VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Honoring **Veterans,** Preserving **History,** Educating **Youth,** and Inspiring **Patriotism in All.**

James M. Slay Detachment #329, Marine Corps League Honor Guard gives the Rifle Salute in front of construction on the "Shrine of the 21st Century" on Pearl Harbor Day. As we reflect on the past year, we are overwhelmed by the astonishing changes happening here at the Virginia War Memorial. 2018 was truly a year of transition and growth-growth that you made possible through your participation and support. And growth that is still underway.

Thanks to friends like you, the Virginia War Memorial Foundation, as a public-private partner, has again been able to raise funds for the current expansion project without diminishing support for the Memorial's first-class educational programs, events, and outreach. This year, over 150 educational programs and special events were hosted at the Memorial and throughout Virginia, including the commemoration of the centennial of the end of WWI. We underwrote the production of the Memorial's newest documentary film *A New Century, A New War* which, in the tradition of all twenty-three Virginians at War films, poignantly captures first-person accounts of the events of September 11, 2001 and the nation's subsequent decision to go to war. The Memorial expanded our "Mighty Pen" creative writing classes for veterans to pass stories forward, and hosted "Little Soldiers Saturdays," a series of weekend programming geared towards pre-school and elementary school children.

The new 24,000-square-foot expansion, including the C. Kenneth Wright Pavilion and an expanded Shrine, address an urgent need to properly recognize and honor Virginians fallen in the Global War on Terror as well as those who received the Medal of Honor. It is scheduled for completion in September of this year. The new construction doubles the size of education space, adds a Veterans Art Gallery, a 325-seat lecture hall, a state-of-the-art distance learning and oral history studio, an equipped learning classroom, and a 170-car underground parking facility. It also allows the Memorial to reach Virginians across the state collecting oral histories, sharing stories, and providing an even wider audience with first-hand perspectives on American history for which the Memorial has become known. Through this project, the Memorial and Foundation will continue to provide a moving and exceptional experience to the thousands of students, veterans, and guests who visit us each year.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the generous support of individuals like you, foundations, corporations, and military and veterans' organizations. It is thanks to you and your belief in the vital need to pass the stories forward in this special place and beyond that we can continue our mission to:

Honor Veterans, Preserve History, Educate Youth, and Inspire Patriotism in All.

With sincere thanks,

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Rear Admiral Frank F. Rennie, IV, USN (Ret.) Chairman of the Board

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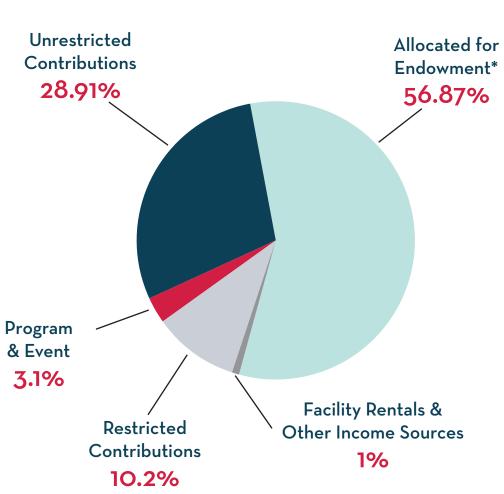
Rear Admiral John G. Hekman, USN (Ret.) Executive Director

Foundation Revenues (by category)

The Virginia War Memorial Foundation (VWMF) depends on donations from a variety of sources. These include donations from individuals, military and veteran organizations, private businesses and corporations, civic groups, and grants from other foundations.

These donations can be restricted (meaning that they are designated for capital improvements, specific programs, exhibits, or other uses) or unrestricted (meaning that they can be used for whatever purpose has been approved by the Foundation Board of Directors and Executive Director.)

Other sources of income shown are program and event revenues (funds raised through ticket sales and/or sponsorships of specific programs and events presented) and facility rentals (funds raised through the rental of the Virginia War Memorial for private, corporate, military, government, and non-profit organization meetings and events).



REVENUE (by category)

^{*}Based on future receipts of a major pledge.

Foundation Expenditures (by function)

As shown below, more than 80 percent of funds raised by the VWMF are used to support the educational and patriotic events of the Virginia War Memorial. These programs include student/ teacher seminars, teacher institutes, historical exhibits, documentary films, the upgrading of technical equipment used to present these programs, and educational outreach programs throughout the Commonwealth.

Only 18 percent of funds are used for fundraising, donor development, or administration. These funds include employee salaries and benefits, office supplies and equipment, and other administrative costs.

The Foundation is audited annually by independent certified public accountants. The Foundation is also listed among non-profit organizations that comply with the strict registration requirements of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Guidestar.

Educational Program & Event Services 82% General Costs 18%

EXPENDITURES (by function)

Notes:

Percentages shown on Revenue chart are based on the unaudited accrual basis "Profit and Loss" statement as of 12/31/18.

Percentage shown on Expenditures chart are based on 2017 audit report.

The Year in Photos

2018 was an exceptional year for the Virginia War Memorial.

Construction on the Memorial's expansion

has been ongoing throughout the year, and the grand opening of the new addition is set for September 2019. Despite limitations to parking caused by the project, the Memorial still hosted field trips, bus tours, weddings, educational and special events.

This year we again hosted our signature events including our annual K-9 Veterans Day, the Artifacts Roadshow, film premieres, and the Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Patriot Day, and Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies. We also added some new features, such as a commemoration of the 73rd anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, featuring Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas, Luxembourg Ambassador to the United States, as the keynote speaker; two Walkway of Honor remembrance events, and we capped off the year with a viewing party for the Army-Navy football game.

This year we changed two of our marquee fundraising events: Our annual 5K Run/Walk moved to Memorial Day weekend and was renamed the *TGA* (*They Gave All*) *5K*; and our annual gala moved to September and was renamed *Sips on the Skyline*. Both events were successful and attracted new friends and steadfast supporters to the Memorial. As bookends of the summer season, these are poised to become the "can't miss" events for locals and out-of-towners alike! The 3rd Annual Golf Classic, hosted in October, also saw record attendance and revenue. All three events supported educational programming, including Teachers Workshops and financial assistance to schools to subsidize field trips to the Memorial.

This fall, film premieres were held to present our newest documentary, *A New Century, A New War*, in Richmond, Fairfax, Hampton, and Virginia Beach. This film has had a strong positive response from educators seeking a teaching tool for the events of 9/11. The film has been distributed to secondary schools across the state and can be viewed in Reynolds Theatre along with the twenty-three other documentaries by all visitors to the Memorial. Three more films are currently in production.

2018 concluded with record-breaking attendance at the Commonwealth's Veterans Day Ceremony, coupled with an Armistice Day Festival commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

These are just a few highlights of a busy and exciting year for the Memorial and Foundation. It is your generosity and support that allows us to host such a wide range of events and reach so many with our message.



ABOVE: Our steadfast volunteers pose for a photo at the Volunteer Holiday Brunch.

- Captain Howard Baugh, Jr. sharing stories about his father, Tuskegee Airman Howard Baugh during a black history month event.
- 2. Vietnam Veterans in the shrine on Vietnam War Veterans Day.
- Foundation Board Members Jamal Thomas and Joe Inge share a laugh at Sips on the Skyline.
- 4. Runners on their mark, ready to start the TGA 5K.
- 5. Staff at a film screening of "A League of Their Own."
- 6. Children gather in Scott Hall on Little Soldiers Saturday
- Ambassador of Luxembourg to the United States, Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas thanks WWII veteran of the European Theater, Kaleel Skeiriks during an event to commemorate VE Day.
- 8. The Third Annual Virginia War Memorial Golf Classic.

- Virginia Army National Guard's Doughboy Color Guard providing the Presentation of Colors on Veterans Day.
- 10. Frank Bland, Greg McQuade and Howard Baugh, Jr.
- 11. Guests in the Shrine at the Walkway of Honor Dedication Ceremony.
- 12. The 380th Army Band Ensemble, USA at the Patriots Day Ceremony.
- DVS Commissioner John Newby and Foundation Director Admiral John Hekman present a wreath on Memorial Day.
- 14. An aerial view of the construction at the Memorial.
- 15. K-9 Veterans Day.







TGA 5K - They Gave All

TIGA 5K

























Creating More Room to Remember



Ken Wright and his daughter, Nancy.

This summer, the Foundation received its largest gift commitment to-date from noted Richmond entrepreneur, philanthropist, and WWII veteran C. Kenneth Wright via a 5-year pledge from the C. Kenneth and Dianne Wright Foundation. A longtime friend and supporter of education and the Memorial, Mr. Wright's gift will secure the future of the mission of the Memorial and Foundation, bolster the endowment, and accelerate long-term planning. In thankful consideration, the new pavilion will be named in honor of Mr. Wright.



Paul Galanti and Ken Wright in front of the rendering of the new pavilion.

Ken Wright with friend Mary Ann Wilson.





In November, we also honored one of our popular veteran volunteer docents, WWII ex-POW Russell Scott. A generous gift was matched by staff, fellow volunteers, and friends of Russell to rename the upgraded multi-media classroom as "Russell Scott Hall." The Memorial unveiled the honor during Russell's docent shift that included a toast with his favorite beverage–Dr. Pepper.



Russell and his step-son Roddy Davoud pose with the portrait now hanging in Scott Hall.



Staff, Volunteers, and Board Directors all toasting with Dr. Pepper!

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