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**THE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL ANNOUNCES  
“WORLD WAR II 75<sup>TH</sup> HONORARY COMMITTEE”**

*WWII veterans and former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter,  
Tom Hanks, Robin Roberts, and Tom Brokaw are among members serving on the committee  
chaired by WWII veteran and former Senator Bob Dole*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) Board of Directors today announced the establishment of a national “World War II 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honorary Committee,” said Friends Chairman Josiah Bunting III.

Friends’ World War II 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honorary Committee is a group of distinguished leaders who have a solid track record of service to community and country and embody the values of the “Greatest Generation.” Friends is proud to welcome the following individuals who have committed to serve as members of the committee:

- **Senator Bob Dole**, WWII veteran and former U.S. Senator from Kansas – COMMITTEE CHAIR
- **President George H.W. Bush\***, 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States
- **President Jimmy Carter\***, 39<sup>th</sup> President of the United States
- **Bruce Allen**, President of the Washington Redskins
- **Henry W. Bloch\***, Co-Founder and Chairman Emeritus of H&R Block
- **Tom Brokaw**, Special Correspondent for NBC News
- **Maurice R. Greenberg\***, Chairman and CEO of C.V. Starr & Co., Inc
- **Tom Hanks**, Academy Award-winning actor
- **Amory (Amo) Houghton, Jr.\***, Former Congressman and former Chairman and CEO of Corning
- **Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur**, U.S. Representative for Ohio's 9th Congressional District
- **Marv Levy\***, Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach
- **Edward T. Matheny Jr.\***, Retired Partner of Husch Blackwell
- **Sam Nunn**, Former U.S. Senator from Georgia
- **Robin Roberts**, Anchor of ABC's “Good Morning America”
- **Frederick W. Smith**, Chairman and CEO of FedEx
- **Taylor/Kindle Families**, Enterprise Holdings

*\*WWII veteran*

This remarkable group of individuals are generously lending their names in recognition of the significant milestones throughout the Friends’ comprehensive four-year 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration, in honor of those who served – both on the battlefield and the home front, and in tribute to the spirit of unity and shared purpose which defined the character of our country during the war years.

Friends is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and preserving the national memory of World War II and to creating the next “Greatest Generation” of tomorrow and, to this end, is sponsoring a four-year *World War II 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration*. The historic commemoration kicked-off on December 7, 2016 – the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor – and will run through the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V-J Day on September 2, 2020. Friends’ WWII 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration will be highlighted by more than 60 special events and ceremonies, including battle anniversaries, a flyover of historic aircraft, and much more.

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial’s WWII 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 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 and staging five or more major national commemorative events annually and is currently sponsoring a national four-year World War II 75<sup>th</sup> 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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