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**BATTLE OF THE BULGE AND WWII VETERANS TO COMMEMORATE 75<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE AT THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**  
*Allied embassy representatives to join veterans to lay wreaths in memory of the Allied soldiers killed or  
wounded during the largest and bloodiest single battle fought by the U.S. in World War II*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – On Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial will host a ceremony and wreath presentation at the National World War II Memorial to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, the largest and bloodiest single battle fought by the United States in World War II.

As part of the ceremony, World War II veterans and representatives from each of the Allied Nations that took part in the Battle of the Bulge will lay wreaths at the National World War II Memorial in honor of the more than one million Allied service members who took part in the campaign and to remember the more than 22,000 Allies who were killed.

Army Lieutenant General Andrew Poppas, director for operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff will offer remarks during this special 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative event.

Renowned author Alex Kershaw (*The Longest Winter, The Bedford Boys, The Liberator, The First Wave*) will serve as the event's master of ceremonies and expert historian. Military support will be provided by the Military District of Washington, D.C.

The ceremony is open to the general public and we encourage registration [through our website](#).

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial is the only organization hosting a four-year WWII 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration, marking each major battle in which American forces participated, at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

*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](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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