

Spirit of '45 Statue Tour to Visit U-Haul Corporate Headquarters



What:

Join U-Haul in welcoming the “Spirit of '45 Statue” and have your photograph taken in front of this iconic statue.

When:

June 13, 2012 at 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Where:

U-Haul corporate headquarters along the north side of the building on Roanoke.



Joanne Fried and Ashleigh Wagner from the U-Haul Media and Public Relations Dept. met up with the “Spirit of '45” sculpture while in Washington, D.C.

On June 13, 2012, U-Haul will be welcoming the “Spirit of '45 Statue” to our corporate headquarters. The “Spirit of '45 Statue” was designed after the iconic photograph of a nurse and a sailor celebrating the end of World War II on August 14, 1945 in Times Square. A U-Haul pickup truck has been transporting the statue across the country to be a part of the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C., and the statue has been on a nationwide tour since May 17th, visiting more than 30 communities across the United States.

The sculpture is a six-foot version of the 20-foot sculpture in San Diego Harbor that is now the symbol for Spirit of '45 Day, a national day of remembrance honoring the men and women of America’s ‘Greatest Generation,’ which is celebrated each year on the second Sunday in August.

As many U-Haul Team members know, U-Haul was founded by L.S. (Sam) Shoen, a WWII Navy veteran, along with his wife Anna Mary Carty Shoen. The Shoens are the perfect representation of the many veterans and people from this era who made America what it is today. August 14, 1945, was a huge turning point for America, and this generation of Americans is why we are where we are today.

The Spirit of '45 tour is also calling on men and women who remember WWII to share their photos and stories of the war years (1941 – 1945), to educate and inspire future generations. WWII veterans are asked to share their wartime portrait photos, to be included in a “Wall of Honor” mural that will be on display at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, August 12. Children of parents who were together during the war years are invited to submit their loved ones’ wedding photos, to be included in a banner which will be unveiled in Times Square on August 14 to celebrate the anniversary of the “kiss seen ‘round the world.”

For more information about the Spirit of '45 Day public-awareness campaign and how to submit photos, go to www.Spiritof45.org or like Spirit of '45 on Facebook.



The 20-foot “Spirit of '45” sculpture in San Diego Harbor