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**FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE
79th PEARL HARBOR ANNIVERSARY WITH SPECIAL ONLINE TRIBUTE
AND LIVE WREATH PRESENTATION**

SUMMARY:

On Monday, December 7, beginning at 12:53 p.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) will commemorate the 79th anniversary of the Battle of Pearl Harbor during a special event hosted virtually and at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

WHO:

- Pearl Harbor Survivor and World War II Veteran Rev. Richard Young
- Friends of the National World War II Memorial Chairman Josiah Bunting III
- Friends of the National World War II Memorial Vice Chairman Jane Droppa
- Navy Chaplain Thomas P. O’Flanagan, CDR/CHC/USN
- National Park Service Living History Volunteers Patrick McCourt and Sidney Wade
- Military District of Washington Armed Forces Color Guard
- U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band Brass Quintet, Bugler, and Bell Ringer

WHAT:

At 12:53 p.m., a pre-recorded ceremony will be streamed via the Friends Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WWII MemorialFriends>). Friends Vice Chairman Jane Droppa will deliver opening remarks.

At 1:15 p.m., wreaths will be placed at the National World War II Memorial’s Freedom Wall in remembrance of Pearl Harbor and to honor the 16 million Americans who served during World War II. This portion of the event is closed to the public 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:

Monday, December 7, 1:15 p.m.

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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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