

**iWiRe - SAMPLE REMARKS AND FLOW OF EVENT**

*(Event Leader to all Participants):*

Hello, everyone, and welcome. Today, we get to be part of iWitnessed, iRemember, an exciting program that will introduce all of us to 16 heroic teenagers and what they did 75 years ago that changed history.

Through this Experience, we will hear eyewitness accounts regarding the timeless values that shaped the Greatest Generation. And, if you pay attention, you might learn enough from these everyday American heroes to survive your own World War II challenge.

But our biggest challenge is going to be doing everything we have planned in less than \_\_\_ minutes. So, let's get started. And listen up - what you are about to hear from these eyewitnesses may be important to your tasks -- and your lives - ahead.

*(Play opening video - "Living History" - When opening video ends)*

So all of you now know why you're here. Congratulations. You've been drafted. And you are about to join the finest fighting force the world has ever seen - the U.S. Armed Forces. And right now, you are about to get the best basic training money can buy. We have pulled together top instructors from all branches of the armed forces to offer key tips on how to survive in the fields of Europe or the islands of the Pacific. If you want to make it back here at the end of your tour, I'd advise to listen up. It's not everyday you get to learn from real American heroes!

*(Play "Basic Training" video)*

You got all that? Good. Because now it's time to see if you have what it takes. If you've done Escape Rooms or Breakout Rooms before, you know the drill. Your job is to find the clues, gather the information, solve the puzzles, and escape with your lives before time runs out. And, for us, time runs out in \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. So you better get going.

*(If playing scenario to whole group, add:)* But before you do, you better listen up to the following - this is going to tell critical information about what you need to do to get out of your room in one piece! *(Play Scenario)*

*(If using Virtual Escape Room)* Everyone get on your device and access the following link:

*(If doing an Actual Escape Room)* Each group follow your Officer *(each Officer waves)* and head to your Room.

And let's be careful out there. Good luck!

*(When time limit for Virtual Escape Room expires, or groups return from Actual Escape Room)*

Welcome home! I'm so delighted that all of you made it! More than 400,000 Americans lost their lives in World War II, but their sacrifice and the sacrifice of all those who contributed to the effort made this world a better place. Before we all leave tonight and return to our homes, our classes, and our smartphones, it's worth taking a few more minutes to reflect on what we can take away from what you went through and from what you learned.

*(Play Closing Video - "Making History")*

Thank you all so much for participating in iWitnessed, I Remember. Under your chair, you will find a short closing assessment. Please fill that out right now and return it to this front table on your way out. **[Also, if you want to write a letter to any of the heroes you saw in the videos today, or to a current U.S. serviceman or servicewoman, please let me know - and I will contact the developer of this website - also a teenager - to make sure it gets to them.]**

And remember - we all can and will make history. Now, it's your turn.