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MEDIA ADVISORY

WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND SPECIAL GUESTS TO COMMEMORATE VETERANS DAY AT NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

SUMMARY:
On Wednesday November 11 at 10:00 a.m., the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) will pay tribute to the more than 16 million men and women who served with the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II during a special Veterans Day event hosted at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. and online.

WHO:

- World War II veterans
- Jane Droppa, chair, Friends of the National World War II Memorial
- Dr. Kevin Griess, superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks
- Major General John B. Richardson, U.S. Army (Ret.), senior vice president and head of policy and alliances at USAA
- United States Army Brass Quintet

WHAT:
To commemorate Veterans Day, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial will hold a special event at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The entire event will be streamed live via the Friends Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/WWIIMemorialFriends).

The event will feature World War II veterans and special guests, including a "Parade of Heroes" with a wreath-laying at the Memorial's Freedom Wall.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged at:
https://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org/ceremony-registration

WHERE:
National World War II Memorial, 1750 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20024

WHEN:
Wednesday, November 11, 10:00 a.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) 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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