



Memorial's Education Center Named the Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center



On Thursday evening, October 4, 2007, over 350 gathered in the Memorial's Shrine of Memory to hear the Foundation's announcement that its planned \$8.1 million, 17,000 square foot Education Center would be named for Paul and Phyllis Galanti. The keynote speaker for the evening was Mr. Ross Perot, who flew to Richmond from his home in Texas for the event. A long-time friend of the Galanti's, Mr. Perot recounted how he first met Mrs. Galanti while her husband was being held as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. For several years, she served as Chairman of the National League of Families of Prisoners of War in Southeast Asia. It was this group, said Mr. Perot, that was responsible for keeping the POW/MIA issue in front of the American public and government. Mr. Perot went on to say that America is the greatest country in the world because of patriots like Phyllis Galanti and a military force made up of people like Paul Galanti. Commander Galanti's plane was shot down in 1966, and after his capture, he spent almost seven years in captivity before being released in 1973.

The Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center will provide space for the Memorial's educational programs. The Virginia War Memorial honors all veterans and especially those over 11,700 who have made the ultimate sacrifice in battle since the beginning of World War II. The programs include student seminars, teacher institutes, patriotic programs, ceremonies, artifact displays, a Research Library, and the Memorial's award-winning documentary video series that chronicles battles and events from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War and the Persian Gulf wars. These 15-20 minute long film segments are provided free of charge to all middle and high schools and colleges in Virginia to provide classroom instructors a resource that uses Virginia veterans to narrate "living history" to students. All films include lesson plans that are aligned with the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs). The films are produced at no cost to Virginia taxpayers. The Memorial staff, currently housed in temporary trailers behind the Memorial, will also be moved into the new facility.

Rear Admiral John Hekman, Chairman of the Board of the Memorial's Educational Foundation, said that the Memorial was very proud to name the Education Center for two great patriots like Paul and Phyllis Galanti. Admiral Hekman stated that the Commonwealth of Virginia has committed \$4.05 million toward construction. \$3.5 million will be released by the state only after the Memorial has raised \$2 million of the additional \$4 million needed for construction.



4th Annual Massing of Colors



The Massing of Colors Ceremony is an annual patriotic event which is co-hosted by the Military Order of World Wars and the Memorial. It focuses on the positive aspects of our nation by acknowledging our heritage of freedom and its symbolic representation – the flag of the United States. Giving tribute to our nation’s flag is an honor we embrace.

As the sun began to shine, over 40 Color Guards representing military units, civic and veterans’ organizations, college ROTC and high school JROTC units proudly paraded on the Memorial’s grounds in front of the Shrine of Memory, Saturday, October 6. These units traveled from areas throughout Central Virginia to not only pay respect to the flag but to pay homage to those who have served bravely to defend our freedoms.

Major General Donald Gardner, USMC (Ret.), President of the Marine Corps University at Quantico, served as the Keynote Speaker. Included in his remarks was a reminder that the flag still waves in dangerous places where our troops are deployed. Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, a member of the Board of Directors of the VWM Educational Foundation, provided excellent leadership as the Grand Marshall. Also in attendance was Major General David Evans, Commander of the 80th Division Army Reserve.

As our country continues in the Global War on Terrorism, all Americans must remember that our flag represents freedom and those who fight to sustain it.



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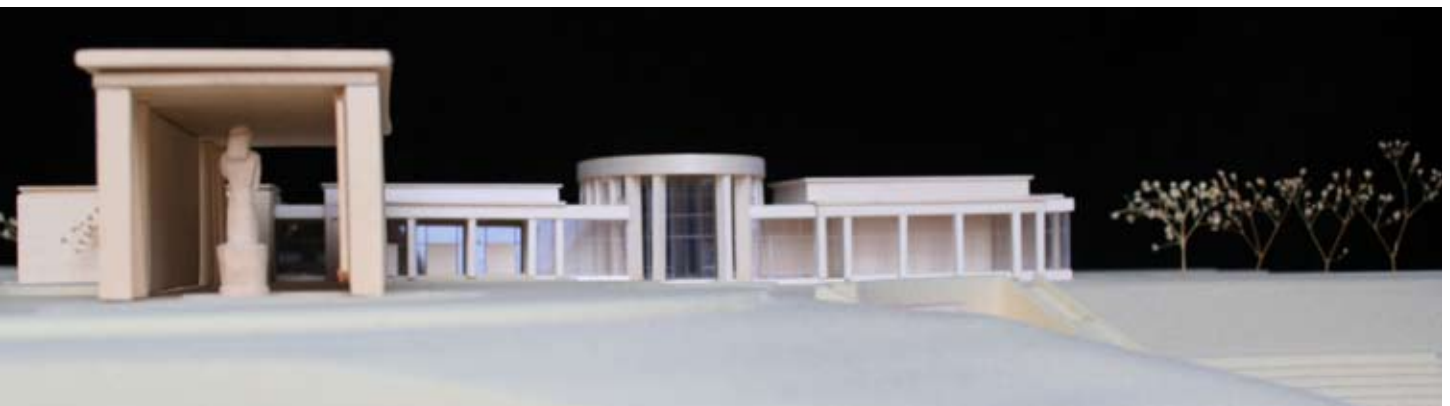


**Virginia War
Memorial**



**Model of the
Paul and
Phyllis Galanti
Education Center**

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Note from the Educational Foundation:

As you read through this Foundation Facts, you see just how much is happening at the War Memorial. One highlight is the planned education center being named for Paul and Phyllis Galanti at an October reception. The first-page article and accompanying photographs describe an exceptional evening.

The Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center honors two of Virginia's and America's heroes and will help the Memorial fulfill its education mission for this and future generations of Virginians and Americans.

But the Education Center planning is not the only activity. As you can see throughout this newsletter, numerous other educational programs and patriotic events are taking place at the Memorial. The Veterans Day Ceremony last month attracted over 400 visitors – on a Sunday morning during church services. And the October High School Seminar, Korea: The Hard War, drew 48 students and teachers to the program, twice the number as last year.

Now, in its third year, the high school seminars started in the 2005/2006 school year with Pearl Harbor, D-Day, and the JROTC Week and have grown this past school year to include Korea and Vietnam. Over 800 students and teachers attended these seminars last year proving that they are a popular method of teaching that our freedoms come at the expense of tremendous sacrifice and selflessness.

Our teacher and student evaluations returned after each seminar almost unanimously cite the one-on-one veteran discussions as a highlight. One high school teacher wrote of last year's Vietnam student seminar, "I loved the small group discussions and really enjoyed seeing the vets who came to share. These seminars are of great educational benefit." And a student from last year's D-Day seminar wrote, "(The best part of my experience was) definitely the conversations with the veterans; it was a much different experience than reading about it."

This past year many of you have generously supported the War Memorial's Annual Fund that helps finance these programs and events. Your unrestricted financial support also helps the Educational Foundation cover its expenses as it seeks support to construct The Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center. Enclosed is a return envelope. We ask all of you to consider supporting the War Memorial's Annual Fund so that we can continue hosting these quality education programs and to keep the Education Center's planned completion of December 2009 on track. Thank you.

Welcome To:



Visitors to the Virginia War Memorial will be met by a new face in the Educational Foundation's office: **Ms. Cebrina Sternberg**. She joined the staff on November 12, 2007. Cebrina was born and raised in Casper, Wyoming. Prior to moving to Richmond, she attended Casper College and worked for the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce. She moved to Richmond to join family members living here and to continue her pursuit of a degree in English at Virginia Commonwealth University. Cebrina is enjoying her new home, the different historical opportunities and weather in Richmond. When she gets fully settled in, she plans to resume her passion for fly fishing. Welcome aboard Cebrina!

Virginia War Memorial Educational Programs

2007/2008 School Year

High School Seminars (by registration only)

Day-long seminars for students and teachers in Central Virginia to gain accurate knowledge, discuss events, and engage in conversations with people who were present at history changing events of the 20th century in America.

- **October 24, 2007 - Korea: The Hard War:** COL Wesley Fox, USMC (Ret.), Medal of Honor Recipient, was the Guest Speaker.
- **December 7, 2007 – Pearl Harbor: We Were There:** In partnership with the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Seminar includes participation in the annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony.
- **February 1, 2008 – Vietnam: The Long War:** Adrian Cronauer will be the Guest Speaker. His life was portrayed by Robin Williams in the film, *GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM*.
- **May 30, 2008 – D-Day: The Mighty Endeavor:** Retired Brigadier General Jack Mountcastle will be the Guest Speaker (former Chief of Army Military History in Washington).

March 10-14, 2008 – Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Appreciation Week

A morning program for cadets to hear a selected motivational speaker, tour the Memorial, and view one of our oral history documentaries. Invited schools in Central Virginia may choose one day to attend.

Middle School Field Trips

An engaging, informative and meaningful hour and a half program for middle school students. The program includes a short history and purpose of the Memorial, showing of a documentary film segment, tour of the Shrine of Memory, name search, and optional wreath laying ceremony. Teachers are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible due to availability constraints.

YMCA Youth Camp (Summer)

A unique hour and a half camp for Leaders in Training (rising 9th and 10th graders) to view an oral history film segment, tour the Memorial, and write a letter of support to the troops serving in the Global War on Terrorism.

Boy Scouts (in development – Spring)

An hour program consisting of a film segment from Virginians at War and an opportunity to interview a veteran to assist with requirements for the American Heritage Badge. Additionally, a one day program to honor Eagle Scouts through leadership training is planned for May 3, 2008.

Teacher Institutes (TBD)

Planning is in development to conduct state-wide Teacher Institutes led by the Virginia War Memorial for the summer of 2008. Potential partners include the Naval Heritage Center in Washington, D.C., the National Museum of the Marine Corps, the MacArthur Memorial, the National D-Day Memorial, the Virginia Holocaust Museum, and the George C. Marshall Foundation.

For more information about our educational programs, please contact Candi Shelton, Education Specialist, by calling (804) 786-2060 or via email at cshelton@vawarmemorial.org

Paul and Phyllis Galanti



Mrs. Nancy Tuskey, CDR and Mrs. Paul Galanti,
Mr. Larry Tuskey, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gasperini



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Phaup



Mr. Ross Perot and M



Mrs. Janice Rowe, Mrs. Cathy Dickey, Mrs. Gail Hekman,
Ms. Taylor Kiland, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson



CDR Paul Galanti , USN (Ret.) and
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Galanti



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range of ho



Mr. William H. Leighty and
CMDR Ned Hunter, USN (Ret.)



Guests take advantage of the beautiful evening on the lawn.



Mayor De
BG and Mrs. Bert W

Galanti Appreciation Event



Mrs. Phyllis Galanti



Invited to enjoy a
hors d'oeuvres.



Douglas Wilder and
Wellington Holmes, Jr., M.D.



Mr. Ross Perot and
The Honorable Orson Swindle



CDR and Mrs. Paul E. Galanti, USN (Ret.)



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and Mr. S. Judson Stanley

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 (*).



Thursday, January 31, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.

Adrian Cronauer *

Mr. Cronauer will discuss his life during his tour of duty in Vietnam as a radio DJ as chronicled in the well-known film, *Good Morning, Vietnam*.

Saturday, February 9, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.

Red Ball Express Presentation *

David Robbins will discuss his book, *Liberation Road*, about the experiences of The Red Ball Express during World War II.



Saturday, March 29, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.

Virginia Tech "Southern Colonels" Concert *

The "Southern Colonels," a Big Band within the Virginia Tech Hightie Tights will perform a concert.

Saturday, April 5, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.

American Battlefield Monuments Commission - Honoring our Military Heroes *

As Secretary of the Commission, BG Jack Nicholson, (USA, Ret) will describe the Commission's global mission to honor veterans.



Monday, May 26, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Co-hosted with the American Legion, 11th District

Friday, September 19, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

Annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony *

Join us in honoring all former Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action.

Note from Jon:

Much has been accomplished – much remains to be done.

Friends –

2007 has been a great year for the War Memorial! Our Student Seminars continue to grow in attendance. Our Teacher Institute (held this past August in partnership with the George C. Marshall Foundation and Virginia Holocaust Museum) drew teachers from as far away as Virginia Beach and Fairfax. In 2008, we will have four Teacher Institute programs - in NOVA, Tidewater, Roanoke and here at the Memorial. Our patriotic programs have set new attendance records this year and we expect that next month's program (1/31/08), featuring Adrian Cronauer, whose tour in Vietnam was portrayed by Robin Williams in the movie: *Good Morning, Vietnam*, will continue the "full house" tradition that we have been experiencing.

All of us at the Memorial are looking forward to 2008 as the year we break ground for the construction of our long-awaited Education Center. The Commonwealth of Virginia has committed \$4 million to the project when the Memorial raises \$2 million in matching funds. Our campaign has topped \$800,000 towards this goal. As you plan your end of year philanthropic giving, please consider a donation to the Education Center Campaign. For each dollar you give, the Memorial will get a total of three dollars. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your tax deductible donation today.

Virginia's students need to know of the sacrifices made by our veterans. With your help, it will happen with the building of the Education Center.

Best regards for Christmas and the New Year,

Jon C. Hatfield, Executive Director

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