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**ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT III AND JOSIAH BUNTING III ELECTED TO
FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) announced today that Elliott “Toby” Roosevelt III, the great-grandson of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Josiah Bunting III, president of the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation in New York City, have been unanimously elected to serve on the Friends Board of Directors. Their terms begin immediately and will run for four years.

Lieutenant General Claude “Mick” Kicklighter, USA (Retired), Chairman, Friends of the National World War II Memorial, commented, “The Friends of the National World War II Memorial is honored to have Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bunting join our board of directors. Both gentlemen bring a deep commitment to our nation’s service members and veterans, a keen knowledge of military history, and an understanding and appreciation for the significance of World War II and the Greatest Generation on America and the world. We look forward to working closely with Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bunting as Friends continues to grow in our ongoing mission of honoring and preserving the national memory of World War II.”

The great-grandson of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Toby Roosevelt served as a fighter pilot flying with the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Since leaving military service, Mr. Roosevelt entered business and is a principal with Roosevelt Resources, LP, his family’s investment firm in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Roosevelt earned his A.B. from Stanford University with honors and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

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 a member of STRATEGICA, an organization at Stanford University focusing on issues of grand strategy and military history, and serves collaterally as Chairman of the English Speaking Union, USA. Mr. Bunting and his wife Diana live in The Plains, Virginia.

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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