



**Sunday, August 14, 2011**

## **Some Things You Can Do on “National Spirit of ’45 Day”**

1. Take a “Class of ’45 Reunion” group photo of all your WWII veterans, their families and friends that can be part of the National Spirit of ’45 Day Yearbook that will be published at the end of the year.
2. Call your local elected officials (state legislature, county officials, mayor and city council members, etc.) and ask them to issue proclamations in support of “Spirit of ’45 Day” in their local community. Invite them to come to your home on August 14 to meet our WWII veterans.
3. Order an official “Spirit of ’45 Day” cake to share with residents and their families and friends to commemorate the “Greatest Generation’s Greatest Day”
4. Present all WWII veterans at your Home (and in your community) with copies of the Greatest Generation certificate and personal copy of the Congressional Resolution in support of a national “Spirit of ’45 Day.”
5. Order an official “Keep the Spirit of ’45 Alive!” banner to hang in your home (makes a great photo), and get your Spirit of ’45 Campaign Buttons and official challenge coins to distribute to your veterans that they can wear proudly on their special Day. (available on the Spirit of ’45 web site)
6. Collect your veteran’s wartime portrait photo and have it enlarged with their name, so it can be carried in your local Veterans Day Parade and displayed in the Home and at special events such as the annual kick off ceremonies at the National WWII Memorial in Washington, DC each year.
7. Invite the public in to share the day with their Greatest Generation, so they can express their appreciation to our veterans for what they did for their country and to ask them “Where were YOU on August 14, 1945?” Record their stories and post them on the Spirit of ’45 web site. [www.Spiritof45.org](http://www.Spiritof45.org)
8. Bring in a ’40s Swing Band or singers or put on a CD of music from the ’40s!
9. Contact Bugles Across America ([www.buglesacrossamerica.org](http://www.buglesacrossamerica.org)) to ask a bugler to play “Taps” at the end of the Day to honor the more than 400,000 who gave their all in WWII, and the millions of WWII vets and Rosies who have passed away since August 14, 1945.

***And don’t forget the red, white and blue balloons!***