

VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL THE FRONT LINE



The Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center *Groundbreaking Ceremony*

On December 17, 2008, Governor Tim Kaine, Commander and Mrs. Paul Galanti, and Mr. J. Stewart Bryan, III, spoke to an audience of 200 gathered at the Memorial's Shrine of Memory to participate in the ground-breaking for the construction of the Memorial's Galanti Education Center. Key legislators from the House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia, leaders from the veterans' community, and education officials joined together to officially break ground and launch construction for the Education Center. This project acknowledges the Memorial's growing contribution to the teaching of history to Virginia students. The event received statewide media coverage.

KBS Construction, the general contractor chosen to build the Galanti Education Center, named Steve Satterfield, VP of Preconstruction Services, and Wayne Harrell, Senior Project Manager, to lead the project. KBS, a Virginia company, said they had worked on several jobs with the project architect, Glavé Holmes Associates, and were proud to be selected for this important venture.

Construction is scheduled to start in late spring.



Above: Sen. Chuck Colgan, Mr. Richard Sliwoski, Del. John O'Bannon, RADM John L. Marocchi, Governor Timothy Kaine, CDR and Mrs. Paul Galanti

Left: Mr. Cassius Enos, COL Philip Russell, Mr. John Harper, Mr. S. Judson Stanley



We Have Moved

The Memorial staff has moved from the office trailers behind the Memorial to temporary quarters in the Virginia Housing Development Authority. "We really appreciate the VHDA providing us a home during construction of the Galanti Education Center," said the Memorial's Executive Director Jon Hatfield.

"Susan Dewey and her staff have made us feel very welcome. Our mailing address and telephone numbers are the same – we are just about 250 feet north of the Memorial." To visit the Memorial staff, you must enter the VHDA building (601 S. Belvidere Street) and sign in at the security desk. They will contact us and we will come and escort you to our new offices.



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FLAG DAY PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

WHAT: This 2nd annual event, sponsored by The James M. Slay Detachment of The Marine Corps League, is to benefit the Wounded Warrior Program. During the program, the Virginia War Memorial will be presented three sets of armed forces flags for its outside Flag Court (shown at left) by The James M. Slay Detachment. The Slay Detachment has been a longtime supporter of the Memorial and its educational programs.

WHEN: June 13, 2009 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. It is a family event open to all.

PROGRAM: The program will feature House of Delegates member R. Lee Ware who will speak about facts and myths regarding our national flag. Retired Navy Captain, Catherine S. Wilson, Executive Director of the Wounded Warrior Program will make remarks about the program. Also, three musical groups will perform:

- The United States Marine Corps Concert Band
- "The Virginians" barbershop singers
- St. Andrew's Legion of Pipers & Drummers
- Military Exhibits will also be located on the grounds

Come for an All-American Family Picnic! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic lunch. Food concessions are also available on site.

WHERE: Vista del Lago – 1960 Old Tavern Road, Powhatan, Virginia

From Midlothian Tnpk and Route 288:

Go west on Midlothian Tnpk (US Rt. 60) 14.5 miles.
Turn left onto Emmanuel Church Rd. which becomes VA Rt. 13.
Continue straight 5.3 miles. Turn right onto Old Tavern Road.
Go 0.3 miles to Vista del Lago at 1960 Old Tavern Road.

Suggested Tax Deductible Donation is \$5.00 per adult.

VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL SPONSORS BUS TRIP TO BEDFORD

Saturday, June 6, 2009, marks the 65th Anniversary of the landing in Normandy, France that signaled the beginning of the end for Hitler's Nazi Germany. Join friends of the Virginia War Memorial as they travel by motor coach to the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the historic landing. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. Those traveling with the War Memorial group have been assigned reserved seating for the event. We will leave from the War Memorial promptly at 6:30 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. You may bring a small cooler for your food and drinks. Food/drinks for purchase will be available at the National D-Day Memorial.

Transportation only (per person) \$35.00
Reservations with cash or check are now being accepted!

D-Day changed the world. From front-line soldiers to families in hiding, from wives and mothers on the Homefront, to anxious prisoners in POW camps – the events of June 6 were simultaneously terrifying, inspiring, sorrowful and joyous.

Activities on June 6 will include special guest speakers, music, reunion tents for veterans, book signings by authors, and a chance for veterans to share their stories through oral histories. There will also be a USO show at 2 p.m. There is no charge for the events.



For more information, go to www.vawarmemorial.org, or contact Candi Shelton at (804) 786-2062 or cshelton@vawarmemorial.org.

2008 MEMORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Last year was both an exciting and challenging year as the War Memorial's Trustees, the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation's Board of Directors and the staff of both spent much of their time and resources planning and fund raising for the Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center. The economy also impacted several student oriented programs in the See Freedom Speak programs as schools cut back travel funding. And yet, last year again proved to be another very successful year for the War Memorial's programs and other events. Below are several highlights of accomplishments.

- Hosted over 21,000 students, veterans, family members and tourists – a 5% increase over 2007 – representing at least 45 states and the District of Columbia and 21 different countries that are verifiable.
- Educated 586 students from 61 schools in the See Freedom Speak Educational Programs.
- Conducted six Teacher Institutes held across the Commonwealth and in partnership with The National D-Day Memorial, The General Douglas MacArthur Memorial and The U.S. Naval Heritage Center in Washington D.C.
- Featured again on the Richmond area's Comcast's Newsmakers, a five-minute program that features informative interviews with community, non-profit, educational, and civic leaders.

2008 ANNUAL FUND DONORS

The Memorial's educational and patriotic programs are not financed by the Commonwealth and must depend on its friends and supporters to fulfill its educational mission. In 2008, our supporters contributed \$137,550 towards the Memorial's programs, events and to support the capital campaign. We gratefully acknowledge below all donors who supported the Memorial with unrestricted or program specific support.

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The President of the United States of America,
authorized by Act of Congress, July 3, 1969, has awarded in the name of
The Congress the Medal of Honor to

CORPORAL MICHAEL FLEMING FOLLAND
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
UNITED STATES ARMY

for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Cpl. Folland distinguished himself while serving as an ammunition bearer with the weapons platoon of Company D, during a reconnaissance patrol mission. As the patrol was moving through a dense jungle area, it was caught in an intense crossfire from heavily fortified and concealed enemy ambush positions. As the patrol reacted to neutralize the ambush, it became evident that the heavy weapons could not be used in the cramped fighting area. Cpl. Folland dropped his recoilless rifle ammunition, and ran forward to join his commander in an assault on the enemy bunkers. The assaulting force moved forward until it was pinned down directly in front of the heavily fortified bunkers by machinegun fire. Cpl. Folland stood up to draw enemy fire on himself and to place suppressive fire on the enemy positions while his commander attempted to destroy the machinegun positions with grenades. Before the officer could throw a grenade, an enemy grenade landed in the position. Cpl. Folland alerted his comrades and his commander hurled the grenade from the position. When a second enemy grenade landed in the position, Cpl. Folland again shouted a warning to his fellow soldiers. Seeing that no one could reach the grenade and realizing that it was about to explode, Cpl. Folland, with complete disregard for his safety, threw himself on the grenade. By his dauntless courage, Cpl. Folland saved the lives of his comrades although he was mortally wounded by the explosion. Cpl. Folland's extraordinary heroism, at the cost of his life, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

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Monday, May 25, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Day Ceremony
Co-hosted with the American Legion, 11th District



Saturday, June 6, 2009 - 6:30 a.m.
Bus Trip to 65th Anniversary
\$35 per person - Includes round trip transportation to the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA and reserved seating for the ceremony.



Friday, September 18, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.
POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony
Join us in honoring all former Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action.



Wednesday, November 11, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.
Veterans Day Ceremony
Co-hosted with the American Legion, 11th District

Wednesday, March 30 to Thursday, April 8, 2010
Victory in Europe Tour
Join friends of the Memorial as we travel to Churchill's Cabinet War Room, Normandy Beaches, and Paris. For more information, please visit our website (www.vawarmemorial.org), or call Candi Shelton at (804) 786-2062.

Virginia War Memorial to Conduct Eight Teachers Institutes in 2009

The Virginia War Memorial will present a series of eight regional Teacher Institutes throughout the summer months. Two of the Institutes will be at the War Memorial and the other six at our partner sites. These partners include the U.S. Army Women's Museum, the Virginia Historical Society, the George C. Marshall Foundation, the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, The National D-Day Memorial, The Cold War Museum, and the U.S. Navy Museum.

All of the programs are aligned with the Virginia History and Social Science Standards of Learning (SOLs) and will be targeted for teachers from middle and high schools across the Commonwealth. Educators will examine personal military stories, learn more about the many sacrifices made to secure freedom, and receive additional resources for classroom use. The Institutes are eligible for relicensure points. There is no registration fee and lunch is included.

More detailed information including dates and locations and online registration can be found on the website (www.vawarmemorial.org).