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“Tribute to a Generation”

John M. Barber Recognized Nationally through WWII Commission

Richmond, VA – July, 2004 – This spring, artist John M. Barber, best known for his Chesapeake Bay maritime artwork, was honored by the American Battle Monuments Commission with a special request to create the official painting of the new World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The memorial, which was dedicated this past May during Memorial Day weekend, recognizes and honors the American men and women who served in the war, both in uniform and at home.

“In conceiving this painting,” Barber states, “my primary goal was to portray this great memorial with the proper dignity and respect which it deserves...It was an honor to create this painting,” Barber continued, “and in doing so, I pay respect to my late father and WW II Veteran, Morton John Barber. He proudly served our country and saw intense action as a member of the First Marine Corps Division in the Pacific Theater.”

John's original oil painting entitled "Tribute to a Generation" was unveiled at a reception Friday evening, May 28, at Washington's Convention Center and The Commission intends to place the painting on display in a prestigious Washington venue yet to be named.

Highlights of Barber's career include paintings for both the Reagan and Clinton Presidential Administrations. The artist has also created commissioned paintings of some of the world's most beautiful motor and sailing yachts, such as *Wyntje*, Walter Cronkite's 60' English-built sailing ketch. Barber has served as an elected trustee of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and as a Charter Member of the American Society of Marine Artists. The artist has raised more than half a million dollars for conservation groups involved in helping protect the Chesapeake Bay. He has also published and distributed over 100 limited editions of collector prints from his original paintings. His artwork is featured in a book published by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum titled John M. Barber's Chesapeake, and a new publication, Bound for Blue Water, published by The Greenwich Workshop.

For additional information or questions regarding “Tribute to a Generation”, the official World War II Memorial painting, please call 804-814-4751. The official John M. Barber website is www.johnbarberart.com.

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