Iwo Jima Association of America

Reunion and Symposium — February 26th— March 1st, 2020 — Washington, DC
Reunion of Honor —March 23rd– 29th, 2020 — Guam and Iwo Jima

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Iwo Jima Commemorative Symposium
February 26-March 1, 2020

From February 26 through March 1, 2020, the Iwo Jima Association of America (IJAA) will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle for Iwo Jima. The IJAA Commemorative Symposium will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City (Arlington), Virginia.

The five-day event will include a series of distinguished speakers, noted panelists, and visits to both the Udvar -Hazy Air and Space Museum and National Museum of the Marine Corps, as well as the anniversary banquet gala on Saturday, February 29.

The banquet on Saturday evening will:

- Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the landing on February 19, 1945 and the beginning of the five-week battle for that Japanese-held island in the Pacific;
- Honor the lives of the deceased and living veterans who participated in the battle; and
- Raise historical and educational awareness of the battle and its strategic importance during World War II.

Anticipated to be a widely attended event, participants and attendees at the Symposium will include veterans of the Battle for Iwo Jima, members of Congress, high-level representatives of both the U.S. and foreign governments, senior military officers, business executives, and dignitaries in the news media and entertainment industries.

As Americans approach the year 2020, it is imperative that we keep in mind the history and legacy of our nation and the price paid by our past generations, for the freedom and democracy we enjoy today that should never be taken for granted. To that end, nothing signifies the cost and sacrifices more than one of the bloodiest and most iconic battles of World War II. The 36-day Battle for Iwo Jima (Iwo To in Japanese) resulted in more than 26,000 American casualties, including 6,800 dead.

For additional information regarding this historic event, please contact Art Sifuentes at rsifuentes@iwojimaassociation.org or check out IJAA's Website at www.iwojimaassociation.org for periodic updates.

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