



Oregon Spirit of '45[©]

Mission: To commemorate the achievements and virtues of the World War II Generation, on the 2nd Sunday of every August, so as to inspire future generations

Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive

The *Spirit of '45* honors the achievements of all the men and women of the World War II Generation and by their example of courage, shared-sacrifice, 'can do' attitude, spirit, unity and civic engagement inspires a renewal of national unity in America at a time when our country once again must come together to meet historic challenges.

Over 16 million Americans fought for our freedom in World War II (1941-1945) ... nearly 500,000 made the ultimate sacrifice. This 2010 Congressionally-endorsed Day, is a national *Movement Across America* recognizing the end of World War II to preserve the legacy of the ordinary heroes, who endured the Great Depression, saved freedom and democracy in the world and led an unprecedented effort to lay the foundation to assure a better future for both friend and former foe alike.

Over 150,000 Oregonians served ... more than 7,200 lost their lives. In 2013, Oregon was the first state to legislate an annual permanent Spirit of '45 Day on the 2nd Sunday of every August and is celebrated statewide. This commemorative day, aligned with Victory in Japan (VJ) Day, is depicted by the iconic *Sailor Kissing the Nurse* in Times Square featured on the cover of Life Magazine, August 1945.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO

Oregon Spirit of '45 is collecting photos of WWII hero faces—from all states.

Bring your own legacy WWII photos of family members (example above)
to Willamette National Cemetery on Spirit of '45 Day, Aug. 14, 2016, 11 AM.
With legacy photo, service branch and hometown, volunteers will add your photos to our *WWII Wall of Honor, Faces of Heroes.*

Exhibit on the Washington, DC Mall

In 2020, on the 2nd Sunday of August, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II, a 2-mile-long banner with the hero faces of this incredible generation will stretch from The Nation's Capital steps to the Lincoln Memorial, and back to the reflecting pool of the National World War II Memorial to honor all of America's World War II men and women.