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Memorial Day Ceremony at the Women's Memorial

The Women's Memorial annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 4 p.m., May 31, 2010. 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.

Also at the Memorial for Memorial Day commemorative activities are two new special exhibits that pay tribute to the women who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq. The first, *When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Women Combat Veterans*, is a collection of portraits and accompanying oral histories of 44 of today's women warriors. The second, a display honoring the servicewomen of Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, speaks to their wartime experiences through the memorabilia of 101st Airborne Division soldier Cpl. Jessica Ellis, who was killed in action 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 129 military women who have lost their lives in these wars. The 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 7 p.m., daily.