

June 28, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF SAINT-LÔ

SUMMARY:

On Sunday, July 7th at 11:30 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host a Battle of Saint-Lô 75th Anniversary Commemoration at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The ceremony and wreath presentation at the Memorial's Atlantic Arch will commemorate 75 years since one of the most difficult and bloody phases of the Normandy Campaign ("Battle of the Hedgerows") during World War II.

WHO:

- World War II veterans Colonel Frederick Clinton and Harold Radish
- Army Colonel Rémi Bouzereau, Deputy Defense Attaché from the Embassy of France
- Jan Scruggs, founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Judy Davis, the daughter of Arthur John Curry of the 70th Tank Battalion who fought in the Battle of Saint-Lô
- Army Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Todd Wolf
- Master Gunnery Sergeant Christian Ferrari of the U.S. Marine Band

WHAT:

World War II veterans, family members of veterans who served in the Battle of Saint-Lô, a representative from the Embassy of France, and representatives from the Military District of Washington will lay wreaths at the National World War II Memorial in remembrance of the more than 11,000 Americans, and more than 300 French citizens, killed or wounded during the Battle of Saint-Lô.

WHERE:

National World War II Memorial, 1750 Independence Ave SW, Washington, D.C. 20024

WHEN:

Sunday, July 7, 11:30 a.m.

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The Friends of the National World War II Memorial's WWII 75th Anniversary Commemoration is generously sponsored by AT&T. Generous support has also been provided by the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation and Worthington Industries.

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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