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'Salute to Service': Trump Honors Iwo Jima Hero, 94, at West Virginia Event

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President Donald Trump honored a veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima at a "Salute to Service" event in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. Tuesday.

Trump said Hershel "Woody" Williams stormed into enemy grounds on the island, several hundred miles south of Japan, during World War II.

"In February of 1945, he volunteered to dash straight into enemy fire to destroy vital enemy fortifications and clear a path for American forces," Trump said, calling Williams a "legendary hero."

Williams has since devoted his life to helping Gold Star Families, Trump said at the event, about 70 miles northwest of Roanoke, Va.

He said that Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor and participated in the most recent Super Bowl's coin toss.

Trump said Williams, a native of Fairmont, W.Va., is a "national treasure."