



As we prepare to close out this challenging year, Friends of the National World War II Memorial would like to thank YOU for all you have done to help us to continue our important efforts of teaching lessons of yesterday to unite generations of tomorrow.

With your support and participation, in 2020, Friends:

- Hosted 17 [commemorations](#), many of them virtual, to remember and to honor the 16-million-strong men and women who wore the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII and who took on the fight against authoritarianism, fascism, and racism to bring freedom to millions around the globe.
- Continued to create robust [educational programming](#), successfully transitioning to providing valuable online content with the *generous support of the Jack C. Taylor /*

Enterprise Rent-A-Car WWII Memorial Education Endowment and the Department of Defense.

- Worked with the National Football League and WWII veteran Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach Marv Levy to bring [four 100-years-young WWII veterans to Super Bowl LIV](#) in Miami to take part in the official coin toss ceremony as part of Friends' four-year WWII 75th Anniversary Commemoration.
- Presented the 8th Annual Haydn Williams WWII Memorial [Legacy Lecture](#) featuring renowned author and historian Professor Andrew Roberts.
- Worked with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, the “mother” of the World War II Memorial, to support the [National World War II Memorial Commemorative Coin Act](#), legislation that will raise private funds to help provide maintenance support of the World War II Memorial.
- Continued to lead the effort to add [President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “D-Day Prayer”](#), one of the largest mass prayers in history, to the WWII Memorial; to restore the “Circle of Remembrance” – the area where the prayer will be placed; and to develop interpretative programming *with the generous support of a \$2 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.*

Additionally, Friends continued to capture interviews with World War II veterans; profiled hundreds of WWII veterans on our social media channels; worked with a tremendous group of dedicated volunteers; and much more.

***We couldn't have accomplished any of this without you
and your generous support and active participation!***

As we transition into a new year with new challenges and opportunities, I am so very grateful for your continued and invaluable support.

If you'd like to help us in our sacred mission teaching lessons of yesterday to unite

generations of tomorrow, please [donate today](#).

I look forward to seeing you at the World War II Memorial in the new year!