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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL TO HOLD 5TH ANNUAL TEACHERS CONFERENCE, THIS YEAR VIRTUALLY**

#### **SUMMARY:**

More than 200 educators have registered to participate virtually in the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Teachers Conference. The five-day conference will be held online, from Tuesday, July 21 to Saturday, July 25, 2020. The theme for this year's conference is "World War II 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The Lasting Significance and Impact of World War II on America and the World."

#### **WHO:**

- Approximately 200 educators from across the U.S. and the world
- Friends' Chairman Josiah Bunting III
- *New York Times* bestselling author and Friends Board Member Alex Kershaw
- World War II veterans, including Tuskegee Airman Brigadier General Charles McGee, Dr. Jack Goldstein, and Colonel Frank Cohn
- Director of Histories at the U.S. Army Center of Military History David W. Hogan, Jr.

#### **WHAT:**

The conference will feature sessions by fellow educators and other experts familiar with WWII history; personal discussions with WWII veterans; a public presentation from *New York Times* bestselling author and Friends board member Alex Kershaw on his book *The Liberator*; a virtual tour of the National World War II Memorial; and a virtual remembrance ceremony. During the conference, participants will be exposed to a broad spectrum of WWII history resources and tools aimed at educating current and future generations about the everyday men and women whose character, courage, creativity, determination, and innovation not only led to the winning of the war, but also transformed America.

#### **WHERE:**

Online, via Zoom

#### **WHEN:**

Tuesday, July 21 to Saturday, July 25, 2020

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