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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

World War II: Looking Back and Ahead

For the thousands of World War II veterans who participated, the Day of Victory marked a day of triumph, a day of remembrance. But for those who did not survive, it was a day of bitter loss. As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of that great conflict, we are reminded of the sacrifices made and the price we paid. Today, as we look back on the past, we are also looking forward to the future, and the challenges that lie ahead.

Many of the senior leaders of the Army and Air Force who participated in World War II are no longer with us. It is a reminder of the importance of remembering those who served and the sacrifices they made.

President George W. Vessey, Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has called for a national retreat and a national recognition of those who served in World War II. This is a fitting way to honor the memory of those who served and to remember their sacrifice.

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