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LOUISIANA STATE EXHIBIT MUSEUM PRESENTS
UNITED GAS CO. MEMORIAL REDEDICATION

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne and the Friends of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum are holding a reception honoring the World War II veterans of United Gas Co. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 24. A rededication ceremony for a plaque honoring the veterans will be at 3 p.m. on the east lawn of the museum.

In honor of Memorial Day, the museum will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the installation of the plaque that honors 1,335 veterans. Former Louisiana state senator and Pearl Harbor survivor Jackson B. Davis will speak at the ceremony, accompanied by the Fair Park High School color guard. The Fair Park High School band will play at the event.

During World War II, Shreveport's United Gas Co. President Norris McGowen recognized the employee veterans by posting their names in the lobby of the building near the corner of Jordan and Fairfield avenues. In 1949, the company dedicated a plaque in bronze to replace the paper list. When the company merged with Pennzoil, the plaque was saved from the building and sent to new company headquarters in Houston. It returned to Shreveport and the museum in 1993, but has been in storage since then.

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UNITED GAS CO. MEMORIAL REDEDICATION
3 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 24
3015 GREENWOOD ROAD, SHREVEPORT

This event is free and the building is wheelchair accessible. Tours are available by appointment. For more information about the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, visit our Web site at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/lsem>.

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