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## PBS' All-Star Memorial Day Salute

(NAPSA)—Inscribed on the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. are the words "Freedom is Not Free." This insightful phrase serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices that so many American servicemen and women have made for our nation. On the eve of Memorial Day, an annual tradition continues to honor their service and sacrifice with PBS' top-rated 14th annual National Memorial Day Concert.

Veteran actor and World War II veteran Ossie Davis hosts this year's event which features a star-studded cast, stirring musical performances from Grammy-winning artists, archival footage and dramatic readings that will help viewers appreciate the real impact of war and renew the American spirit. The nation's premier holiday event will be broadcast live on PBS from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, before an audience of more than 350,000, on Sunday, May 25, 2003 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. ET (check local listings). The concert is also broadcast to U.S. military personnel in more than 135 countries by the American Forces Radio and Television Network.

The evening offers a special tribute to the troops in the Persian Gulf, the heroes and victims of September 11 and the war on terrorism. 2003 also marks some significant anniversaries in our nation's military history which are commemorated in this year's concert. In addition to paying homage to the thousands of veterans who have served or made the ultimate sacrifice in our country's service, the program will feature a special segment on the Korean War which ended 50 years ago with the signing of the armistice agreement. And, the concert will provide a



**War separates loved ones, sometimes forever. The National Memorial Day Concert on PBS remembers all Americans who have served or made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Tune in May 25 at 8pm.**

very personal remembrance of the Vietnam War, which came to an end 30 years ago, through the stories of four Gold Star mothers who lost their sons.

Joining Ossie Davis will be the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and color guards from each of the armed forces. Also appearing are distinguished actor Charles Durning, a much-decorated veteran of World War II; space pioneer and American hero John Glenn; Emmy award-winning actress Ruby Dee; Grammy award-winning opera star Renée Fleming; pop and Broadway sensation Linda Eder; acclaimed film, theater and television actor Joe Mantegna; World War II veteran and Emmy award-winning television and film actor Tony Randall; and other guest artists in performance with the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of premier pops conductor Erich Kunzel.

To learn more, visit the companion Web site at [www.pbs.org/memorialdayconcert](http://www.pbs.org/memorialdayconcert).