

MEDIA ADVISORY
Friday, June 1, 2018

Girl Scouts Dedicate Memorial Garden to Rosie the Riveter in Girl-Led Ceremony at Battery Park

Battery Park City Girl Scout Troop #3302 Joined by Dozens of Girl Scouts and Real-Life Rosie the Riveter to Celebrate Bronze/Silver Award Project Honoring WWII Rosies

(New York, NY) – On Friday, Girl Scouts from all over NYC will celebrate all Rosies, the real working women who exemplified leadership and took on challenging work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and other fields during World War II, the name coined from the U.S. Government’s Rosie the Riveter national call for help. “America’s Longest Working Rosie” Elinor Otto, who retired as a riveter at 95 years of age, will serve as the keynote speaker.

Girl Scouts of Greater New York Troop #3302, with support from The Battery Conservancy and Spirit of ‘45, chose to celebrate the many Rosies with a memorial garden that all Girl Scouts can volunteer time to keep vibrant. This effort, along with the Troop’s attendant projects to encourage intergenerational communications, will earn the Troop members their Bronze or Silver Awards, the highest honor a Junior and Cadette Girl Scout, respectively, can earn for designing, organizing and executing a project that benefits their community. As part of the project, the Girl Scouts are also collecting oral histories from members of their community who recall WWII.

Girl Scouts from all over the city are invited to join Troop #3302 to celebrate these courageous Rosies with a wreath laying and dedication at the U.S. National East Coast World War II Memorial.

WHAT: Girl Scout-led ceremony and wreath laying

WHO: Representatives from:
Girl Scouts of Greater New York and Battery Park City Troop #3302
Elinor Otto, America’s Longest Working Rosie
Warrie Price, President and Founder of The Battery Conservancy
Warren Hegg, National Director of Spirit of ‘45
Terri Ruyter/Alexis Querques, PS/IS 276 Principal The Battery Park City School

WHEN: Friday, June 1, 2018, 3:30 p.m. pre-ceremony activities, 4:00 p.m. ceremony

WHERE: The Battery – East Coast Memorial