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New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board to Hold Ceremony Honoring U.S. Soldiers, Sailors Lost in WWII's Exercise Tiger

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The City of New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board and the Fort Rodman – Fort Taber Historical Association will honor the 749 United States sailors and soldiers who lost their lives during the devastating April 28, 1944 attack on the United States military training operation, Exercise Tiger.

Exercise Tiger was a D-Day dry run which was ambushed by a German E-boat flotilla and resulted in America's costliest incident of World War II, second only to Pearl Harbor. The surprise attack sank two American vessels and severely damaged a third. This year marks the 70th Anniversary of Exercise Tiger.

A memorial ceremony is planned to honor the service members who perished in this incident:

Sunday April 27th, 2014 | Fort Rodman – Fort Taber Military Park | 1:00 PM
1000c Rodney French Blvd. | New Bedford, Massachusetts

The ceremony will include remarks by Mayor Jon Mitchell and guest speaker, Major General L. Scott Rice, Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard. General Rice oversees the administration and operation of the Massachusetts National Guard to ensure troops are trained, equipped and mission-ready to support national security objectives as well as protect life and property and preserve peace, order and public safety as directed in times of natural disaster and civil emergency.

In addition, the Northeast Navy Band and WWII era re-enactors will participate in the ceremony. All veterans are invited to attend and are asked to proudly display their service insignia.

For more information about the ceremony, please contact Bob Bromley, Chair of the Veterans' Advisory Board at rbromley@rilin.state.ri.us or Peter Clark at petewclark@hotmail.com.

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