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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Rosie the Riveter / WWII Home Front National Historical Park
440 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300
Richmond, California 94804

January 6, 2016

Dear Bay Area World War II Organizations,

I am writing to invite you to become a charter member of a new partnership of organizations and individuals who are dedicated to preserving the rich WWII heritage of our communities here in the Greater San Francisco Bay area.

On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th anniversary and kicks off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks, engaging communities throughout our nation through recreation, conservation and historic preservation programs.

As part of this year's Centennial celebration, the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park is forming a coalition of organizations and individuals who share this mission. The 100 year history of the National Park Service virtually runs parallel to that of the men and women who grew up in the Great Depression, came together to preserve freedom and democracy during World War II, and participated in laying the foundations for a better future for their children and their children's children, of both their allies and former foes.

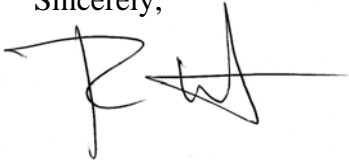
The San Francisco Bay Area WWII History & Heritage Coalition will function as a catalyst for its members to develop innovative new approaches to engaging the public through joint marketing programs, public projects and creative mutually beneficial partnerships. I warmly invite you to become a charter member of this exciting new coalition and to help define its initial structure and operating processes by contributing your ideas and insights from your organization's perspective.

I hope that you or a representative from your organization can join us for an initial planning meeting that will be hosted by History San Jose on Friday, February 12. Please RSVP to tom_leatherman@nps.gov with your interest and the name of your representative so that we can forward more information about meeting logistics as they are developed. I have also attached a list of all of the organizations we would like to contact, some of whom I do not have contact information for. If you have this information please forward it to me so that they can be included. We are interested in being as inclusive as possible so please pass on names of other organizations who you think would be good to include.

I personally look forward to working with you to help make the most of this exciting and most timely opportunity. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me or

Warren Hegg, National Supervisor for the Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Leatherman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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