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70th Anniversary of the Manhattan Project

**June 2 and 3, 2015
Washington, DC**

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Manhattan Project, honor Manhattan Project veterans, and provide a preview of the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park, the Atomic Heritage Foundation is hosting events on Tuesday, June 2 and Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Both events will be open to the public and the press and will be held at the Carnegie Institution for Science, 1530 P Street, Northwest, Washington, DC, a few blocks from DuPont Circle.

A reunion for Manhattan Project veterans and their families will be held on Tuesday, June 2 beginning at 2:30 PM. The program will be a chance for Manhattan Project veterans to share their memories, followed by a reception. On Wednesday, June 3, 2015, a symposium will feature a discussion of the new park by officials from the Departments of Energy and Interior and sessions with veterans and experts talking about the Manhattan Project and its legacy for today. The following is a preliminary agenda for the events.

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 Manhattan Project: A Great Collaborative Effort

2:30 PM Remembering the Manhattan Project

Moderated by Cindy Kelly, Manhattan Project veterans and their children will have a chance to share some highlights of their experiences.

5:30 PM Reception

7:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 70th Anniversary of the Manhattan Project

8:00 AM Registration, Coffee and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM to 9:45 AM Introductory Remarks (TBD)

Senator Martin Heinrich and Lt. General Thomas Bostick, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General (invited)

9:45 AM to 10:30 AM Preview of the Manhattan Project Park

Patrick Gregerson, Chief of Planning for the National Park Service, and Jaime Shimek, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs for the Department of Energy, will talk about the creation of the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park at Los Alamos, NM, Oak Ridge, TN and Hanford, WA.

10:30 AM to 10:50 AM Break

10:50 AM to 12:00 PM. A Crucible for Innovation.

Historian Alex Wellerstein will lead a panel on the Manhattan Project as a crucible for innovation, with over 6,500 patented inventions in less than three years. Manhattan Project veterans Jim Schoke, Benjamin Bederson, and Norman Brown will be invited to talk about their experiences.

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Lunch

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Girls of the Manhattan Project.

Denise Kiernan, author of “The Girls of Atomic City” will lead a panel of women in the Manhattan Project talking about their roles and reflecting on what the Manhattan Project has meant for their lives. Invited will be Lilli Hornig, Rosemary Lane and Isabella Karle.

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Espionage and the Manhattan Project.

Robert Norris will talk about how General Groves introduced an intelligence revolution that took security measures to unprecedented heights, with new intelligence, counterintelligence and surveillance programs. Manhattan Project veterans Lilli Hornig, Jim Schoke and Ben Bederson will be invited to share their recollections of Klaus Fuchs, Ted Hall and David Greenglass and George Koval. How did these four spies escape detection?

3:00 PM to 3:15 PM. Break.

3:15 PM to 4:15 PM. Remembering Groves and Oppenheimer.

General Leslie R. Groves and J. Robert Oppenheimer’s biographers, Robert S. Norris and co-authors Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin, will be invited to talk about why was each man indispensable to the Manhattan Project’s success. Grandchildren of Groves and Oppenheimer will be invited to add more personal comments.

4:15 PM to 5:00 PM. Closing Remarks.

Richard Rhodes, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, will open by reflecting upon the Manhattan Project and the importance of preserving and learning from this history.