

December 13, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY

AUTHOR ALEX KERSHAW TO BE JOINED BY BATTLE OF THE BULGE VETERANS FOR PANEL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

SUMMARY:

On Monday, December 16th at 3 p.m., author and member of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial Board of Directors Alex Kershaw will give a presentation about his book *The Longest Winter: The Battle of the Bulge and the Epic Story of World War II's Most Decorated Platoon*. Following his presentation, Kershaw will then moderate a panel discussion with WWII veterans who took part in the Battle of the Bulge.

WHO:

- **WWII veteran Colonel Frank Cohn**, who was born in Breslau, Germany in 1925 and escaped to the U.S. with his parents at the age of 13. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and served in the Battle of the Bulge. During the subsequent Occupation, he served as Sergeant of the Guard at Obersursel guarding the war criminals tried in the 2nd Nuremberg trial and shipping documents back to the States for examination in support of war crime prosecutions
- **Roberta Nolan, daughter of 1LT James O'Boyle Lyons**, who was taken prisoner of war during the Battle of the Bulge on December 21, 1944 and died on May 15, 1945, less than a month following his release as a result of conditions during his imprisonment
- **Alex Kershaw**, Friends board member and author of *The Longest Winter: The Battle of the Bulge and the Epic Story of World War II's Most Decorated Platoon*

WHAT:

As part of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial's 75th Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of the Bulge, author and Friends Board Member Alex Kershaw will give a presentation on his book *The Longest Winter*, which tells the story of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance platoon attached to the 99th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge, who showed great heroics before being captured as prisoners of war. Following his presentation, Kershaw will moderate a panel discussion with WWII veteran Colonel Frank Cohn and Roberta Nolan, whose father James O'Boyle Lyons was taken prisoner of war during the Battle of the Bulge.

WHERE:

The Army and Navy Club, 901 17th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20006

WHEN:

Monday, December 16, 3:00 p.m.

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