

February 18, 2021

MEDIA ADVISORY

**FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO HOST VIRTUAL
CONFERENCE WITH WORLD WAR II HISTORIANS AND VETERANS ON
FEBRUARY 20**

SUMMARY:

Friends of the National World War II Memorial presents a monthly virtual education conference series to teach the lessons of yesterday to unite the generations of tomorrow. February's session, on February 20, will focus primarily on the Pacific Theater of the war, including discussions with RADM John Bitoff, a Navy Veteran and Friends board member, Chris Kolakowski, Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, John Knight, World War II Veteran, and Liesl Bradner, award-winning journalist and World War II author. The series is held on the third Saturday of each month, through April 17, 2021.

WHO:

- RADM John Bitoff, Navy Veteran and Friends board member
- Chris Kolakowski, Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum
- John Knight, World War II Veteran
- Liesl Bradner, award-winning journalist and World War II author

WHAT:

The conference will feature sessions by Veterans, educators, historians, and published authors. Participants and media can expect to learn more about the spirit of unity and shared purpose that defined the character of our country during World War II.

WHERE:

Online, via Zoom: <https://www.wwiimemorialteachers.org/education-series>

WHEN:

Saturday, February 20, 2021, 10:00am - 1:15pm ET

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