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**VETERANS OF ALL WARS TO GATHER AT WWII MEMORIAL
ON VETERANS DAY TO HONOR THE “GREATEST GENERATION”**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) will pay tribute to the more than 16 million men and women who served with the U.S. armed forces during World War II during a special Veterans Day event at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

As part of the commemoration, a dozen World War II veterans and other dignitaries will lay wreaths at the Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans who lost their lives during World War II.

The ceremony will feature remarks by United States Maritime Administrator The Honorable Paul N. Jaenichen Sr.; Friends Chairman Josiah Bunting III; Gay Vietzke, Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks; and Army Chaplain Major Luis Kruger will give the invocation.

The United States Army Band Brass Quintet will play throughout the ceremony. The event will begin with the posting of colors by the Military District of Washington’s Armed Forces Color Guard and will conclude with the playing of Taps.

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 ensuring that the legacy, lessons, and sacrifices of World War II are not forgotten. To meet this mission, 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. 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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