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**JOSIAH BUNTING III APPOINTED NEW CHAIRMAN OF
FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends), a nonprofit organization founded by those who created the Memorial and now dedicated to honoring and preserving the national memory of World War II, announced today that [Josiah Bunting III](#) has been appointed chairman of its Board of Directors effective February 1, 2015.

A Vietnam veteran, Josiah Bunting is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and the University of Oxford, as a Rhodes scholar. Mr. Bunting served as Superintendent of VMI from 1995-2003. He is president of the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation in New York City and is a member of STRATEGICA, an organization at Stanford University focusing on issues of grand strategy and military history. Mr. Bunting is currently completing a biography of George C. Marshall, who served as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army during WWII.

“I am honored to join Friends in its noble efforts to keep the legacy of World War II and our Greatest Generation alive in the hearts and minds of our current and future generations and to create the next Greatest Generation,” said Bunting. “As a veteran, as an educator, and as an American, I consider this to be a sacred and vital mission.”

Mr. Bunting succeeds retired Army Lieutenant General Claude (Mick) Kicklighter who served as the Friends chairman for the past five years.

“On behalf of the entire Friends Board of Directors, I extend my heartfelt thanks to General Kicklighter for his five years of exemplary service to our organization,” said Bunting. “I look forward to continuing and growing the great work he began.”

About The 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. *Capturing the Voices of World War II*, a service-learning program in which high school students interview World War II veterans at "their" Memorial, transforms the Memorial into an outdoor classroom and provides a unique platform to digitally document the stories brought to life through first-person veteran accounts. 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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