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it attracts."*



ANNOUNCING THE PBS NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT: THE MULTI-AWARD-WINNING NATIONAL TRADITION HONORING OUR AMERICAN HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES – FEATURED GUESTS INCLUDE 5 MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS OF WWII - FILMED LIVE FROM THE U.S. CAPITOL SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023 @ 8:00 PM ET

Fairfax, VA, May 19, 2023 -- For Immediate Release:

This year's program features an all-star cast co-hosted by Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise. It will also feature a segment honoring the United State Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII. Among the honored guests for that occasion are **Charles Mills (103 yrs.) from Texas, George Worsham (99) from Virginia, Bill Balabanow (98) from Pennsylvania, John Laughton (101) from California, and Dave Yoho (95) from Virginia.**

Yoho was recently filmed at his office in preparation for this gala event. Highlights of the filming will be shown at the concert and will later be available on YouTube.

The US Merchant Marine had the highest mortality rate (1 out of 26) of any of the service branches. Yoho and the other attendees were recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal at a special session of Congress on May 18, 2022.

The **National Memorial Day Concert** featuring Tony award-winning Montegna and Emmy award-winning Gary Sinise **will air on PBS and stream on www.pbs.org/national-memorial-day-concert and YouTube on Sunday, May 28, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. E.T.**

The program was designed as a reminder of the gallant men of the Merchant Marine who manned the ships that delivered the goods on five continents during WWII.

Dave Yoho is acting as a spokesman for the US Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII. He is a prominent speaker who has appeared in every state in the US and 22 foreign countries. He and the other recipients are being feted the following morning at a special breakfast hosted by President Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden at the White House. They will later appear laying a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and will, along with others, be featured at the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, which normally attracts almost 400,000 people.

Dave Yoho and his fellow honorees urge you and those you know to view these forthcoming events. In a recent quote, Yoho stated:

"We are like grains of sand on the vast seashore of life. We are part of a rapidly eroding station of life. We are old and Veterans of World War II.

There were 16 million U.S. servicemen in uniform – from a population of 130 million. Our special group of Merchant Mariners represented 250 thousand of those Veterans. Now less than 1500 of us remain."

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