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**AUTHOR ALEX KERSHAW TO BE JOINED BY OPERATION OVERLORD VETERANS
FOR PANEL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY**

Kershaw will present his new book “The First Wave: The D-Day Warriors Who Led the Way to Victory in World War II” and lead discussion with WWII veterans who participated in the invasion.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host a special presentation by author Alex Kershaw, followed by a panel discussion with WWII veterans who took part in Operation Overlord at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Kershaw’s presentation will be focused on his new book *The First Wave: The D-Day Warriors Who Led the Way to Victory in World War II*. The book features the story of the key American combat leaders who were the first to fight on D-Day when the odds were longest and the stakes highest.

Following his presentation, Kershaw will moderate a panel discussion with World War II veterans who took part in Operation Overlord and Barbara George, daughter of Captain Malcolm L. George who died on June 7, 1944 after landing with the invasion force on D-Day. The panel will discuss the memory and legacy of D-Day, 75 years after the start of this historic operation that began the Allied march across Europe toward victory.

About 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 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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