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SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RAYMOND F. CHANDLER AND RENOWNED TV HOST RITA COSBY TO SPEAK AT THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

*In commemoration of the 68th anniversary of the ending
of World War II in Europe.*

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial, Inc. and the National Park Service will honor World War II veterans at a special commemorative event at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

In remembrance of the 68th Anniversary of the Allied Forces Victory in Europe during World War II, the V-E Day ceremony will pay special recognition to all World War II veterans and especially those who fought in the European Theater during the war. Sergeant Major of the United States Army Raymond F. Chandler III and Ms. Rita Cosby will give remarks and present wreaths at the Freedom Wall with veterans from World War II and Holocaust Survivors who were liberated from concentration camps at the end of the war.

The United States Marine Band Brass Quintet will play prior to the ceremony. The ceremony will begin with the posting of colors by the Military District of Washington's Armed Forces Color Guard, remarks by honored guests and wreath layings and conclude with the playing of Taps. The National Park Service, Friends of the National World War II Memorial and the Holocaust Survivors will present wreaths at the Freedom Wall of Stars.

This commemoration is co-hosted by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial and The National Park Service. This ceremony is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

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 established by former American Battle Monument Commission members, who were responsible for implementing a 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 intended to be by its planners, an open welcoming gathering place on the National Mall, a place of reverent remembrance, a place to honor and celebrate the spirit of America during World War II. With growing private support, the cooperation of the National Park Service, the Military District of Washington, and others, these hopes are being realized.

EVENT: V-E Day at the National World War II Memorial
PLACE: 17th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC
TIME: 9:00 – 10:00 AM
DATE: Wednesday, May 8, 2013

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