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**OLDEST LIVING WWII VETERAN, PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR
AMONG THOSE TO MARK PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY AT WWII MEMORIAL**
Navy Rear Admiral Craig S. Faller will deliver the keynote address.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) will remember and honor all those who died in the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor during a special event at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 1:53 p.m.

As part of the commemoration, nearly twenty World War II veterans will present wreaths at the Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans who lost their lives during World War II, including the more than 2,400 who lost their lives on December 7, 1941.

Among the World War II veterans taking part in this solemn ritual will be:

- Mr. Frank Levingston of Lake Charles, Louisiana who, at 110-years-old, is believed to be the oldest living WWII veteran.
- Pearl Harbor survivor and D-Day+6 veteran Dale “Red” Robinson of Wise County, Texas.
- WWII veterans visiting Washington, DC with Honor Flight DFW (Texas).

The ceremony will feature a keynote address by Navy Rear Admiral Craig S. Faller, chief of legislative affairs for the Secretary of the Navy. Additionally, Friends chairman Josiah Bunting III will speak on behalf of Friends and Gay Vietzke, superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, will speak on behalf of NPS.

The ceremony will begin with the tolling of a U.S. Navy bell marking the first moments of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the playing of Taps, and the posting of colors by the Military District of Washington’s Armed Forces Color Guard and will conclude with wreath presentations at the Freedom Wall. The United States Navy Ceremonial Band will play throughout the ceremony.

About Friends of the National World War II Memorial (www.wwiimemorialfriends.org):

Founded in 2007, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial (Friends) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring that the legacy, lessons, and sacrifices of World War II are not forgotten. To meet this mission, Friends sponsors an annual public lecture series featuring prominent historians; provides teachers with curriculum materials; and collects and archives video interviews of World War II veterans and other members of the Greatest Generation. Additionally, Friends has the lead responsibility in planning and staging five or more major national commemorative events annually and each summer sponsors a dozen free public performances of military bands at the Memorial. Friends relies on private support to breathe new life into the Memorial and to ensure that it continues to serve as a living lesson for all Americans.

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