

November 7, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY

WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND GUESTS TO COMMEMORATE VETERANS DAY AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

SUMMARY:

On Monday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) will pay tribute to the more than 16 million men and women who served with the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II during a special Veterans Day event at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

WHO:

- World War II veterans
- Jeffrey Reinbold, Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks
- Josiah Bunting III, Chairman of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial
- Mary Millben, Actress/Singer & Helen Hayes Award Nominee
- Jonatha Elias, Award Winning Journalist, ABC7/WJLA-TV
- Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Tammie Crews
- U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band

WHAT:

World War II veterans and others 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. Actress/Singer & Helen Hayes Award Nominee Mary Millben will perform a patriotic tribute during the ceremony as well as being featured during a pre-ceremony concert, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Students from the Georgia Military College Prep School in Milledgeville, Georgia will participate in the event. 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, November 11, 9:00 a.m.

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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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