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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE 74<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY THE PACIFIC**

#### **SUMMARY:**

On Monday, 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 (NPS) will host a special commemoration at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. to mark the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allied Forces Victory in the Pacific and the end of World War II. The ceremony and wreath presentation at the Freedom Wall 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 those who served on the home front.

#### **WHO:**

- World War II veterans
- Jeffrey Reinbold, Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks
- Jane Droppa, Vice Chair of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial
- Jonatha Elias, Award Winning Journalist, ABC7/WJLA-TV
- Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Todd Wolf
- U.S. Marine Band quintet

#### **WHAT:**

World War II veterans will place wreaths at the World War II 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. The National Park Service co-hosts the event and the Military District of Washington will provide military support.

#### **WHERE:**

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

#### **WHEN:**

Monday, September 2, 11:00 a.m.

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#### **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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