

June 4, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY

**NEARLY 40 D-DAY AND WWII VETERANS TO COMMEMORATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY
AND OPERATION OVERLORD AT THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**

SUMMARY:

On Thursday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host an Operation Overlord (D-Day) 75th Anniversary Commemoration at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The ceremony and wreath presentation at the Memorial's Freedom Wall will commemorate 75 years since 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France.

WHO:

- Author Alex Kershaw
- Friends' Chairman Josiah Bunting III
- Jeffrey Renbold, Acting Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks
- Students from Salk STEM Middle School Magnet in Elk River, Minnesota

WHAT:

Nearly 40 World War II veterans – including several D-Day and Operation Overlord veterans – along with representatives from each of the Allied Nations that took part in the Normandy Campaign will lay wreaths at the National World War II Memorial in honor of the more than 2 million Allied service members who took part in Operation Overlord and to remember the more than 225,000 Allies who were killed, wounded, or missing.

WHERE:

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

WHEN:

Thursday, June 6, 10:00 a.m.

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