



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, July 14, 2025—The WWII Wilmington Home Front Coalition is honoring surviving local WWII Veterans at a Remembrance and Celebration of V-J Day on Thursday, August 14, 2025 from 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M. at the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center at 120 S. Second St., Wilmington, NC 28401. Free and open to the public.

On this day 80 years ago, our servicemen and women who had served their country at home and abroad, were able to think about coming home and living in peace. V-J-Day signified the end of World War II with the surrender of Japan on August 14, 1945. We will honor our veterans and all residents who helped in the War Effort in Wilmington during WWII. Anyone who lived through WWII is also encouraged to attend. We will gather at the Hannah Block Historic USO / Community Arts Center with a program of remembrance and celebration to include:

- Award of commendation to our identified and living, local WWII Veterans, who will be available to meet-and-greet at the reception
- Special Guest Speaker, The Honorable David Rouzer, U.S. Congressman
- Patriotic and WWII-Era music and dance performances
- Participation by New Hanover High School, Cape Fear Academy, Home School, Cape Fear Community College, UNCW students
- WWII memorabilia, equipment and uniform exhibits
- Light refreshments

Sponsored by the World War II Wilmington Home Front Heritage Coalition and Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center, this is an America 250 WWII Wilmington celebration event recognizing and promoting the city's designation as America's first WWII Heritage City. "Besides our veterans, we invite all area folks who served on the home front or remembered living through the war," said Captain Wilbur Jones, Coalition chairman. "Come join in the festivities and relive the memories. We're also glad to see so many students participating."

AN AMERICA 250 EVENT

The WWII Wilmington Home Front Heritage Coalition
and the Hannah Block Historic USO / Community Arts Center

For more information visit: WilmingtonCommunityArts.org

President Trump Announced Wilmington's Designation as America's First WWII City on September 2, 2020. U.S. Senator Thom Tillis and Congressman David Rouzer were instrumental in the legislation.

