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MEDIA ADVISORY

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL TO HOLD 11TH ANNUAL TEACHERS CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

SUMMARY:

Over 30 educators will journey to Washington, D.C. next week for the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) 11th Annual Teachers Conference at the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington, Va. The five-day conference will take place from Monday, July 20 to Friday, July 24, 2026. This year's conference theme is "Defending Democracy at Home and Abroad: The Ongoing Legacy of Service in the American Story".

WHO:

- Teachers and educators from 21 states
- *New York Times* best-selling author Alex Kershaw
- World War II veterans

WHAT:

The conference will feature sessions by fellow educators and other experts familiar with WWII history, including *New York Times* best-selling author and Friends' Resident Historian Alex Kershaw; tours of the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and other sites of WWII significance; and a remembrance ceremony at the WWII Memorial. Friends is offering the opportunity for the public to participate, virtually only, in this special summer conference to watch live the nine presentations carefully developed by a range of educators for this conference.

WHERE:

Multiple locations, including Hyatt Centric Arlington, Military Women's Memorial, and National World War II Memorial

WHEN:

Monday, July 20 to Friday, July 24, 2026

*Media can RSVP to attend in-person sessions of the teacher's conference to Scott Warner of Friends of the National World War II Memorial at swarner@wwiimemorialfriends.org.

The full conference agenda can be found online at:

<https://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org/summer-teachers-conference/agenda>

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