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**FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL TO HOLD
2nd ANNUAL TEACHERS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, DC**
*Teachers Conference is an extension of nonprofit organization's education efforts
to honor and preserve the national memory of World War II.*

Washington, D.C. – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will hold its 2nd Annual Teachers Conference at Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center in Washington, DC from Tuesday, July 25-Saturday, July 29, 2017. The theme for this year's conference is "WWII: The Transformation of America."

The conference will feature nine sessions by fellow educators and other experts familiar with WWII history; four tours of sites of WWII significance; a panel discussion featuring WWII Veterans; a panel discussion featuring the men and women whose fathers were killed during WWII; and a remembrance ceremony at the WWII Memorial. Each participant who takes part in the full conference will receive a certificate for 26 continuing education credits.

The program is open to any middle or high school teacher or college professor at an accredited public, charter, private or parochial school who will be teaching during the 2017–2018 school year. Media specialists, librarians, curriculum coordinators and academic coaches are eligible if they spend at least half of their time providing direct instruction to students.

Friends anticipates selecting up to 30 educators nationwide to participate in this 5-day conference in July 2017.

Participants will be exposed to a broad spectrum of WWII history resources and tools aimed at educating current and future generations about the everyday men and women whose character, courage, creativity, determination, and innovation not only led to the winning of the war, but also transformed America.

At the heart of the Friends' Teachers Network and Conference program is the concept of community service.

Friends expects conference participants to return to their schools and communities with the ability and desire to empower America's young people with a heightened sense of community, civic engagement, and personal responsibility and to renew the spirit of unity and shared purpose, which defined the character of our country during the war years. Therefore, each participant will be required to have their students complete a community service project obligation within their communities in the year following the conference.

Those seeking to attend the conference must [submit an application](#) by April 24th. Friends will provide housing and three meals per/day as well as award a travel stipend to those accepted into the program.

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 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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