

December 12, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO HOST READING OF THE NAMES CEREMONY OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE AT WWII MEMORIAL

SUMMARY:

On Sunday, December 15th, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host a brief Remembrance Ceremony and Candlelit Vigil to honor all those who died during the Battle of the Bulge (December 16, 1944 – January 25, 1945). As part of the ceremony, volunteers and members of the public will read the names of those who gave their lives during the Battle of the Bulge and are buried in the Ardennes, Henri-Chapelle, Luxembourg, and Netherlands American Cemeteries.

WHO:

- 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
- Several Members of Congress
- 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:

The Battle of the Bulge 75th Anniversary Reading of the Names will begin with a brief ceremony at 3 p.m., featuring remarks by Roberta Nolan, daughter of 1LT James O'Boyle Lyons, 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. At 3:15 p.m. through 9 p.m., volunteers will continue reading the names of the over 6,000 individuals buried in the Ardennes, Henri-Chapelle, Luxembourg, and Netherlands American Cemeteries who perished during the Battle of the Bulge.

WHERE:

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

WHEN:

Sunday, December 15, 3:00-9:00 p.m.

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