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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2017 LIBERTY MEDAL CEREMONY HONORING U.S. SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

Vice President Joe Biden to present the medal and U.S. Naval Academy Choir to perform

Philadelphia, PA (October 11, 2017) – Today, the National Constitution Center released final details about its 2017 Liberty Medal Ceremony taking place Monday, October 16, 2017, honoring U.S. Senator John McCain for his lifetime of service and sacrifice. Vice President Joe Biden, Chair of the National Constitution Center’s Board of Trustees, will award the Liberty Medal to his longtime friend, Senator McCain, who will attend the ceremony with his wife Cindy. The U.S. Naval Academy Choir will perform. Howard Schultz, the Executive Chairman of Starbucks, will deliver a special tribute to Senator McCain’s service on behalf of veterans.

In addition, the ceremony will feature video greetings by Senator McCain’s family and friends, past Liberty Medal recipients, fellow veterans, and colleagues, including: President **George W. Bush**; Secretary **John Kerry**; Senators **Mitch McConnell**, **Chuck Schumer**, **Chris Coons**, and **Jeff Flake**; former Senators **Harry Reid** and **Joe Lieberman**; former Pennsylvania Governor **Tom Ridge**; former Mayor of New York City **Michael Bloomberg**; Congressman **John Lewis**; Fox News’ **Brett Baier** and **Chris Wallace**; and *The Weekly Standard*’s **Bill Kristol**.

The National Constitution Center’s 29th Annual Liberty Medal Ceremony will take place rain or shine at **7 p.m. on Monday, October 16**, at the National Constitution Center on Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. The event will be taped by WPVI-TV/6ABC for broadcast on Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 29 at 4:30 p.m. Viewers can watch the event live at www.6abc.com or at www.constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal.

About the Liberty Medal

The Liberty Medal was established in 1988 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. Given annually, the medal honors men and women of courage and conviction who strive to secure the blessings of liberty to people around the globe. Proceeds from the Liberty Medal support the National Constitution Center’s mission and its efforts to promote a greater understanding of the U.S. Constitution through education and civil discourse.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](http://www.constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its

Congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis.” As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America’s Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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