

## **FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL'S STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER LT. GEN. VINCE STEWART, USMC**

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) is deeply saddened by the passing of Lt. Gen. Vince Stewart, USMC (Ret), a member of its board of directors.

Friends' chair of the board of directors Jane Droppa said of Stewart, "We are in mourning today to learn of the passing of a truly great American, Lt. Gen. Vince Stewart. He joined the board of Friends in 2020 and made an immediate impact as the organization concluded its 75th anniversary commemorations and pivoted to its next phase. He was instrumental in setting a vision for the organization at a time when the country was going through a reckoning."

Lt. Gen. Stewart was the Deputy Commander at United States Cyber Command. He previously served as the 20th Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) from 2015-2017. He held that post from January 23, 2015 through October 3, 2017, and was the first African American, first Jamaican American, and first Marine to hold the position of director of the DIA.

Stewart was born on May 11, 1958, in Kingston, Jamaica. He attended Kingston College before immigrating to the United States. He received his undergraduate degree from Western Illinois University and was commissioned into the United States Marine Corps that same year. He earned master's degrees in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University

After retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2019, Lt. Gen. Stewart founded Stewart Global Solutions, an international consulting company, and the board of directors of Lockheed Martin, as well as a non-executive board member of Ankura.

During his career, Lt. Gen. Stewart earned the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

We celebrate and honor the life of Lt. Gen. Stewart today. Rest in peace.