



75th WORLD WAR II ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

- ★ The Department of Defense (DoD) is commemorating the 75th Anniversary of WWII, through December 31, 2021.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

- ★ To thank and honor veterans of WWII, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action.
- ★ To educate the public about the history of WWII, highlight the service of the Armed Forces and the contributions of Federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
- ★ To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States.
- ★ To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the Allies of the United States.
- ★ To remember the Holocaust, and to honor the Allied troops who liberated Nazi concentration camps.

KEY MESSAGES

Honoring the Past, Securing the Future

- ★ The U.S. military remains forever indebted to WWII veterans, who demonstrated selfless service and sacrifice in defense of global peace and security.
- ★ We honor the legacy of the Greatest Generation by remaining ready to face an increasingly dynamic regional security environment.

HOW ARE WE DOING IT?

- ★ Hosting events at the Pentagon, collaborating with WWII partners and non-profit organizations to plan, host and promote events, and partnering with U.S. military services at installations throughout the United States, and around the world.
- ★ Using social media platforms to educate and inform members of the public.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? BECOME A PARTNER!

- ★ Host events with support from DoD in Washington D.C., the U.S., or anywhere in the world.
- ★ DoD can provide civilian and military speakers and attendees at events honoring WWII veterans and Holocaust survivors, as well as coordinate hosting events and promoting them to the American public.
- ★ Events should be dignified, memorable occasions that show a sensitivity and appreciation for the solemnity of war and the losses suffered by many.
- ★ Commemorative partners should communicate how their events will achieve the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program.

MAJOR HISTORICAL DATES

- ★ Liberation of Paris – *August 25, 1944*
- ★ Operation Market Garden – *September 17, 1944*
- ★ Battle of the Bulge – *December 16, 1944*
- ★ Battle of Iwo Jima – *February 19, 1945*
- ★ V-E Day – *May 8, 1945*
- ★ V-J Day – *September 2, 1945*

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