



# Marshallese Educational Initiative

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## NUCLEAR VICTIMS' REMEMBRANCE DAY – NEW YORK CITY & SPRINGDALE, AR

To commemorate the impact of nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands and raise awareness of its broader legacy, the Marshallese Educational Initiative (MEI), along with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations, will host Nuclear Victims Remembrance Day (NVRD) in New York City. The event will cap MEI's Nuclear Legacy Week 2025, which will be held from February 24 to March 1.

NVRD is observed annually on March 1st in the Marshall Islands and honors the victims and survivors of U.S. nuclear testing conducted from 1946 to 1958. This includes the Castle Bravo test, which occurred on March 1, 1954, on Bikini Atoll and was the largest nuclear device tested by the United States. The testing caused severe environmental damage and health issues for the Marshallese people and other nuclear frontline communities.

NVRD will occur just before the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which will be held at the United Nations. It will bring together U.N. officials, representatives from the RMI government, diplomats, frontline community members, and civil society groups.

The event will include a traditional memorial ceremony featuring speakers and a candlelight vigil, a musical performance and an art and historical exhibit, and conclude with a Q&A with officials. Both in-person and virtual participation options will be available. A reception will follow the event.

Additionally, MEI and local partners will host NVRD in Springdale, Arkansas, and will include a live stream of events from NYC.

More details will be provided in a future announcement.

Happy New Year!

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