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WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel “Woody” Williams to speak at WSRE

WHO: At age 96, Hershel “Woody” Williams is the sole surviving Marine from World War II to have received the Medal of Honor. President Truman presented the medal, noting his “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.” He served in the Battle of Iwo Jima with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division. His personal commitment to veterans and their families brought about the Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, which allows Williams to continue his devotion and commitment to those who have served and to Gold Star families. He is in Pensacola to help facilitate the placement of a new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Veterans Memorial Park.

WHAT: WSRE Public Square presents a free lecture by Hershel “Woody” Williams. Exhibitors, including Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park and the Pensacola State College Veterans Affairs Department, will be setup in the studio an hour before the event. A panel discussion among Gold Star family members will follow Williams’ presentation.

WHEN: Wednesday, Dec. 18. Doors open at 6 p.m. Program begins at 7 p.m.

WHERE: WSRE Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio at Pensacola State College

WHY: This event is being held in conjunction with upcoming placement of a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Veterans Memorial Park and will be recorded for future broadcast.

HOW: This free event is “sold out” based on advance registrations. Registered guests are asked to check in as they enter the venue. Media interviews can be scheduled just prior to the event.

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