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Memorial Day Ceremony at the Women's Memorial

The Women's Memorial 18th annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 4 p.m., May 25, 2015. The ceremony, one of the major Memorial Day programs in the nation's capital, is free and open to the public and includes formal military honors, a keynote address, wreath-layings and the Memorial's signature event, the scattering of rose petals in tribute to departed comrades. Members of the public are invited to join in the personal tribute segment of the program.

In recognition of the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, the program will pay particular tribute to the women who served in Vietnam and the Southeast Asia Theater of Operation, as well as those who served during the Vietnam era. Keynote speaker for the event is Vietnam veteran Diane Carlson Evans, a former Army nurse and founder of the Vietnam Women's Memorial. Joining Evans will be women Vietnam veterans from each service branch.

Also at the Memorial for Memorial Day commemorative activities is a special exhibit that pays tribute to the women who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq. A New Generation of Warriors speaks to the wartime experiences of these women through the memorabilia of 101st Airborne Division soldier CPL Jessica Ellis, who was killed in action on Mother's Day, May 11, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq. Also on display is the special In-Memoriam Book located in the Memorial's Hall of Honor. The book, a living memorial that is updated as necessary, includes the picture, awards and decorations and biographical information of the 160 military women who have lost their lives in these wars. The Memorial's newest exhibit, "In a Heart Beat," is a stunning photo exhibit of some 90 black and white images showcasing the strength, courage and humanity of America's military women, past and present. All of these exhibits are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 703-533-1155 or 800-222-2294. The Women's Memorial, located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, is readily accessible by Metro (Blue Line) and paid parking is available.

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is the nation's only major memorial honoring all servicewomen, past and present. Featuring an exhibit gallery, theater and Register of women who have served, the Memorial is open to the public, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.