

August 24, 2020

MEDIA ADVISORY

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO HOST HISTORIAN RICHARD FRANK VIRTUAL TALK ON WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC

SUMMARY:

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will host a special online presentation by author Richard Frank about the Asia Pacific War from 1937 to 1945. The presentation is being held as part of Friends' Victory over Japan (V-J) Day 75th Anniversary Commemoration. Frank's talk will be followed by a live Q&A.

The presentation is a part of Friends' V-J Day 75th Anniversary Commemoration, which is also the end of Friends' four-year World War II 75th Anniversary Commemoration, that began on December 7, 2016. Friends is the only organization that has hosted commemorations for every major battle in which American troops participated during World War II.

WHO:

Richard B. Frank, author and leading authority on the Asia-Pacific War, his books include: *Guadalcanal*, *Downfall: The End of the Imperial Japanese Empire*, *McArthur*, and *The Tower of Skulls*

WHAT:

A special online presentation titled "The Miraculous Deliverance from an Epic Tragedy: The End of the Asia Pacific War" by Richard B. Frank. This presentation seeks to restore understanding of an Asia Pacific War death toll reaching 25 million that makes the Asia Pacific War one of the greatest tragedies in human history. The other main theme of the presentation is the astonishing contingency of multiple steps leading to the end of the war.

WHERE:

Online – [register here](#)

WHEN:

Monday, August 31, 2020 at 2:00pm EDT

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