

November 5, 2020

MEDIA ADVISORY
FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE
VETERANS DAY WITH SPECIAL ONLINE TRIBUTE

SUMMARY:

On Wednesday, November 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) will pay tribute to the more than 16 million men and women who served with the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II during a special Veterans Day event hosted virtually and at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

WHO:

- World War II Veteran Harry Miller
- Josiah Bunting III, chairman, Friends of the National World War II Memorial
- Jane Droppa, vice chairman, Friends of the National World War II Memorial
- Jeff Reinbold, superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks
- Daniel M. DiLella, chair of U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission (America 250)
- Chaplain (LTC) Tammie E. Crews, Deputy Command Chaplain, Joint Force Headquarters – National Capital Region / U.S. Army Military District of Washington
- Military District of Washington Armed Forces Color Guard
- United States Army Brass Quintet
- United States Army Band Bugler

WHAT:

At 9:00 a.m., a pre-recorded ceremony will be streamed via the Friends Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WWII MemorialFriends>). Josiah Bunting III and Jeff Reinbold will deliver opening remarks. Chaplain Tammie Crews will offer an invocation and Jane Droppa will deliver a tribute to World War II veteran, champion of the National World War II Memorial, and Friends founder, Ambassador F. Haydn Williams.

At 9:30 a.m., wreaths will be placed at the World War II Memorial's Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans and 60 million people killed worldwide during the deadliest military conflict in human history. This portion of the event is private and will be streamed live via the Friends Facebook page. The National Park Service will co-host the event and the Military District of Washington will provide military support.

WHERE:

Online via [Friends' Facebook page](#) and the National World War II Memorial, 1750 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20024

WHEN:

Wednesday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact Sam Smith ssmith@wwiimemorialfriends.org or Scott Warner swarner@wwiimemorialfriends.org

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 and to creating the next Greatest Generation of tomorrow. Friends considers it our sacred duty to teach the lessons of yesterday in order to unite the generations of tomorrow. To meet this mission, Friends hosts an annual teachers conference in Washington, DC; sponsors an annual public lecture series featuring prominent historians; and collects and archives video interviews of World War II veterans and other members of the WWII generation. Additionally, Friends has the

lead responsibility in planning, staging, and funding five or more major national commemorative events annually. Friends recently completed a four-year WWII 75th Anniversary Commemoration marking every major battle in which American troops participated during World War II, hosting more than 80 commemorative and educational programs since December 2016. 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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