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**WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES TO COMMEMORATE
PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY AT THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**

World War II veterans will present wreaths at the "Freedom Wall" in a special remembrance ceremony

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) will remember and honor all those who died in the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor 78 years ago during a special event at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 12:53 p.m.

As part of the ceremony, World War II veterans and Pearl Harbor survivors will place wreaths at the Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans who lost their lives during World War II, including the more than 2,400 who lost their lives on December 7, 1941.

Pearl Harbor survivor and World War II veteran Rev. Richard Young will provide the invocation at the ceremony. The U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band will perform a musical tribute.

Friends' Chairman Josiah Bunting III and Jeff Reinbold, superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, will offer welcome remarks during the event. The Military District of Washington will provide military support.

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. 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 each summer sponsors a dozen free public performances of military bands at the Memorial. 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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