



The 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 2021, Friends:

- Hosted in-person and online [commemorations](#) on V-E Day, Memorial Day, D-Day, V-J Day, Veterans Day, and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, marking the 80th anniversary of December 7, 1941 attack. The commemorations, both at the World War II Memorial and online, honored the 16-million-strong men and women who wore the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions more who supported the war effort from home.
- Continued to create robust **educational programming**, including our annual [summer teachers conference](#), our [monthly virtual education conference series](#), and visits to local area high schools with renowned WWII author Alex Kershaw. *These significant and impactful programs are made possible by the generous support of the Jack C. Taylor / Enterprise Rent-A-Car WWII Memorial Education Endowment and the U.S. Department of Defense.*
- Launched the [Brigadier General Charles E. McGee UNITY Award](#), which is presented annually to an individual or group that exemplifies the spirit of unity and shared values that were prevalent during World War II, when Americans were at

House and Senate that will raise private funds to help provide maintenance support of the World War II Memorial. *If your senator has not yet cosponsored the [Greatest Generation Memorial Act \(S.1596\)](#), please contact their office today and ask them to support this important bill!*

- 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; launched a redesigned website; 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 of teaching lessons of yesterday to unite generations of tomorrow, please [donate today](#).

I look forward to seeing you at the WWII Memorial, and online, in the new year!

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Thank you for your ongoing interest in teaching the lessons of yesterday to unite the generations of tomorrow.

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