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**STANFORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DAVID M. KENNEDY  
TO DELIVER WWII MEMORIAL LECTURE IN WASHINGTON, DC**

*Sponsored by the Friends of National World War II Memorial, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual WWII Memorial Legacy Lecture  
will be held at the National Defense University on Thursday, November 9.*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Haydn Williams” World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the National Defense University’s Lincoln Hall Auditorium at 260 5th Avenue, SW at Fort McNair in Washington, DC.

This year’s Legacy Lecturer is Dr. David M. Kennedy, Professor of History, Emeritus, Stanford University.

Professor Kennedy’s lecture, titled “*A Tale of Three Cities: How the United States Won WWII*,” will explore American “Grand Strategy” in World War II. The experience of the United States in WWII resembled that of no other nation, whether victor or vanquished. The historical consequences of this country’s unique engagement in that titanic conflict have shaped the lives and destinies of Americans as well as other peoples ever since.

In 2000, Professor Kennedy won the Pulitzer Prize for his book *Freedom From Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945*. The book, which recounts the history of the American people in the two great crises of the Great Depression and World War II, also was a Main Selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club and the History Book Club, a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and winner of the Francis Parkman Prize.

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 2017 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 Site and Design 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](http://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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