

A SALUTE TO THE WOMEN OF WORLD WAR II

The Army Women's Foundation, the Friends of the National World War II Memorial and the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation have joined ranks in hosting a Veterans Day salute to the women of World War II. Activities include an evening reception on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Women's Memorial; a formal program and wreath laying at the World War II Memorial at 9 a.m. on Veterans Day; followed by a formal program and wreath laying at the Women's Memorial at 3 p.m. This special recognition of America's World War II women and their contributions to the nation has been made possible by Walmart, a Tribute Sponsor; and by Hero Sponsors EADS North America and Lockheed Martin.

Women's Memorial Reception, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010. The reception, "A Salute to the Women of World War II," will gather WWII era women from across the nation—servicewomen, cadet nurses, USO, Red Cross, Special Services, factory and office workers and many more—in a celebration of their remarkable service to the nation. Joining these WWII patriots will be government officials, members of Congress, senior military leaders, and corporate, community and veteran service organization leaders. The evening will combine military ceremonial elements and remarks by special guests, along with entertainment, WWII era music, food, and a special tribute to the battlefield and home front heroines of that period. WWII era servicewomen and those who served with the military or in the factories, offices and fields in support of the war effort have been invited. If you are a WWII servicewoman and have not received an invitation, please contact the Women's Memorial at 800-222-2294/703-533-1155 or hq@womensmemorial.org. To assure adequate seating and refreshments, RSVPs are required and should be made to 703-288-8696 or WW2salute@hayespr.com.

World War II Memorial Ceremony, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. Co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the Friends of the National World War II Memorial, this special Veterans Day ceremony will be held at the National World War II Memorial at 17th and Constitution Ave., NW. The event, which will include a wreath laying ceremony and keynote remarks by Army General Ann E. Dunwoody, the first woman in history to wear 4-stars, is open to the public. The program will honor all military veterans who have served their country in peace and in war, with a special tribute to the women who served in and with the Armed Forces and on the home front during WWII.

Women's Memorial Ceremony, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. This is the 14th annual Veterans Day ceremony hosted by the Women's Memorial and one of the major Veterans Day observances in the nation's capital. The program includes formal military honors, a keynote address, veterans' remarks, and a wreath laying. The focus of this year's program is on paying tribute to the women who have served, past and present, with recognition of the women of WWII. The program is open to the public.