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MEDIA ADVISORY

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE FOR BREST

SUMMARY:

On Wednesday, August 7th at 11:30 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host a Battle for Brest 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 the Allied capture of the critical port of Brest in northwestern France.

The Battle for Brest 75th Anniversary Commemoration is part of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial's four-year WWII 75th Anniversary Commemoration, which kicked off on Pearl Harbor Day 2016 and will go until VJ-Day 2020. Friends is the only organization hosting a full four-year 75th Anniversary Commemoration, marking every major battle in which American troops participated during World War II.

WHO:

- World War II veteran Colonel Frederick Clinton
- Captain Cédric Chetaille, Naval Attaché, Embassy of France
- Commander Chris Voke, British Naval Staff, British Embassy
- Judy Davis, daughter of Arthur John Curry who served in France and was killed on August 27, 1944.
- Josiah Bunting III, Chairman of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial
- Jan Scruggs, Founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Tammie Crews, USA

WHAT:

World War II veterans and family members of veterans who served in the Battle for Brest will lay wreaths at the National World War II Memorial in honor and remembrance of the nearly 10,000 Allies killed and wounded during the Battle for Brest. The Military District of Washington will provide military support.

WHERE:

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

WHEN:

Wednesday, August 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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