



# America's Heroes



## WWII Memorial Web Site Registry Honors Vets

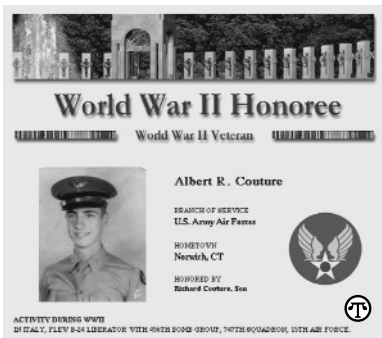
(NAPSA)—At a time when fewer than one in 10 adults recognizes that 16 million Americans served in uniform during the Second World War, the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) has introduced a World War II registry online to document the names of those who participated in history's largest and most devastating war.

The registry is accessible on the Web site of the National World War II Memorial ([www.WWII Memorial.com](http://www.WWII Memorial.com)). Any American that served in the armed forces or contributed to the war effort on the home front, whether in factories and shipyards or farms and neighborhoods, is eligible.

The registry contains more than one million records, most submitted by the public. The database also includes National Archives and Records Administration lists of those killed in service during the war, and names of those buried in ABMC overseas cemeteries or listed on its Tablets of the Missing.

"We've been compiling names for several years," ABMC spokesman Mike Conley said. "We've made the registry available now, prior to the memorial's dedication, to encourage more enrollments. We've only scratched the surface of the database potential."

There is no charge to place a name in the registry. Individuals can be enrolled through the Web site or by calling the memorial's toll-free number at 1-800-639-



**Along with the World War II Memorial in Washington, there's now an online database of those who served in uniform and at home during that conflict.**

4WW2. The registry will be accessible at the memorial site on the National Mall when the memorial is opened to the public.

The World War II Memorial is under construction and on schedule for the official dedication ceremony set for Saturday, May 29, 2004. The Memorial Day weekend celebration will culminate an 11-year effort to honor America's World War II generation. The memorial was authorized by Congress in 1993.

The Smithsonian Institution, the Washington National Cathedral and Armed Forces ceremonial and musical units will participate in the four-day *Tribute to a Generation* dedication celebration that will run from May 27-30, 2004. Dedication details are available through the memorial Web site and toll-free number.