

# THIS MEMORIAL DAY...

KEEP THE  
SPIRIT  
OF '45  
ALIVE!



## HONOR AMERICA'S GREATEST GENERATION

**MONDAY, MAY 30, 2011**

Youth (ages 12 - 20) are invited to take part in a Day of Service honoring the memory of the men and women of the World War II generation!

### WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

10 AM - noon | National World War II Memorial

National Mall - 17th St. between Independence and Constitution Avenues

Youth will assemble for a special ceremony to honor the more than 400,000 who gave their lives in WWII and who are represented by the wall of Gold Stars at the Memorial.

Following remarks by youth leaders and WWII veterans, 400 youth will carry enlarged portrait photos of these American heroes as they place red, white and blue carnations in wreaths for each of the service branches, the Merchant Marine and the Home Front before taking their place at one of the state columns as 50 buglers play "Taps" to conclude the morning ceremony.

### MARCH IN THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!

2 PM - 4PM | Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Street

400 youth will march in America's largest Memorial Day Parade carrying their photos alongside the Spirit of '45 float carrying veterans of World War II.

The Parade is approx. 1 mile long (20 min. walk). Family and friends are encouraged to watch the Parade, which will be televised live on the Military Channel, to our troops around the world on the Pentagon Channel and covered extensively by Fox News Channel, reaching millions of households across America.

([www.nationalmemorialdayparade.com](http://www.nationalmemorialdayparade.com))



*The Memorial Day of Service is part of the "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" initiative to establish an annual national day honoring the legacy of the men and women of the World War II generation.*

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Participating youth are eligible for 8 hours of community service

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