

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**WWII VETERANS TO COMMEMORATE  
73<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF V-J Day AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**  
*Wreaths will be laid at Memorial's Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than  
400,000 Americans and 60 million people killed worldwide during WWII*

**Washington, D.C.** – On Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service will host a ceremony and wreath presentation at the World War II Memorial's Freedom Wall to commemorate the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Allied Forces Victory in the Pacific and the end of World War II.

The ceremony will celebrate the spirit of unity of the American people during this pivotal moment in our nation's history and give recognition to all World War II veterans, especially those who fought in the Pacific Theater during the war, as well as all those who served on the home front.

As part of the commemoration, nearly a dozen WWII veterans will place wreaths at the WWII Memorial's Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans and 60 million people killed worldwide during the deadliest military conflict in human history. Friends will pay special tribute to each of the WWII veterans in attendance.

ABC7/WJLA-TV news anchor, Jonathan Elias, will serve as the event's Master of Ceremonies. A U.S. Navy Band Brass Quintet will perform throughout the ceremony.

**Who:** World War II Veterans  
Jonathan Elias, ABC7/WJLA-TV News Anchor  
Patricia Trap, Acting Superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks  
Military District of Washington

**Where:** National World War II Memorial  
17<sup>th</sup> Street between Constitution and Independence Avenues  
Washington, DC

**When:** Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 11:00 AM

**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, staging, and funding five or more major national commemorative events annually and is currently sponsoring a national four-year World War II 75th 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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