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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO HOST VIRTUAL  
PRESENTATION WITH WORLD WAR II HISTORIANS ON JANUARY 16**

**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. The series is held on the third Saturday of each month, through March 20, 2021. January's session, on January 16, will focus primarily on the homefront experience and the popular memory of the war, including discussions with Jan Powers, author and member of the American War Orphans Network, John Schwarz, executive director of the USS Houston Survivors' Association and Next Generations, Jeff Urbin, education director of the Roosevelt Presidential Library, and Lee Ann Potter, director of professional learning and outreach initiatives at the Library of Congress.

**WHO:**

- Jan Powers, author of *Pieces of Us* and member of the American War Orphans Network
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**WHAT:**

The conference will feature sessions by 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, January 16, 2021, 10:00am - 1:15pm ET

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