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**AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN DR. ANDREW ROBERTS TO DELIVER “LEGACY LECTURE” ON
ANGLO-AMERICAN COOPERATION DURING WORLD WAR II**

*Virtual event is sponsored by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial and
hosted via the National Defense University’s online portal*

Washington, D.C. - The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will sponsor the 8th Annual Haydn Williams World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture on November 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM virtually via the National Defense University's online portal.

Dr. Andrew Roberts is a visiting professor of War Studies at King’s College, London, and the Roger and Martha Mertz Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

Dr. Roberts’ lecture, titled "Anglo-American Cooperation in World War Two: The Highs and Lows," will discuss the way that the Anglo-American grand strategy against the Axis – involving which countries were invaded, when, and under what circumstances – was arrived at by the Western Allies, concentrating on the relationship between Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, U.S. Army chief of staff George C. Marshall, and British chief of staff Alan Brooke. The alliance broke new ground in coalition warfare, but there were a number of serious pitfalls along the road to victory.

Dr. Roberts has written over a dozen books including *Salisbury: Victorian Titan* (which won the Wolfson Prize), *Masters and Commanders* (which won the International Churchill Society Book Award), *The Storm of War: A New History of the Second World War* (which won the British Army Military Book of the Year Award), *Napoleon the Great* (which won the Grand Prix of the Fondation Napoléon and *The Los Angeles Times* Biography Prize), and *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*, which spent nine weeks on the *New York Times* Bestseller List and won the Council on Foreign Relations Arthur Ross Prize.

The November 18th Legacy Lecture is free and open to the public; however, registration is required. Participants can register at this link:

<https://wwiimemorialfriends.networkforgood.com/events/24638-8th-annual-haydn-williams-wwii-memorial-legacy-lecture-featuring-professor-andrew-roberts>

Hosted annually at the National Defense University as part of the "President's Lecture Series" this year the lecture will be held virtually via the university's Blackboard portal due to the global pandemic.

The Haydn Williams World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture, a signature program of Friends, is an annual public lecture series that features preeminent historians and others speaking on the lasting significance and impact of World War II on America and the world.

Previous Legacy Lecturers have included Pulitzer Prize-winning author Rick Atkinson; British author, historian, and broadcaster Sir Max Hastings; U.S. Naval Academy professor and author Dr. Craig Symonds; Stanford University professor and author Dr. David Kennedy; renowned journalist and author Tom Brokaw; Hoover Institution Fellow Victor Davis Hanson; University of Virginia professor and author William Hitchcock.

The annual Haydn Williams World War II Memorial Legacy Lecture is made possible through the generous endowment of the late Ambassador F. Haydn Williams, a WWII veteran, former chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission’s WWII Memorial Committee, and founder and former chairman emeritus of Friends of the National World War II Memorial.

About Friends of the National World War II Memorial (www.wwiimemorialfriends.org):

Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends), based in Washington, D.C., is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to teaching the lessons of yesterday to unite the generations of tomorrow. Founded in 2007 by the creators of the National World War II Memorial, Friends brings visitors together for national ceremonies and experiences at the Memorial and for online educational programs centered around the themes of American unity, shared values and ideals, and the spirit of community.

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