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ANNOUNCING NATIONAL ERNIE PYLE DAY CELEBRATION

Bloomington, IN — The Ernie Pyle Legacy Foundation created National Ernie Pyle Day and the United States Senate agreed to a resolution proposed by Indiana Senators Todd Young and Joe Donnelly designating August 3, 2018 as National Ernie Pyle Day. To commemorate this day the Ernie Pyle Legacy Foundation has organized a celebration that will take place at Franklin Hall on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington.

The celebration, open to the public, will begin at 10 am, and will include recognition of special guests and speakers. The key note speaker will be Joseph Galloway, Journalist and prominent war correspondent who began with four tours in Vietnam, the Gulf War, the Haiti Incursion, and then two tours in Iraq. Co-author Of We Were Soldiers Once.. and Young which was made into a movie. All military veterans are encouraged to attend. At 12 noon, those in attendance will adjourn outdoors for a reception and light lunch and gather at the statue of Ernie Pyle. The statue’s sculptor, Tuck Langland, will deliver remarks about his approach to creating the Pyle statue. The American Legion will post the colors with a salute to all Veterans.

Immediately following the reception, a performance by Ronald May, in character as Ernie Pyle will be presented in Franklin Hall. This presentation will provide a perspective on Pyle’s relationship with soldiers during WW II and as a correspondent creating reports that meant so much to Americans at home.

National Ernie Pyle Day has the support of many groups, especially the Ernie Pyle WWII Museum, the IU Media School and the Foundation’s new partners, the National Society of Newspaper Columnists and the Scripps Howard Foundation. 5-10-2018
The Ernie Pyle Legacy Foundation was established to ensure and continue the Legacy of Ernie Pyle. National Ernie Pyle Day was created to carry on this tradition and honor Ernie's lifetime achievements. National Ernie Pyle Day has the support of our partners, the Ernie Pyle WWII Museum, the National Society of Newspaper Columnists, the Scripps Howard Foundation, and the Media School at Indiana University.

Special thanks to the staff of the Media School at Indiana University for their help and support of this event.

Support of our Veterans continues, as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will be honored and are helping with this event.

www.erniepylefoundation.org
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10:00 AM—Opening
Posting of Colors
National Anthem
Pledge of Allegiance

Major Thomas Cowan
United States Air Force (ret.)

Invocation
Lt. Colonel Linn Benson
United States Air Force (ret.)

Opening Remarks
Lt. Colonel Linn Benson

Guest Recognition
Major Thomas Cowan

National Ernie Pyle Day
Proclamation
Office of the Governor
Office of the Mayor

Gerald (Jerry) Maschino
United States Army (ret.)

John Hamilton

The Media School at
Indiana University

Ernie Pyle Reflections
Michael Brainard
Actor & Playwright

Keynote Address
Joseph Galloway
Military Correspondent
Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq & more

12:00 PM—Reception &
Lunch Around The Statue

Lt. Colonel Linn Benson
Tuck Langland
Sculptor

1:00 PM—Ernie Pyle, A
One Man Show—Franklin
Hall

Ronald May
Author

1:00 PM—Drop-In Tour of
the newly renovated
Ernie Pyle Hall

The Media School at
Indiana University

2:00 PM—Drop-In Tour of
the newly renovated
Ernie Pyle Hall

Dean James Shanahan