

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events at the Virginia War Memorial, located at 621 South Belvidere Street, are family friendly and free to the public. Unless otherwise indicated, all events will take place in the Memorial's Shrine of Memory. Those events scheduled to take place in the Memorial's Hall of Honor Auditorium are marked with an (\*).



Saturday, October 7, 2006 - 10:00 a.m.

### 3rd Annual Massing of Colors Ceremony

Color guards assemble to honor our nation's flag.

Sunday, October 22, 2006 - 2:00 p.m.

### Welcome Home Ceremony

Welcome Home units of the 80th Division Army Reserves from the war zone in Iraq.

Saturday, November 11, 2006 - 10:00 a.m.

### Veterans' Day Ceremony

Co-hosted by the American Legion, 11th District



Thursday, December 7, 2006 - 11:00 a.m.

### Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

Hosted by the Navy League of the US, Richmond

Sunday, January 28, 2007 - 2:00 p.m.

### Virginia Military Institute Jazz Band Concert \*

Come and hear a wide mix of musical selections.

Saturday, February 24, 2006 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Marine Comfort Quilts \*

Quilts sewn for families of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Saturday, February 10, 2007 - 11:00 a.m.

### The Cold War U2 Incident \*

As told by Francis Gary Powers, Jr., son of U2 Pilot.

Saturday, March 31, 2007 - 11:00 a.m.

### Ike and Mamie Eisenhower Presentation \*

Portrayed by William and Sue Wills

Saturday, April 28, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.

### Charity Motorcycle and Classic Car Ride

Sponsored by the American Legion Riders  
2007 Harley Davidson to be raffled.

## Volunteers Staff Memorial's Visitor's Center

I WANT YOU



On behalf of the Virginia War Memorial, we would like to invite you to explore your interest in our Mission to honor veterans, preserve history, educate children, and inspire patriotism by becoming a volunteer greeter in our Visitor's Center.

We are excited that the number of visitors to the Memorial continues to grow. With this increase comes the need for more volunteers. These volunteers play an invaluable role in our daily operation and future growth. Help us share our important message by donating your time. We can train you and get you started as soon as your schedule permits!

Please call Mrs. Candi Shelton at 804-786-2060 or send her an email at [cshelton@vawarmemorial.org](mailto:cshelton@vawarmemorial.org). Thank you!



## Virginia War Memorial Mission

The Virginia War Memorial is a state monument that preserves the memory of Virginians who made the supreme sacrifice in wars and conflicts starting with World War II in order that liberty might live.

The Virginia War Memorial preserves the memory of those Virginians by using private and public funds to present to the public both permanent and temporary exhibitions, living history presentations, military artifacts, lectures, and a variety of educational programs.

The Memorial will strive to continue to improve its facilities and programs to keep alive forever the memory of those who sacrificed their lives so that Virginians and all the citizens of the United States shall remain free.

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## Support Our Troops Rally

To honor those whose names are engraved on the walls of the Shrine of Memory, we honor those brave men and women of today's generation who are taking up the fight for freedom. With that purpose, the Virginia War Memorial proudly hosted a *Support Our Troops Rally* on July 15, 2006.



Major General Robert B. Newman, Jr.  
Adjutant General, Virginia National Guard

Those attending received free balloons and flags. Family Readiness Groups, service recruiters, military vehicles, and the National Guard had displays. Uncle Sam was there too! The National Guard Band from Roanoke played before and during the ceremony. The Slay Detachment, Marine Corps League offered free water on a sweltering day. The Virginia Defense Force and Capitol Police welcomed everyone. Food vendors offered hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream.

The ceremony was led by CBS 6 Morning Anchor, Greg McQuade, and featured Major General Robert B. Newman, Jr. as keynote speaker. Admiral John Hekman, Chairman of the Memorial's Educational Foundation, welcomed everyone and set the tone for an outstanding ceremony. The Rev. Dr. Don Denton offered the Invocation with Brig. Gen. Bert W. Holmes leading the Pledge of Allegiance. National recording artist, Donna Meade Dean, sang an inspirational "America the Beautiful." Secretary of Administration, Viola



Baskerville, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Governor. Dr. Bruce Heilman spoke about the Memorial's mission and future. It was a great day for remembering and showing Support for Our Troops.

## PBS to Air the Memorial's History Program: *Virginians at War*

The Public Broadcasting Stations in Richmond, WCVE Channel 23, and Charlottesville, WHTJ Channel 41, will premiere the *Virginians At War* documentary series this fall. This award-winning program uses gripping first-person accounts of veterans "who were there" and is currently being used in middle and high schools statewide to teach history. Starting on September 19th, at 9:00 p.m., five one-hour episodes will be shown on consecutive Tuesdays.



The series is introduced by Vietnam veteran, Adrian Cronauer, whose tour in Vietnam as a radio disc jockey was made famous in the movie, *Good Morning Vietnam!* Mr. Cronauer was portrayed by Robin Williams.

The *Virginians At War* program was developed to honor Virginia veterans and the over 11,600 Virginians who made the ultimate sacrifice in battle. So far, over 700 veterans have been interviewed about their wartime experiences. The interviews of those who participated in the same history-changing battle or event are edited together with archival film, animated maps, period photographs, graphics, and music to create short film segments that are correlated to the Virginia Standards of Learning. This program has been distributed at no cost to the schools.

*Virginians At War* is produced with privately donated funds by the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation.

**Please remove the poster from the center of the newsletter and post in your favorite business.**



# Plans for Memorial's Education Center Begin to Take Shape

- With distribution of the second volume of its award-winning documentary series: *Virginians at War* planned by this school year, and
- With initial production planning of the near virtual-reality movie: *Into Battle* underway, and
- With the Memorial's monthly patriotic events gaining more momentum and greater attendance, and
- With more and more visitors, tour groups and school field trips visiting the Memorial, the time has come to finalize our plans and construct the Education Center.

"The Memorial's mission is to honor veterans. The best way to accomplish this is to use the sacrifices of our veterans to teach future generations what it costs to maintain and protect the freedoms that all Americans enjoy," said Delegate Frank D. Hargrove, Sr., Chairman of the Memorial's Board of Trustees. "We have had only very limited space in the Memorial Building for our educational initiatives

and with the growth of our programs over the past several years, we are completely out of space and cannot make our programs available to all those who visit the Memorial. Our staff is crowded into a small temporary office trailer behind the Memorial, and the time has come to build for the future. The Memorial is making a larger and larger impact on our state – to delay would kill the momentum we have worked years to develop."

With the Chairman's words as guidance, Glave-Holmes Associates architectural firm was hired to develop the design for the new Education Center. "With their experience in building Education Centers for memorials and museums across the country, this choice was a good one for the veterans of Virginia," said Jon Hatfield, Executive Director of the Memorial. "We are very proud to be associated with Randy Holmes and his team."

Early planning has concentrated on developing program areas and forecasting future needs for the Memorial. Initial design starts from the inside, and the education programs drive the process. The layout and initial design should be finished by early fall.

## Support Our Troops License Plate

The Legislature unanimously passed the official Support Our Troops license plate this year and the Governor signed the Bill into law. The required 350+ plate applications were turned in on July 31, 2006. The DMV is now working through the manufacturing setup process, and believes they will be able to begin to ship the plates and start selling them directly to the public state-wide around December 2006 or January 2007.

Troops plate will allow people to publicly state their support for their troops, and provide a means of raising patriotic private money to bolster the troops and families who are sacrificing to protect all of us," said Martin Boire, Chairman, Support Our Troops, Inc. He continued, "This is the highest of moral obligations -- helping the families of those protecting our families."

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## SPOTLIGHT ON VIRGINIA HEROES

### Recipient of the Medal of Honor

#### CITATION

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded in the name of The Congress the Medal of Honor to

SECOND LIEUTENANT VAN T. BARFOOT  
FORD, VIRGINIA  
UNITED STATES ARMY



for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty: on 23 May 1944, near Carano, Italy. With his platoon heavily engaged during an assault against forces well entrenched on commanding ground, 2d Lt. Barfoot (then Tech. Sgt.) moved off alone upon the enemy left flank. He crawled to the proximity of 1 machinegun nest and made a direct hit on it with a hand grenade, killing 2 and wounding 3 Germans. He continued along the German defense line to another machinegun emplacement, and with his tommygun killed 2 and captured 3 soldiers. Members of another enemy machinegun crew then abandoned their position and gave themselves up to Sgt. Barfoot. Leaving the prisoners for his support squad to pick up, he proceeded to mop up positions in the immediate area, capturing more prisoners and bringing his total count to 17. Later that day, after he had reorganized his men and consolidated the newly captured ground, the enemy launched a fierce armored counterattack directly at his platoon positions. Securing a bazooka, Sgt. Barfoot took up an exposed position directly in front of 3 advancing Mark VI tanks. From a distance of 75 yards his first shot destroyed the track of the leading tank, effectively disabling it, while the other 2 changed direction toward the flank. As the crew of the disabled tank dismounted, Sgt. Barfoot killed 3 of them with his tommygun. He continued onward into enemy terrain and destroyed a recently abandoned German fieldpiece with a demolition charge placed in the breach. While returning to his platoon position, Sgt. Barfoot, though greatly fatigued by his Herculean efforts, assisted 2 of his seriously wounded men 1,700 yards to a position of safety. Sgt. Barfoot's extraordinary heroism, demonstration of magnificent valor, and aggressive determination in the face of pointblank fire are a perpetual inspiration to his fellow soldiers.

*Note: After a distinguished military career, Colonel Barfoot settled in Virginia and became active in veterans issues. He served on The Virginia Korean-Vietnam War History Council and served on the Virginia War Memorial Advisory Council. Colonel Barfoot remains active in national and state veterans affairs and is a consultant to the Memorial and numerous veterans' organizations.*

# Student Seminars Past and Upcoming

"Meeting... walking, breathing, speaking history" – wrote Anne Bowie of Hanover High School.

These words were typical of the responses from students and teachers attending the first *WWII D-Day* seminar on June 2nd. D-Day Survivors participating (pictured below) were Harley Shaver, John Burke, Eugene Crews, Guy Degenaro and Edward Farley.

The seminar was led by Brigadier General John W. "Jack" Mountcastle, USA (Ret.) who discussed the historical significance of the D-Day landing and the planning that went into this massive invasion. General Mountcastle is the former Chief of Army History in Washington, D.C. He presented many facts and stories that students might not see in a textbook. He gave special emphasis to the 29th Division, Co. A from Bedford who suffered the most losses of life per capita of any city in the United States on that day.

The day's activities included a showing of the Memorial's award-winning *Virginians at War* film: D-Day - Normandy. By showing the oral history of several veterans who were part of D-Day, students were able to get a personal glimpse into the sacrifices, struggles, and preparation these brave men endured to help push the Germans out of France. One student summed up the feelings of many by saying she was amazed that the images seen on the film were lived by the men sitting next to her.

Mechanicsville VFW Post 9808 provided the Color Guard for our Memorial Service remembering and honoring D-Day participants who paid the ultimate price. CMDR Russell Wilson, USN (Ret.) concluded the service by playing TAPs. Several students and teachers commented that they felt the ceremony was very emotional.

After lunch students were asked to "transport" themselves back to the day before the invasion. Mr. Tony Seamon of the 29th Division Re-enactors dressed three volunteer students in full battle gear just as our troops would have worn on June 6, 1944, demonstrating how much weight



each soldier carried. When one student volunteer was asked how far he could run on the beach, he pointed to the floor and said, "Maybe one tile."

From the evaluations by teachers, students and other adults, the best part of the day-long seminar was the opportunity to have conversations with D-Day Survivors. Each

roundtable group was led by a facilitator and

included a D-Day veteran at each table. Several rotations took place so students could hear the stories of as many of these brave men as possible. The discussions were relevant, thought-provoking, insightful and in one word - awesome.

To close our seminar, one lucky student was randomly chosen to receive a donated book from the National D-Day Memorial, *The Bedford Boys*, signed by the author, Alex Kershaw, and Roy Stevens, a survivor of D-Day and a Bedford resident featured in the book. Additionally, a 1943

steel one cent (penny) coin donated by Henry Coalter was given to another lucky student.

Special thanks goes to the following volunteers who helped throughout the day: Sonny Edwards, John Szeker, Orthea Harcum, Al Hahn, Bud Fleenor, Russell Scott, and Pat O'Hare. Also, thanks goes to Chris

Calkins from Petersburg National Battlefield Park for his static displays.

A great deal of learning took place on the day of the seminar. We hope these young people will never forget the importance of what happened on June 6, 1944, at Normandy, France, but more importantly, we feel that those who came from across Central Virginia have a better appreciation for America's Greatest Generation.

## 2006-2007 Student Seminars Announced

***Korean War Seminar - October 25, 2006***

***Pearl Harbor Seminar - December 7, 2006***

***Vietnam War Seminar - January 31, 2007***

***JROTC Appreciation Week - March 12-16, '07***

***D-Day Seminar - June 1, 2007***

## **Teacher Training Day Planned**

Details will be available in early 2007.



# A Legacy to Patriotism

How does one leave a legacy to patriotism? Read about one gentleman, a patriot, who wishes to remain unidentified – “I don’t need the recognition. My father told me, ‘ten cents of keeping your mouth shut is worth ten dollars of explanation.’” Yet his story, even in anonymity, characterizes the essence of philanthropy – giving without expectation of return – and the leaving of a legacy for the Virginia War Memorial.

Our “mystery-man’s” stories both awe and humble the listener at the same time. Now an octogenarian, he has lived, according to his standards, a modest life. “Except for once, I’ve never bought a new car, always traveled in junkers. But I didn’t need them.” Yet with all his modesty, he is leaving a legacy to the War Memorial by providing a planned gift in his estate in the form of an irrevocable annuity from which he can designate or use the generated income as desired, with the principal coming to the War Memorial upon his death.

Moreover, the War Memorial is only one of several beneficiaries in his planned giving as he has also provided for his local library and rescue squad. “My wife and I are just giving back to society what society has given us” is the simple explanation of a World War II Merchant Marine veteran.

And yet, he shows the rest of us that we all have, with whatever financial means, the ability to leave a legacy. After assuring one’s heirs are provided for, an individual has many options in planned giving to ensure the War Memorial’s mission is sustained well into the future. Some examples are:

- *Life insurance* – Naming the Memorial as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy is an easy and efficient way to leave a legacy.
- *Bequests* – Also easy is including the Memorial in a will that involves no immediate loss of capital or income, and tax benefits minimize the ultimate cost to one’s heirs.
- *Retirement plan assets* - Naming the Memorial as beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan will avoid all income and estate taxes on the plan assets. 100% of the assets will pass to the Memorial.
- *Life income arrangements* – This plan enables the donor to make a major gift to the Memorial during one’s lifetime, take a tax deduction, and receive an income from capital, securities, or other donated property, like our mystery donor above. The charitable gift annuity and charitable trust arrangements are common life-income vehicles.
- *Charitable lead trusts* – This trust provides current income to the Memorial while sheltering heirs’ inheritance from taxes. Assets are in trust with income going to the Memorial for a period of years, after which the property is transferred to the donors’ heirs at substantial tax savings.

Won’t you take a moment to consider your own estate plans and how the Virginia War Memorial might fit within them? The Memorial’s mission, **Honoring our Veterans, Preserving our History, Educating our Children, Inspiring Patriotism in All**, can only be accomplished through the generosity of our friends and fellow patriots. Leaving a legacy to patriotism will help guarantee that those Virginians who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms will not be forgotten.

*We all would like to think that ‘we’ve arrived.’ Well I believe one proof of showing the world we’ve arrived is by helping others. We can do this adequately by donating some principal to a really worthy end, and yet not look to a hazy future with careful, purposeful estate planning.*

A “modest” Octogenarian

Please contact the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation’s Executive Director if you are interested in exploring these and other planned giving alternatives. Thank you for your consideration.

*We regret that the following donor was overlooked in the May 2006 Foundation Facts.*

*Defender (\$250 - \$499)*

*BG Bert W. Holmes, Jr., M.D., USA (Ret.)*

**For More Information about the Memorial, call (804) 786-2060 or email [info@vawarmemorial.org](mailto:info@vawarmemorial.org)**

# Virginians at War Volume II To Be Distributed

**Volume II of the Memorial's award-winning film series will be distributed to all middle and high schools and colleges in Virginia at no cost to the schools. These first-person accounts by Virginians are heartfelt, gripping, and true. The 15-20 minute long films use archival film and photographs, animated maps, graphics, and music to show the sacrifices made to protect our freedoms. Each film segment covers a battle or event from World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. All segments are correlated to the Virginia Standards of Learning. Volume I was distributed to Virginia schools in 2004.**

## **World War II Nurses – Angels of Mercy**

*Sponsor: In Memory of LT (JG) Mary P. Marocchi by her Family*

Women filled critical roles during World War II in the American Armed Forces. This film shows the harsh reality of war as told by Nurses who were there. From joining up, through rigorous training, transfer overseas, and service at the front, the physical and mental hardships of war are shown. This film follows Virginia women as they worked to save the wounded.

## **USS Birmingham**

*Sponsor: Norman van Wormer and Shipmates*

From construction and commissioning in Virginia, this film follows a Cleveland Class Light Cruiser, as she joins the action in Africa and Italy. Following participation in the bombardment of Sicily, the Birmingham steams through the Panama Canal and joins the action in the Pacific. Bougainville, Iwo Jima, and finally Okinawa are some of the battles depicted. Although hit by bombs, torpedoes, and a Kamikaze suicide plane, the Birmingham's crew fights heroically to overcome the Japanese.

## **Okinawa**

*Sponsor: Norman van Wormer and John L. Marocchi*

In the Pacific, as the United States and her Allies fought north, they finally arrived at Japan's doorstep: the island of Okinawa. This last great battle of World War II pitted the Allies against an enemy determined to win or die. Over 250,000 casualties during this 83-day battle made it one of the bloodiest in history. The battle is generally little known as it was overshadowed by the death of President Roosevelt and the dramatic end of the war brought about by the dropping of the atomic bomb.

## **Korea: Pusan Breakout – Inchon Invasion**

After the invasion of South Korea by North Korea, American and South Korean forces were pushed to the coastal city of Pusan. With their backs to the sea, the outnumbered Allies were in a perilous position. General Douglas MacArthur secretly planned the landing at Inchon harbor west of Seoul, the South Korean capital. With the simultaneous counter-attack from Pusan and the Allied landing at Inchon, The North Korean Army faced being cut off from North Korea and hastily retreated.

## **Korea: The Hill Fights**

*Sponsor: The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation*

Sometimes referred to as the Forgotten War, the Korean War saw each side gain and then lose the initiative. As the Korean War continued, and ceasefire talks slowly moved forward, the Hill Fights were deadly battles waged to give each side the strategic edge to influence the conclusion of the war. Constantly shifting front lines and the frustrations of battle weary soldiers who took, lost, and re-took the same ground over and over, made this one of the most difficult operations of the war.

## **Vietnam: TET '68**

*Sponsor: Thomas N. Allen and the Roller-Bottimore Foundation*

In what was certainly one of the most controversial wars in American's history, TET '68 became the turning point for the war. Although an overwhelming victory for the American military, the battle was portrayed as a loss by the media and turned the majority of the public against the war and against our own military forces. The doubts, fears, and frustrations of Virginians fighting for their country are depicted with striking comments about the war and their service.

# Eagle Scout Project



After several meetings with the Memorial staff and several drafts of a landscape design for the Flag Court, Wade Gill of Boy Scout Troop #2886 from Chesterfield, Virginia, was ready to begin his Eagle Scout project. Wade took approximately two months to plan and execute his project. The actual “work” part was completed in one full day with help from fellow members of his Troop along with his leaders and mom. The project was completed just before Memorial Day.

Wade used over 150 bags of hardwood mulch donated to him by Home Depot, and Lowe’s gave him a discount on the Nandinas and Junipers he purchased. His mom donated weed barrier. The result is a beautifully landscaped Flag Court and a project of which Wade can be proud.

Wade joined scouting because it was new and he wanted to make more friends. He says that achieving Eagle Scout might also benefit him as he looks forward to joining the Marines. Wade is currently completing his high school education at Matoaca High School and enjoys playing soccer. Becoming a firefighter is also one of Wade’s goals – after college.

Wade has made a significant contribution to the Memorial, and many people will enjoy his efforts for years to come.

# JROTC Appreciation Week

Young people today have many challenges, choices and temptations facing them daily. Many of them have chosen a path of self-discipline and service – becoming a cadet in the JROTC program at their school.

The Memorial was pleased to host the first annual JROTC Appreciation Week for these fine young people March 13-17, 2006. The Army cadets were invited Monday-Wednesday, with the Navy and Marine units attending on Thursday and then the Air Force on Friday. Over 500 cadets from 20 high schools in Central Virginia attended. Each senior instructor was given a copy of *Virginians at War* Volume I to be used in the classroom.

The objectives that week were to let the cadets know that what they were doing is right and admirable, that we appreciate their commitment,

and to inform those attending of opportunities available in the future. Each day was designed to engage the JROTC participants with these objectives as well as to teach history and



the sacrifices made to ensure the freedoms we all enjoy. Film segments from the Memorial’s award-winning *Virginians at War* educational film series proved to be powerful influences to these future leaders. Daily guest speakers relayed information about scholarship opportunities con-

nected to the military for both active and Guard/Reserves. Encouragement was given for staying the course of purpose in life, and the value of service to country, duty and honor was

emphasized and partnered with good citizenship. Several of the speakers were recent Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans who shared their stories.

Seeing the Hall of Honor Auditorium filled to capacity with so many young people in uniform warmed the hearts of our veteran volunteers. Several people remarked that our country was in good hands

with this group of emerging leaders. The cadets probably thought the fresh Krispy Kreme donuts were the highlight of their day, but we know better...their faces, eyes and comments indicated lives were touched as they accepted our thanks for a job well-done!