II Memorial, Inc.
(www.wwiimemorialfriends.org)

Founded in 2007, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to honoring and preserving the national memory of World War II. The nonprofit organization was established by a group of private citizens involved in the Memorial from its inception to its dedication. The National World War II Memorial honors those who served and pays tribute to the spirit of unity and shared purpose, which defined the character of our country during the war years. To support the Friends mission of preserving the legacy of the Memorial, Friends has initiated a number of commemorative and educational programs. Working in a cooperative partnership with the National Park Service, Friends has the lead responsibility in planning and staging major national commemorative events and sponsors free public performances of military bands at the Memorial. Additionally, Friends sponsors an annual public lecture series featuring prominent historians; provides teachers with curriculum materials; and collects and archives video interviews of World War II veterans and other members of the Greatest Generation.

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