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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION NORDWIND**

#### **SUMMARY:**

On Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial will hold a brief ceremony and wreath presentation at the National World War II Memorial to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Operation Nordwind, the last major German offensive of World War II on the Western Front.

The Operation Nordwind 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration is part of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial's four-year WWII 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration, which kicked off on Pearl Harbor Day 2016 and will go until VJ-Day 2020. Friends is the only organization hosting a full four-year 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration, marking every major battle in which American troops participated during World War II.

#### **WHO:**

- World War II veterans
- Jan Scruggs, founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Military District of Washington

#### **WHAT:**

World War II veterans and representatives of Allied Nations will present wreaths at the Atlantic Arch of the National World War II Memorial in remembrance of the nearly 800,000 Allies who served and the more than 12,000 killed or wounded during Operation Nordwind.

#### **WHERE:**

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

#### **WHEN:**

Wednesday, January 1, 11:30 a.m.

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#### **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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