

MEDIA ADVISORY
**WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SET
TO INTERVIEW COLORADO WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

*April 9 Outreach Effort Expands Campaign to Preserve Living Legacy of National Memorial;
Veterans to Be Honored at April 10 Nationals Game*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 5, 2013) – Four World War II veterans from Colorado will be interviewed next week by local high school students as part of a national outreach campaign, developed by Friends of the National World War II Memorial, Inc., dedicated to capturing the stories of the Greatest Generation and creating a digital archive to be used by family members, educators, historians, and subsequent generations.

WHO:

- World War II Veterans from Colorado
- West Springfield (Va.) High School Students
- Officials from the Friends of the World War II National Memorial, Inc.
- Representatives from Senior Wish of A Lifetime

WHAT: As part of the Wish of A Lifetime Program, four World War II veterans from Colorado will be visiting the nation's capital next week. One of their highlights will be a visit to the National World War II Memorial, where they will be interviewed by West Springfield (Va.) High School students.

The historic veteran/student initiative – known as Capturing the Voices of World War II: A Student Interview Project – marks the first time in American history where veterans interviewed at "their" memorial are having their images and stories collected and archived. The students ask the veterans about their personal military experiences during World War II and what the National World War II Memorial means to these individuals who endured hardship and loss on behalf of future generations.

The World War II veterans also will be honored by the Washington Nationals during the April 10, 2013 game against the Chicago White Sox.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 9, 2013 beginning at 10 a.m.

WHERE: National World War II Memorial
17th Street between Constitution and Independence Avenues, NW
Washington, D.C.

WHY: The goal of the Capturing the Voices of World War II: A Student Interview Project is to continue the veteran/student video interviews as long as World War II veterans continue to visit the National WWII Memorial and safeguard these American heroes' stories and memories. Additionally, the effort teaches the high school students and other Americans that the lessons, legacies, and sacrifices of World War II should never be forgotten.

About The Friends of the National World War II Memorial, Inc.: Founded in 2007, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring that the legacy, lessons, and sacrifices of World War II are not forgotten and enhancing the educational experience for visitors to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The nonprofit organization was started by former American Battle Monument Commission members, who were responsible for overseeing and managing Congressional mandate to recommend a site and a design and to fund and build the National World War II Memorial. They were concerned with making the Memorial all that it was an intended to be by its planners, an open welcoming gathering place on the National Mall, a place of reverent remembrance, and a place to honor and celebrate the spirit of America during WWII. With growing private support, the cooperation of the National Park Service, the Military District of Washington, and others, these hopes are being realized.