

# HOW MANY AGGIES DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD?



## Missions Conference

### COME FIND OUT!

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11... 7-9 PM... REED ARENA

PRESENTED BY BREAKWAY MINISTRIES

# Veterans await WWII memorial

By Jennifer C. Kerr  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Tears and pride mix as Navy veteran Ted Burke talks about the National World War II Memorial and its significance as a reminder of the sacrifices he and millions of others made.

Recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, the 83-year-old former torpedoman has made it his life's goal to make it to the Memorial Day weekend dedication on the National Mall.

"I hope and pray to the good Lord I'll be there," said Burke of Rehoboth Beach, Del., a former commander of the American Legion Department of the District of Columbia.

His daughter, Teddy Burke, choked back tears and said if her father cannot make it, "I'll be there for him, and I'll be the proudest person there."

The memorial being built on a 7.4-acre site between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial is the result of years of fund raising and arm-twisting by veterans, including former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole.

Congress passed legislation in 1993 to authorize construction after veterans questioned why there were memorials for Vietnam, Korea and World War I veterans but nothing for those of World War II.

Dole said the memorial will be a wonderful tribute to what he called "the disappearing generation."

"You know, we didn't come back expecting somebody would build a memorial," said Dole, who was gravely wounded in combat. "We went back and a lot of us poor guys got to go back to school with the GI bill, others went back to work."

The Veterans Affairs Department estimates that World War II veterans are dying at a rate of 1,056 a day — more than 385,000 a year. Mindful of this, memorial officials plan to open the site to the public in April, ahead of the dedication May 29.

"We want as many to be able to get in here and see this as we can," said project executive Barry Owenby. Of the 16 million who served during the war, fewer than 4 million are expected to be alive when the memorial is formally opened.

Ground was broken in September 2001. More than two years later, most of the granite and bronze is in place. The memorial has two hulking 43-foot arches and 56 smaller granite pillars that form an oval, encircling a sunken plaza and pool.

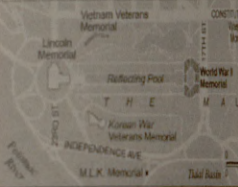
The pillars represent each state and territory from that era and the District of Columbia. Each is inscribed with the name of a state or territory, and topped off with two bronze wreaths.

The arches — one marked "Atlantic" and the other "Pacific" — symbolize the two theaters of the war. Inside, each has four bronze columns supporting huge American eagles that hold a suspended victory laurel.

### NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL Racing with time to honor veterans

Service members during World War II	81.1 million
Battle deaths	29,557
Non-battle deaths	113,000
Living veterans	4.4 million
Estimated veteran deaths this year	28,000
Estimated veteran deaths per day	158

SOURCE: Estimated deaths between Sept. 30, 2002 and Sept. 30, 2003 based on deaths rates and related to combat.



SOURCE: Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the National World War II Memorial Commission.

Along the ceremonial entrance to the plaza, there will be a series of 24 sculpted bronze panels, each depicting scenes of the war effort, both at home and overseas.

Straight ahead, across the pool, is the "Freedom Wall" which eventually will be covered with 4,000 gold stars to commemorate the more than 400,000 Americans killed in the war. The gold star was the symbol of the death of a family member in the war.

"I certainly don't begrudge memorials to the veterans of other wars, but ours was a big one. And I think it's going to be a very fine tribute to my colleagues," said Eddie Dentz, 79, of Woodbridge, Va. An Army staff sergeant with the 106th Division, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded a Bronze Star.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Money still needed for statue

NEW YORK (AP) — A nonprofit group is looking for private donations to fund security improvements needed to reopen the Statue of Liberty, off-limits to the public since the Sept. 11 attacks.

The federal government already has spent millions of dollars on upgrades, but about \$5 million worth of security measures still are needed before visitors can go inside the 151-

foot-high statue, National Park Service spokesman Brian Feeney said.

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, which oversaw the statue's restoration in the 1980s, offered to help raise the funds, Feeney said.

The Statue of Liberty National Monument, a 58-acre island in New York Harbor, was closed to the public immediately after the attacks. The island was reopened in December 2001, but visitors can no longer enter the statue.

LATE NIGHT EVERY NIGHT LARGE 1 TOPPING FOR \$6.99 + TAX AFTER 10 PM

MONDAY'S PAPA SIZE IT MAKE IT AN EXTRA LARGE FOR \$2.00 MORE

**PAPA JOHN'S**  
Better Ingredients • Better Pizza

**Monday Special**

**1 Large 1-Topping \$5.99**

pickup only

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 LARGE 1-TOPPING \$5.99 pu/only	2 LARGE 1-TOPPING \$12.99 pu/delivery	1 EX-LARGE 2-TOPPING \$10.50 pu/delivery	1 LARGE 2-TOPPING & 2 liter drink \$11.99 pu/delivery	PICK YOUR SIDE LARGE 2 TOPPING AND 1 SIDE \$12.78 pu/delivery	FAMILY SPECIAL 1 LARGE SPECIALTY 2 TOPPING \$16.99	ANY LARGE SPECIALTY \$11.99

Northgate 601 University Dr. 979-846-3600  
Post Oak Square Center 100 Harvey Rd., Suite D 979-764-7272  
Rock Prairie 1700 Rock Prairie 979-680-0508

Sunday: 11 a.m. - midnight  
Monday - Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 1 a.m.  
Thursday: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 a.m.

OPEN LATE

"We couldn't have imagined a better experience while being prepared for ministry."

Here are just a few of the 119 Texas A&M University alumni currently studying at Dallas Seminary.

Dallas Theological Seminary's mission is to glorify God by equipping godly servant-leaders for the proclamation of His Word and the building up of the body of Christ worldwide.

Training You Can Trust... Leaders You Can Follow

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

toll free 866-DTS-WORD  
www.dts.edu

San Jacinto College

Jump start your education and get your career in gear! San Jacinto College is the way to go for academic, technical and continuing education classes. Bottom line, the more you learn, the more you earn. Details are at [www.sjcd.edu](http://www.sjcd.edu), or go to your favorite search engine and enter "San Jacinto College."

Winter mini session:  
Telephone / Web Registration :  
November 17 to December 11  
Classes begin : December 15

GO!  
San Jacinto College  
281-998-6150

[www.sos.sjcd.edu](http://www.sos.sjcd.edu)

An Equal Opportunity Institution