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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 12

SUMMARY:

Friends of the National World War II Memorial kicks off its new season of monthly half-day virtual conferences this Saturday, September 12. 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 12th lineup includes:

- Charles Lachman, author and producer, "They Shall Not See the Dawn: The Manhunt for the Third Reich's Most Wanted"
- Stephen Harding, author and historian, "G.I. G-Men: The Untold Story of the FBI's Search for American Traitors, Collaborators, and Spies in World War II Europe"
- Leah Garrett author, "The Flight Nurses' War: The American Women Who Saved Thousands of Lives at Iwo Jima and Okinawa"

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 authors and histories, 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 12 2026, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, October 17, 2027, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, November 21, 2026 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, December 19, 2026, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, January 16, 2027, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, February 20, 2027, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, March 20, 2027, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET
- Saturday, April 17, 2027, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ET

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