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“The Last Romantic War”: A Conversation with Robin Traywick Williams
Tuesday, June 1 - 2:00 pm

Letters from a Korean War Soldier
Thursday, June 10 - 2:00 pm

Salute to Service: U.S. Army
Monday, June 14 - 2:00 pm

World War II and Women in Service
Thursday, June 24 - 12:00 pm

Forgotten Soldiers of World War I: America's Immigrant Doughboys
Tuesday, June 29 - 2:00 pm

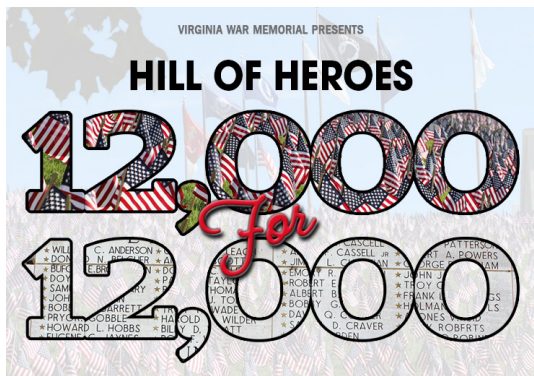
Carrying (& Caring for) the Declaration of Independence with Karen Chase
Wednesday, June 30 - 7:00 pm

World War II: The Air War
Wednesday, June 16
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



With the Lifelong Learning Institute in Chesterfield, we have partnered to bring you an all-day event on the Air War during World War II. Historians, archivists, and veterans from around the country will share stories of the struggle for freedom around the world.

Wednesday | June 16, 2021 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Hill of Heroes

Install 12,000 American flags
Friday, June 25 | 8:00 am

Remove 12,000 American flags
Friday, July 9 | 8:00 am

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The Virginia War Memorial Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the support of the educational programs of the Virginia War Memorial. Tax-exempt donations to the Foundation allow us to present programs like the one today.

Events are free of charge - Free Parking
Hours: Monday - Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm & Sunday: noon - 4 pm
Grounds are open during daylight hours.



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Commonwealth's Memorial Day Ceremony



May 31, 2021
Monday - 11:00 a.m.

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**COMMONWEALTH'S
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
ORDER OF EVENTS
MAY 31, 2021**

Opening Music	380th Army Reserve Band
Welcome.....	Dr. Clay Mountcastle <i>Director, Virginia War Memorial</i>
Pledge of Allegiance *	SSG Michael Corley <i>Virginia Army National Guard</i>
National Anthem *.....	MSgt Damon Obasi <i>Virginia Air National Guard</i>
Remarks and Introduction	Mr. John Maxwell <i>Commissioner</i> <i>Virginia Department of Veterans Services</i>
Of Keynote Speaker	
Keynote Address	The Honorable Kathleen Jabs <i>Virginia's Acting Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs</i>
Announcement of Marocchi Scholarship Winner	Dr. Mountcastle <i>Reed Jones</i> Abingdon High School Washington County Virginia Tech, Army ROTC
Music/Service Medley	380th Army Reserve Band
<i>Ceremony re-locates to the Shrine of Memory: Global War on Terrorism</i>	
Placing of Wreath	Acting Secretary Jabs & Gold Star Family members
Tolling of the Bell to honor the names added in the last year:	
Bell Ringer	Former U.S. Army SGT Mike Danner <i>Virginia War Memorial volunteer</i>
Richard J. Harris – Henrico	Humayun S. M. Khan – Bristow
Donald C. May, Jr. – Richmond	Ben Maxwell - Appomattox
Taps	Harry Decker <i>Bugles Across America</i>
Closing Remarks	Dr. Mountcastle

**please stand if able*

Acting Secretary Kathleen Jabs



Kathleen T. Jabs is Virginia's Acting Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs where she works to coordinate state and federal resources to support Virginia's veteran community and liaison with federal defense facilities.

Kathleen is a native of Massachusetts and graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy where she earned a Bachelor of Science in English with concentrations in Russian and engineering. She completed six years of active duty before transferring to the Navy Reserve where she commanded three units and retired as a captain in 2017. From 2008-2019, she served as a civilian in the Department of Defense with duties as Deputy Director of Management and Public Affairs Officer for the Office of the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff at the DOD Suffolk Complex and Director of Communications for US Joint Forces Command. In 2018, she was selected to the CIVIC Leadership Institute Executive Program Class of 2019.

Kathleen has more than 30 years of government, military and academic leadership and communications experience, including involvement with public affairs operations at Navy Chief of Information, NATO's Allied Command Transformation, US Fleet Forces Command, and National Defense University. Her military career spans a variety of active duty and reserve positions, with service in Japan, Hawaii, Panama, the Pentagon and military installations along the East Coast.

In addition to her defense career, Kathleen earned a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from George Mason University and has published several award winning stories, a novel and many articles in literary and national publications. Named a fellow at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts, she serves on the board of the Williamsburg Book Festival, the Peninsula Naval Academy Alumni Association and is a certified Virginia Master Naturalist with the Historic Rivers chapter.

Kathleen is married to Eric Jabs, a retired Navy Captain and current Navy civilian. They have two adult children, Lydia and Nick.

We dedicate this Commonwealth's Memorial Day Ceremony to those veterans who have paid the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country and its citizens and their families.