



September 29, 2006

*Governor's Confidential Working Papers*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, Governor  
Members, General Assembly

**THRU:** The Honorable Viola O. Baskerville, *JOB/KYF*  
Secretary of Administration

**FROM:** Jon C. Hatfield, Executive Director  
Virginia War Memorial Foundation

**SUBJECT:** HB 110 Report

Please find attached the Virginia War Memorial Foundation's Annual Report.

This has been an extremely busy and fruitful year for the Memorial. Our award-winning educational programs are being aired state-wide on PBS channels, we have conducted our first ever student seminars, and the number of visitors continues to increase.

Please advise if you have any questions or have any suggested changes.

Thank you.



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Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Please find attached the Virginia War Memorial's annual report as required by the Code of Virginia. The Virginia War Memorial is the state's memorial to honor veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, and the Persian Gulf Wars.

In recent years, the Foundation has undergone major renovations to overcome past maintenance shortfalls. Now the Board of Trustees is fully engaged in developing and implementing educational programs to teach history and instill patriotism. These programs are being used in schools state-wide.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon C. Hatfield  
Executive Director

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## REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

### I. 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 Foundation 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 outreach programs.

The Foundation will strive to continue to improve the Memorial 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.

### II. Educational Programs

- A. The centerpiece of the Memorial's educational programs is *Virginians at War*. This program uses the interviews of Virginia veterans who participated in the same history-changing event along with archival film, period photographs, animated maps, graphics and music to create 15 to 20 minute long films that are distributed to all Virginia middle and high schools at no cost to the schools. These films are designed to teach history narrated by those lived it. Volume I including six film segments was distributed to schools in 2004. The six films that comprise Volume II were completed during 2006 and the Foundation is seeking a sponsor to distribute it to schools. Currently, these award-winning films are being shown state-wide on PBS.
- B. The Memorial conducts monthly patriotic events that are open to the public and are free and family friendly. Please see attachment #1 for event schedule.
- C. For the first time, the Memorial conducted three student history seminars during the last school year. Due to the response from students and teachers, six seminars are planned for this school year. Please see attachment #2 for seminar schedule.

### III. Education Center

During this reporting period, the architectural firm, Glave & Holmes, was selected to design the Memorial's education center. Design schematics have been completed, cost estimates have been updated, and the initial funding has been received from the Commonwealth. Additional funding has been requested and the Memorial's Educational Foundation has started its capital campaign. This education center will provide space for the Memorial's education programs, artifact displays, research library, and move the staff

from crowded temporary trailers currently located at the Memorial. This new center will provide additional teaching opportunities as well as making the Memorial's programs available to the rapidly increasing number of visitors and tour groups.

#### **IV. State-wide Public Relations**

In its role as the War Memorial for the entire Commonwealth, the Foundation conducts the following activities to include all Virginia citizens:

- Publication of *Foundation Facts* newsletter which currently has a state-wide mailing list of approximately 5,000.
- The Memorial provides speakers state-wide for veterans' organizations, civic clubs, holiday events, teacher training days, and school programs to acquaint citizens about the Memorial's programs and events.
- State-wide distribution of *Virginians at War* films as noted above in II.
- State-wide airing of *Virginians at War* on PBS as noted above in II.

#### **V. Other Services/Programs Planned for the Future**

The Foundation is currently seeking a contractor to produce a near-virtual reality film entitled *Into Battle*. This film will use surround sound, strobe lights, and other media to make viewers feel as if they are in the middle of an active battlefield. The horror of war and the sacrifices necessary to protect our nation's freedoms will be depicted.

Attachment #1

*Saturday, January 21, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.*

**President Franklin D. Roosevelt To Speak**

Actor John R. Hamant will portray President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and recount the President's actions and thoughts during pivotal times in World War II.

*Saturday, February 25, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.*

**Virginia Military Institute Glee Club**

The VMI Glee Club will continue its traditional program of concerts with its first performance at the Memorial. This nationally acclaimed singing group will present a concert of varied musical numbers including patriotic selections.

*Thursday, March 23, 2006 – 6:30 p.m.*

**Virginians at War Volume II Preview**

Memorial Director, Jon Hatfield, previews selected films scheduled for distribution to all middle and high schools in Virginia.

*Saturday, April 15, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.*

**Virginia Tech Regimental Band**

The Virginia Tech Regimental Band, which traces its history back to 1883, will perform a variety of music selections during their program at the Memorial.

*Monday, May 29, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.*

**Memorial Day Ceremony**

*Co-hosted with the American Legion, 11<sup>th</sup> District*

This ceremony is held to honor all veterans and remind citizens that we must remain vigilant to protect our freedoms. The speaker will be Mr. Brett Reistad, American Legion Department Commander.

*Tuesday, June 6, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.*

**Overlord: The Mighty Endeavor**

On the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of one of the most pivotal battles of World War II, Retired Brigadier General John W. Mountcastle, the Army's former Chief of Military History, discusses the Allies' preparation for a cross-Channel attack and the D-Day landings in Normandy.

*Saturday, July 15, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.*

**Support Our Troops Rally**

The Memorial will host a rally to honor our men and women serving in our Virginia National Guard and our nation's armed forces.

*Friday, September 15, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.*

**National POW/MIA Recognition Day**

This ceremony honors all former Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action. After the program, join us to thank our veterans for their service.

*Saturday, October 7, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Massing of Colors Ceremony**

*Co-hosted by the Military Order of World Wars*

The Massing of Colors renders respect and honor to the American flag. Flags and color guards from over 50 military, patriotic, and civic organizations assemble to provide a tribute to our nation's flag and those who served it.

*Sunday, October 22, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.*

**Welcome Home Ceremony**

Join Major General David Evans, 80<sup>th</sup> Division Commander, at the Memorial to welcome units of the 80<sup>th</sup> Division Army Reserves' upon their return from the war zone in Iraq.

*Saturday, November 11, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.*

**Veterans' Day Ceremony**

*Co-hosted with the American Legion, 11<sup>th</sup> District*

This ceremony is held to honor all of the veterans who have served our country past and present and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

*Thursday, December 7, 2006 – 11:00 a.m.*

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony**

*Sponsored by the Navy League of the United States, Richmond Council*

This ceremony is held to honor those killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, which resulted in the United States entering World War II.

Attachment #2

**One Day Student Seminars**

*Wednesday, December 7, 2005*

**Pearl Harbor Day Student Seminar**

*March 13 – 17, 2006*

**JROTC Student Appreciation Week**

*Friday, June 2, 2006*

**D-Day Student Seminar**

*Wednesday, October 25, 2006*

**Korean War Student Seminar**

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

**Pearl Harbor Day Student Seminar**

*Wednesday, January 31, 2007*

**Vietnam War Seminar**

*March 12 – 16, 2007*

**JROTC Appreciation Week**

*June 1, 2007*

**D-Day Student Seminar**

**Note:** In addition, the Memorial is seeking funding to conduct a one day Teacher Seminar for middle and high school history teachers in the central Virginia area.