

## MEDIA ADVISORY

*On Memorial Day Weekend, May 28<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Partnership to renew the Shaw 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment Memorial will hold a ‘Ceremonial Unveiling’ at the Boston Common for the first time since October 2019 following a \$3 million restoration project.*



**WHAT:** The ‘Ceremonial Unveiling’ of the Shaw 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment Memorial hosted by members of the [Partnership](#) to renew the memorial (National Park Service, City of Boston, Friends of the Public Garden, Museum of African American History). The fencing and protective covering will be removed ahead of Memorial Day Weekend, giving the public an opportunity to see the restored Memorial during a weekend that includes two anniversaries: the anniversary of when Shaw and his men marched down Beacon Street past the State House on May 28, 1863, as portrayed in the Memorial, and when the masterpiece by American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens was unveiled on May 31, 1897. 158 years later, members of the Partnership invite you to witness history and celebrate Memorial Day at the Common – where the thousands of U.S. flags traditionally planted will be showcased as well. Visitors will have a chance to sign the monument’s restoration book as witnesses of this historical moment (and walk away with their own commemorative pen!). A formal rededication ceremony will take place in Fall 2021.

**WHEN:** Memorial Day Weekend (Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>); Representatives of the Partnership team will be available onsite with the restoration book to be signed from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day

***Photo op with leaders from the full Partnership team: May 28 from 1:00 – 2:00pm***

**WHERE:** The Boston Common at the corner of Beacon Street and Park Street, across from the State House

**WHO:** Michael Creasey, Superintendent National Park Service; Ryan Woods, Commissioner, Parks and Recreation, City of Boston; Liz Vizza, President, Friends of the Public Garden; and Leon Wilson, President & CEO, Museum of African American History

- The event is free, and registration is not required for attendance. The outdoor event will follow Massachusetts and the City of Boston’s COVID-19 guidelines to keep everyone safe. For more information about the Partnership and restoration project please visit [here](#).
- For media inquiries and requests to be connected with members of the Partnership team prior to the event please contact Mike Schiano at [mschiano@denterlein.com](mailto:mschiano@denterlein.com) or 516-508-6346.

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