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MEDIA ADVISORY

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE 82nd ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL'S CIRCLE OF REMEMBRANCE AND ONLINE

SUMMARY:

On Saturday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m. ET, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will hold a special event at the Circle of Remembrance at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., to commemorate the 82nd anniversary of D-Day.

WHO:

- World War II Veterans
- Jane Droppa, chair, Friends of the National World War II Memorial
- Dr. Kevin Griess, superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks
- Military District of Washington Chaplain
- Representatives from Allied embassies

WHAT:

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial will pay tribute to the more than two million Allied service members who took part in Operation Overlord and will commemorate the more than 225,000 Allies who were killed, wounded, or missing during the operation, including the 9,000 who became casualties on D-Day.

As part of the ceremony, World War II veterans and other dignitaries will present wreaths at the FDR D-Day plaque within the Circle of Remembrance.

The ceremony is open to the public and will be streamed live via the Friends Facebook page: (<https://www.facebook.com/WWIIMemorialFriends>).

WHERE:

Circle of Remembrance, located north of the World War II Memorial's Atlantic Arch (1750 Independence Avenue SW) and online via Friends' [Facebook page](#).

WHEN:

Saturday, June 6, 2026, 10:00 a.m. ET

For more information, contact Scott Warner at swarner@wwiimemorialfriends.org

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

Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., as a sacred place of remembrance, learning, and inspiration. Established in 2007 by the Memorial's creators, Friends leads efforts to maintain this iconic site, ensuring it remains a must-see destination for over five million visitors annually. Through meaningful ceremonies, impactful educational programs, and vital preservation initiatives, Friends honors the legacy of the Greatest Generation and shares the enduring lessons of World War II, inspiring unity, shared values, pride in America, and hope for the future.

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