

VETERANS DAY

D-DAY PRAYER ADDITION CELEBRATION

AT THE WWII MEMORIAL 11:30 AM



★★★ *For Their Honor* ★★★

WELCOME Bob Frantz
Master of Ceremonies

INVOCATION Chaplain

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Venturing Crew 1944

NATIONAL ANTHEM Melanie Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TO THE COLORS

REMARKS William J. Federer

U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson

U.S. Senator Rob Portman

Passing on the Legacy OCA/CAA President Chris Long

Reading of the D-Day Prayer Crew 1944

WREATH LAYING *in recognition of the military chaplains who served during WWII*

SONG "God Bless America" Melanie Miller

BENEDICTION Matt Miller
Mayor City of Ashland, Ohio



Bob Frantz is the creator and host of The Bob Frantz Authority, a conservative talk show broadcast on WHK AM-1420 in Cleveland. A 24-year talk radio veteran, Bob has hosted highly rated shows in some of the biggest markets in the nation. He brought his show to WHK 1220 Cleveland in January of 2015. He also is now a regular guest-host for the nationally syndicated Hugh Hewitt, Dennis Prager, Sebastian Gorka, and Larry Elder programs on the Salem Radio Network, and is heard on hundreds of stations by tens of thousands of listeners.

Bob is also a two-time Emmy Award winner as host of the true crime-solving television program "Crimestoppers: Case Files." He has appeared as a guest commentator on multiple Cleveland television news programs, as well as cable news shows on Fox News Channel and MSNBC.



Melanie Miller is the Executive Director of the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, an organization that provides compassionate care and life-affirming options to women in the greater-Ashland County area. Prior to her career in nonprofit management, Melanie was a spokeswoman for and featured in the documentary film "Yellow Roses: Real Girls. Real Life. Real Hope," which addresses the challenges young women face as they come of age in today's society, and helps young women discover their priceless value. In addition, Melanie was crowned Miss Ohio 2006 and Mrs. Ohio America 2011, and she is the only Mrs. Ohio America to also hold the title Miss Ohio. She lives in Ashland with her husband Matt Miller who is the Mayor of Ashland.



William J. Federer is a nationally known speaker, best-selling author, and president of Amerisearch, Inc., a publishing company dedicated to researching America's noble heritage.

Bill's AMERICAN MINUTE radio feature is broadcast daily across America and by the Internet. His Faith in History television airs on the TCT Network on stations across America and via DirectTV.

A former U.S. Congressional Candidate, Bill has appeared on: CSPAN, FOX, NPR, MSNBC, and many other television networks. He has been interviewed on thousands of radio programs, and he has been quoted or referenced in USA Today, Human Events, New York Times, Washington Times, and numerous other publications.

Bill's first book "America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations" has sold over a half-million copies. His numerous works have been quoted by authors, politicians, leaders, journalists, teachers, students and in court cases.



Congressman Bill Johnson was elected to a sixth term to serve the people of Ohio's 6th District in Eastern and Southeastern Ohio in November 2020. He retained his seat on the House Energy & Commerce Committee that is charged with providing a key role in developing America's energy, healthcare, and telecommunications policies (among others), while providing oversight on the Administration's implementation of these laws.

Johnson retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force after a distinguished military career of more than 26 years. He is a recipient of the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. As Director of the Air Force's Chief Information Officer Staff at U.S. Special Operations Command, Johnson worked directly with senior congressional and Secretary of Defense representatives, as well as top leaders within the various U.S. intelligence communities, to ensure America's Special Operations forces were adequately equipped to carry out critical national security missions.

Congressman Johnson was the House sponsor of the WWII Memorial Prayer Act which adds FDR's D-Day Prayer to the WWII Memorial.



Senator Rob Portman is a United States Senator from the state of Ohio, a position he has held since he was first elected in 2010, winning 82 of Ohio's 88 counties. In 2016, he was re-elected, winning by an even larger margin of 58 to 37 percent and winning 84 out of Ohio's 88 counties.

Portman is Ranking Member on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Joint Economic Committee.

During his Senate tenure, he has introduced more than 240 bills, including 200 bipartisan bills, and more than 150 of his legislative priorities have been signed into law.

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Chris Long is the President of Ohio Christian Alliance, a public policy, voter education organization representing Christian interests before the Ohio legislature and the U.S. Congress. The Christian Alliance advocates for pro-life, pro-family, religious liberty, First Amendment issues. Legislative successes over the years include the Choose Life License Plate, Adoption Tax Credit, and The Founding of America Documents Curriculum (S.B. 165) that requires the teaching of the Founding Documents in American History and Government courses from grades 8- 12 in Ohio schools. Chris is the initiator of the D-Day Landing Prayer Act, also known as the WWII Memorial Prayer Act (S 1044) that passed Congress in June of 2014 and was signed into law on June 30, 2014 - legislation that will add the entire D-Day Prayer of FDR at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Chris is the host of News in Focus, a weekly radio program heard throughout the State of Ohio on the Salem Network in various radio markets. He is also a regular guest on radio and television throughout Ohio and nationally.



Crew 1944: Venturing Crew 1944 is an educational organization of the Boy Scouts of America and chartered by the MAPS Air Museum. As a group of amateur historians, they seek to honor the soldiers of America's "Greatest Generation" by faithfully portraying the officers and men of the U.S. Army. Through living history encampments and tactical demonstrations, their mission is to provide a unique educational experience for the public.



D-DAY PRAYER PROJECT

THE EFFORT TO ADD FDR'S HISTORICAL PRAYER AT THE WWII MEMORIAL

This legislative initiative first started in early 2011, when OCA President Chris Long approached newly elected Congressman from Ohio's 6th District, Lt. Colonel Bill Johnson (Air Force, Ret.), to add FDR's D-Day Landing Prayer in its entirety at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Congressman Johnson happily agreed. Soon afterwards, Ohio Christian Alliance was approached by Ohio U.S. Senator Rob Portman offering to be the Senate sponsor of the legislation. In a rare bi-partisan moment in the U.S. Congress, and on the eve of the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings, the U.S. Senate granted unanimous consent for S 1044, The WWII Memorial Prayer Act. Two weeks later, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the measure, and sent it on to President Obama, who signed the bill on June 30, 2014.

The Ohio Christian Alliance then worked with the Friends of the WWII Memorial and the U.S. Parks Service for site selection and design approval, and with the Friends of the WWII Memorial for the project fundraising effort. The legislation stipulated that it shall not be paid for by tax dollars, but with private donations. Many Americans are not aware that most of the monuments in Washington were not paid for by tax dollars, but by private donations over the years. A temporary D-Day Prayer plaque was on display at the Circle of Remembrance from July 2019 – July 2022. The temporary prayer plaque served as a promissory note, a holding, until the remaining funds could be collected for the addition of the permanent prayer at the upgraded Circle of Remembrance.

When time was running out..

Much needed donations small and large came in from across the country, but we were still a long way away from securing the funds needed for the prayer's addition. Believing that "through faith and patience we inherit the promise" (Hebrews 6:12), CAA President Chris Long called for prayer, assured that God was somehow going to provide the resources needed to add the prayer to the WWII Memorial. Then, with time running out, the Lilly Endowment stepped forward with a \$2 million grant. This year, we celebrate the prayer's addition at the WWII Memorial Circle of Remembrance. It will serve as a lasting tribute to the brave soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought against tyranny for the cause of liberty in WWII.



WWII Memorial Prayer ACT S1044 was signed into law June 30, 2014. This legislative act will include FDR's D-Day Landing Prayer in its entirety at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

My Fellow Americans:

Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our Allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far.

And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer:

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest -- until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and goodwill among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home -- fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas, whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them -- help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too -- strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us faith. Give us faith in Thee; faith in our sons; faith in each other; faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment -- let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogances. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace -- a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt - June 6, 1944

Ohio Christian Alliance worked with the Friends of the WWII Memorial and the U.S. Parks Service for the design and placement of the Prayer.

Senator Rob Portman, sponsor of WWII Memorial Prayer Act (S. 1044) with Chris Long, President of Ohio Christian Alliance

Congressman Bill Johnson (OH District 6) U.S. House sponsor of WWII Memorial Prayer Act with George Poppy Fowler, Navy veteran who testified in support of the bill.

