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MEDIA ADVISORY

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL KICKS OFF NEW SEASON OF MONTHLY VIRTUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE SERIES, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20

SUMMARY:

Friends of the National World War II Memorial kicks off its new season of monthly half-day virtual conferences this Saturday, September 20. The series features discussions with WWII veterans, war orphans, published authors, and other experts. *New York Times* best-selling author and Friends' Resident Historian Alex Kershaw moderates the discussions after each presentation.

WHO:

The September 20th lineup includes:

- Jay A. Stout, author, "Savage Skies, Emerald Hell: The U.S., Australia, Japan, and the Ferocious Air Battle for New Guinea in World War II"
- Tim Brady, author, "A Light in the Northern Sea"
- Stephen R. Platt, author, "The Raider: The Untold Story of a Renegade Marine and the Birth of U.S. Special Forces in World War II"

WHAT:

The new season of the monthly conference series features half-day virtual conferences from September through April. September's session is the first of the new season. This season will feature more WWII veterans, compelling storytellers, and a range of diverse and unique stories. The conferences are free and open to the public, but require registration via Friends' website: <https://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org/monthly-conference-series>.

WHERE:

Online, via Zoom. A link will be emailed to registered participants.

WHEN:

- Saturday, September 20, 2025, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, November 15, 2025 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, December 20, 2025, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, January 17, 2026, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, February 21, 2026, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, March 21, 2026, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET

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