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SAVE THE DATES

Sips on the Skyline

returns September 24, 2021

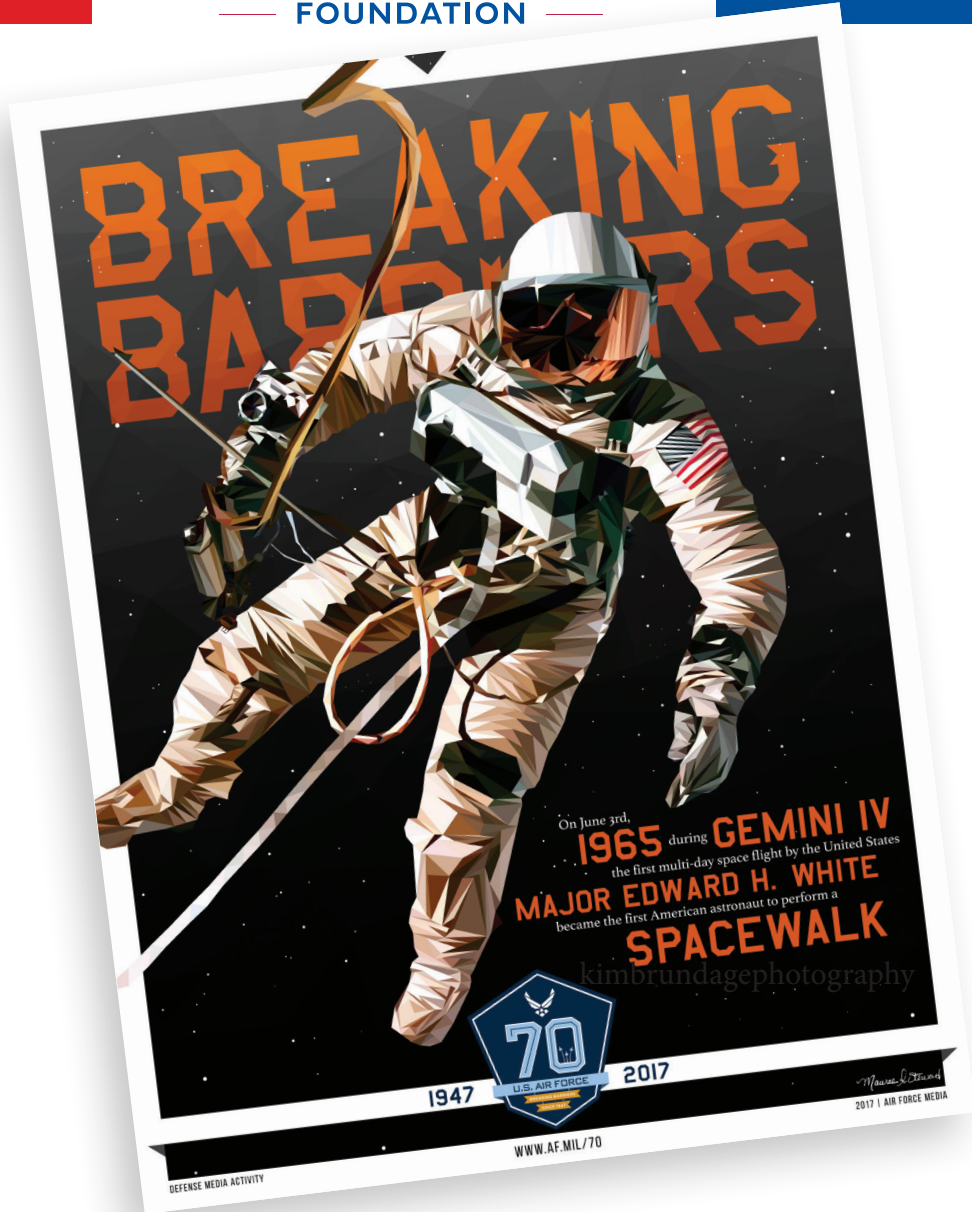
Invitation and details to come



Leadership in America

returns October 6, 2021

Pulitzer Prize-winning and #1 bestselling author Rick Atkinson
speaking on "what it takes"



Coming to the Virginia War Memorial

From Wings to Waves: The Artwork of Maureen Stewart

Opening in September 2021 in the Veterans' Art Gallery

Maureen Stewart is a 10-year Air Force veteran who served as an aerial videographer, training instructor, and combat cameraman.

As a civilian she has served in roles that have allowed her to express herself as a designer, creative director, instructor, and producer. Blending that expertise in design with a love for art led her to develop some unique techniques that resulted in pieces that are visually vibrant, whimsical, and full of feeling. Often merging hand-drawn elements with digital techniques, Stewart marches along with a growing army of digital artists who challenge the boundaries of what constitutes "fine" art. ■



ARTIST STATEMENT:

As a longtime graphic designer, I've always believed in the power of communicating beautifully. In my art, I strive to do the same — communicate feelings with warmth, color, vibrancy, and a bit of whimsy. My ultimate hope is that these visions of mine, made tangible, will allow you, the viewer, a touch of the joyful escape I feel when creating them.



Who They Were: Lives Worth Knowing

★ FRED BURTON



Recently, at an event to honor contributors to the Southside Initiative, LTG Joseph R. Inge, USA (Ret.), a Virginia War Memorial Foundation board member, told the story behind a name from our Shrine of Memory. Joe Inge, himself a proud son of Southside Virginia, reminded us that each of the nearly 12,000 names engraved on our Shrine of Memory represents a hero, an individual whose life was interrupted and cut short while in service to his country. This particular hometown hero story was about Fred Burton from Chase City.

One of seven children, Burton graduated from West End High School in 1967. He was a drummer in the marching band, had a sweetheart, and paid attention to his appearance, especially his shoes, which he always kept polished.

Burton was a SPEC-4 in the United States Army and serving in Vietnam when, in March 1969, he gave his life in service to his country. At only 20 years old, Burton was recognized as a hero and received a Silver Star for his heroism. His citation reads:

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Fwhile engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Four Burton distinguished himself while serving as a Rifleman with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. In March 1969, Specialist Burton volunteered to join a group of comrades who were going on a sweep of a contact area of the previous day in order to locate some missing personnel. As the group approached the area they came under heavy automatic weapons fire from still hidden enemy. Instead of moving back from his location, Specialist Burton held his ground and brought the enemy under fire, pinning them down while his comrades were able to move to safety. During the battle, Specialist Burton was mortally wounded by the enemy fire. His complete selflessness, exceptional courage, and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. ■



Lucy Burton of Chase City and two of her sons are recognized during a dedication ceremony of the Walkway of Honor at the Virginia War Memorial on May 27.

Local History – Pride of Place



It wasn't until I was an adult living in Richmond that I learned very much about the history of my native part of the state, Southwest Virginia. In school, studying history meant learning about the seminal events in our nation's story in the same way and from the same textbooks as students all over the country were learning about them. And, of course, as is true of textbooks used by any generation, ours were out-of-date as soon as they were published, overgeneralized by necessity, and were seriously flawed in many other ways.

Today, I am proud of my part of the state because I understand its history. Now I know that the music, arts, and crafts that are driving tourism in Southwest Virginia are direct links to the Scots-Irish and German immigrants finding their way there centuries ago on the Great Wagon Road. Now I know that salt, not coal, was the first major industry in Southwest Virginia. Now, when I see the many, many names

engraved on the Shrine of Memory from Southwest Virginia, I understand the disproportional loss from that region. Today, I am proud of my part of the state because I understand its history.

Detail of the Shrine of Memory at the Memorial

Local history is critical to developing pride of place. Whether immigrant or native, understanding how your community affected, and was affected by, national events is the first step toward love of country. I came across this description of patriotism as I was writing my column: **“There is a naturalness to patriotism, reflecting a healthy love for what is one’s own, gratitude for what one has been given, and reverence for the sources of one’s being,”** Wilfred M. McClay, professor of history at the University of Oklahoma.

The Virginia War Memorial and the Virginia War Memorial Foundation strive to honor veterans and inspire patriotism through education and preservation. Education is the key. Our staff works directly with teachers, historians, and veterans to develop programs for all age groups and teach them about our country's history in peacetime as well as wartime. The lessons are current, specific, and seriously accurate in a way that published textbooks never can be.

I am grateful to have seen so many of you tune into our livestreams. Visiting on-site is also an unforgettable experience. I look forward to meeting more of you here.

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Pamela R. Seay
PRESIDENT
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Leadership in America

A lecture series sponsored by the Virginia War Memorial Foundation

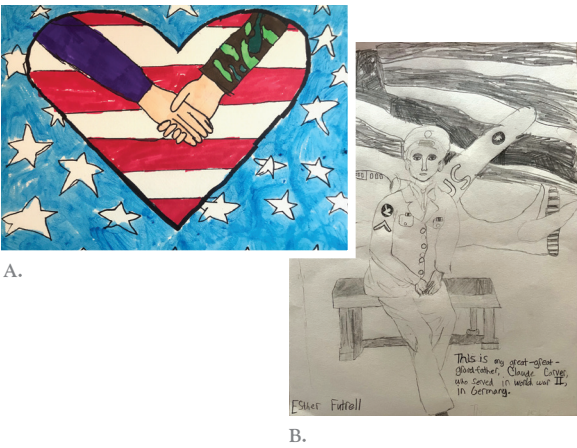
only event on Wednesday, October 6, Atkinson will be joined by J. Alfred Broadus, Jr., former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, frequent lecturer on monetary policy, guest commentator on Bloomberg Television and CNBC, and an Army veteran. ■



Rick Atkinson

Support for the relaunch of this series and Atkinson's appearance is provided by Nancy and Bruce Gottwald and a grant from the Virginia Sargeant Reynolds Foundation.

Student Creative Challenge



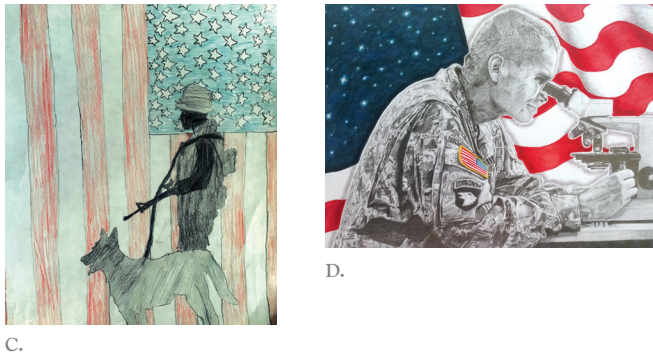
Congratulations to Our Student Art Contest Winners

The theme of the 2021 Armed Forces Day Art Contest was “Salute to Service.” Students from across Virginia created works of art that represented their own “salutes to service,” and the winners, whose artwork is shown here, were announced during the Commonwealth’s Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31, 2021:

- A. K-2 “Helping Hands” by Grant Berneche, 2nd grade, Grange Hall Elementary, Chesterfield
- B. Grades 3-5 “Grandpa Carver” by Esther Futrell, 5th grade, homeschool, Chesterfield
- C. Grades 6-8 “War Dog” by Gavin Godfrey, 7th grade, Tomahawk Creek Middle School, Chesterfield
- D. Grades 9-12 “A True Hero” by Anish Aradhey, 10th grade, Harrisonburg High School, Harrisonburg

Congratulations to the 2021 Marocchi Scholarship Winner

Rear Admiral John Marocchi served in the United States Navy for decades, with a career that spanned service in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Admiral Marocchi was a recipient of the Purple Heart and the



Legion of Merit, was one of very few Navy officers to complete Army Airborne training, and served for more than 15 years as a member of the board of trustees of the Virginia War Memorial. In his memory, a scholarship has been created to encourage and enable motivated individuals who plan to enroll in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at a Virginia school of higher education.

The winner of this year's Marocchi Scholarship is Reed Jones from Abingdon High School in Washington County. He will be attending Virginia Tech and participating in Army ROTC.

Congratulations to All Participants of Our First Poetry Showcase

In honor of the Month of the Military Child and National Poetry Month, our first Poetry Showcase was launched April 1, 2021. Poetry from Virginia students of all ages (K-12) whose parent or parents are serving or have served in the military was submitted and is highlighted on our website at VaWarMemorial.org/learn/poetry. ■

This showcase is the latest of our extracurricular, multidisciplinary creative activities for students. The nurturing encouragement of creative expression shaped by perceptions of military service is an important dimension of our educational outreach.

Congratulations!

Recently, our own Morgan Guyer, Assistant Director of Education for the Virginia War Memorial, was awarded the Rising Star Award by Richmond Region Tourism. This award recognizes extraordinary on-the-job performance by a person who has worked five years or less in a capacity to encourage visitors to the Richmond region. Nominations are evaluated on leadership, enthusiasm for the industry, innovation, successful programs or events, and other performance-related accomplishments. ■



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Making Movies and Preserving Memories



Every so often while working at the War Memorial, I will make my way down to the Reynolds Theater on the lower level for an escape. It is perhaps my favorite spot in the Galanti Education Center. There, I will sit and watch one of our

25 award-winning *Virginians at War* documentary films. Through the poignant memories of Virginian veterans, I visit the shores of Normandy, the seas of the Pacific, the jungles of Vietnam, or the sands of Iraq. If time permits, I will watch more than one film; the experience never gets old. While many of the veterans interviewed for our films are no longer with us, their stories remain.

Over the years, these *Virginians at War* films have served as our primary means of preserving veteran history and passing stories forward. What began as an effort to save the stories of World War II vets has grown into a substantial list of entertaining and informative films covering conflicts from World War II to the present. Our two fold mission of preservation and education never ends. We are currently producing a short film — *Who They Were: Lives Worth Knowing* — as part of an upcoming exhibit as well as an orientation film for visitors to the War Memorial (something we have always needed.)

Making great films is one thing, but distributing them is quite another. We must

continue finding ways to introduce *Virginians at War* to as many viewers as possible. Our education team is constantly working to put these films in the hands of teachers throughout Virginia, and the Foundation is exploring different ways to expand viewership through social media and the internet. We are always on the lookout for new and effective ways to show *Virginians at War* to those who appreciate history and understand the importance of these timeless stories of service.

If you have not seen one of our documentaries recently, please visit the online archive at vimeo.com/showcase/6384663. Or, as always, you can grab a comfortable seat in the Reynolds Theater here at the Virginia War Memorial and enjoy the escape for yourself.



The Reynolds Theater at the Virginia War Memorial

John C Mountcastle

Dr. Clay Mountcastle
DIRECTOR
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The Reynolds Theater was made possible by a generous grant from the Richard S. Reynolds Foundation.



OUR MISSION

To honor veterans, preserve history, educate youth, and inspire patriotism in all.

OUR VISION

A global audience will recognize the valor and sacrifice of Virginia's military veterans in the pursuit of liberty, democracy, justice, and peace for all.



Join the Volunteer Ranks

We need help. We need *you*. Join a committed group of people who make a difference at the Memorial and who have fun while they do it. Each of our volunteers has a unique set of interests, skills, and talents, but they all share in our mission to honor veterans and inspire patriotism through education and preservation. We offer flexible scheduling and a variety of positions from docents to researchers to store associates. If you are interested in answering the call, please contact Kyndall Drumheller at (804) 786-2091 or kyndall.drumheller@dvs.virginia.gov. ■

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Memorial Day 2021

We sometimes say that every day is Memorial Day at the Virginia War Memorial, but this past Memorial Day was particularly meaningful. More than 1,300 people were on the grounds for a somber remembrance of our country's sons and daughters who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of other people's freedom. It was also a joyous remembrance as we reconnected in person for the first time in too many months. What better way to honor the fallen than to gather together in shared gratitude and respect? ■



Virginia Air National Guard MSG Damon L. Obasi (right) sings the national anthem at our Memorial Day ceremony.



Walkway of Honor

There are heroes among us worthy of recognition. There are people we have lost who should be remembered. There are dates that should be commemorated. You can purchase a brick to be placed on our Walkway of Honor for any of these (or other) reasons. Your brick purchase directly benefits our core mission programs.

Order bricks now to be installed in time for the Commonwealth's Veterans Day Ceremony. Contact Annie Warman at awarman@vawarmemorial.org or (804) 786-2176. ■



Welcome Ben King, New Operations Director of the Memorial

Ben King has joined the Memorial as the new Operations Director. Ben received a Purple Heart during his service to the Nation as an Army Sergeant during the Iraq War. Following his deployment, he received a master's degree in public anthropology from American University. Before joining the Memorial, Ben ran a nonprofit honoring post-9/11 fallen warriors. As a Richmond native who grew up on Church Hill, Ben is mindful of Virginia's deep history and of the important role the Memorial plays in honoring our heroes, preserving their legacy, educating our community, and inspiring the next generation. ■





Now Available for Your Special Event

The Virginia War Memorial is an ideal location for monthly board meetings, retreats, training sessions, and other corporate events. Tables, chairs, projection systems, and other A/V services are available. All proceeds from facility rentals support the Virginia War Memorial Foundation's mission to honor veterans, preserve history, educate youth, and inspire patriotism in all. We welcome the Virginia Association of Fundraising Executives, the Medical College of Virginia Foundation, and the Virginia Housing Development Authority as new clients and friends. To find out more about renting our facilities, contact Annie Warman at awarman@vawarmemorial.org or (804) 786-2176.

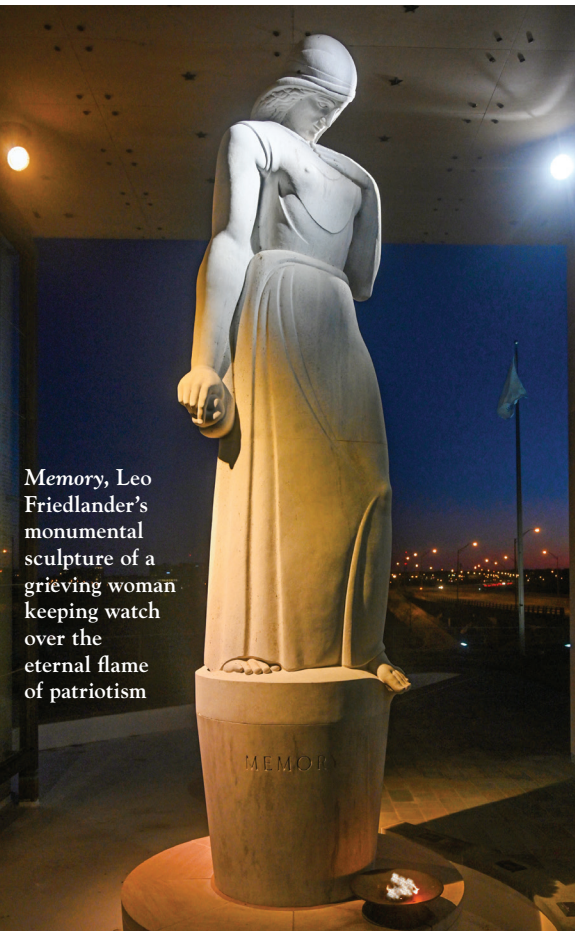
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Now Available in the Joseph A. Weinberg Memorial Store

Proceeds from the sale of the *Mighty Pen Project 2020 Journal* benefit the Mighty Pen Project and other programs for students and veterans sponsored by the Virginia War Memorial Foundation. Discounts apply on bulk orders of 10 or more journals. For more information, please contact Annie Warman at awarman@vawarmemorial.org or call 804-786-2176.



Memory, Leo Friedlander's monumental sculpture of a grieving woman keeping watch over the eternal flame of patriotism

Leave a Legacy and Shape the Future of the Memorial

Every day, our staff and volunteers work to inspire everyone to honor veterans and to appreciate the service necessary to protect our democracy. Estate gifts to the Memorial support core mission education, preservation, and patriotic programs. Since 1956, *Memory* has stood watch over the flame of patriotism. She makes sure that we never forget our military heroes. You can be sure that your gift will be gratefully received and carefully invested. If you have already made plans to provide for the Memorial, please let us know so we can thank you now. If you are considering such a gift, please contact Pam Seay at (804) 239-6956 or pseay@vawarmemorial.org.



Calendar of Events

EXHIBIT OPENING
From Wings to Waves:
The Artwork of Maureen Stewart
September 2021
See cover article



Patriot Day
September 11, 2021
This year marks the 20th anniversary of the attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon, and the heroic deeds of those who were lost in a field in Pennsylvania as they prevented a third attack. A special ceremony on the grounds of the Memorial will commemorate the day.

POW/MIA Day Commemoration
September 13–20, 2021
As in years past, we observe this national recognition day by placing a traditional "Missing Man Table" in the Anne Carter and Walter R. Robins, Jr. Foundation Lobby. All of the elements of the place setting — the tablecloth, the slice of lemon, the salt on the bread plate, the red ribbon, and red rose — are symbolic of the different aspects of the grief endured by those who mourn the missing.



Sips on the Skyline September 24, 2021
This is a ticketed event. Invitation and details to come.

Leadership in America:
An Evening with Rick Atkinson
and Al Broaddus
Lecture, light reception,
and book signing
October 6, 2021
This is a ticketed event.
Invitation and details to come.

Commonwealth's Veterans Day Ceremony
November 11, 2021
We will honor veterans with remembrances of those who were lost, those who returned but have since died, those who served and are still with us, and those who still serve and guard our freedoms.

EXHIBIT OPENING
Who They Were:
Lives Worth Knowing
November 11, 2021

Commonwealth's Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony
December 7, 2021
This year marks the 80th anniversary of the attack on the Naval base at Pearl Harbor, an event that propelled the United States into World War II. The bell from the USS *Virginia* will be rung as the names of Virginians who perished that day are read aloud. This ceremony is presented in partnership with the Richmond Council of the Navy League of the United States.

Visit VaWarMemorial.org for details on these and other events as they are added to the calendar, or call (804) 786-2060 for more information.



Upcoming Virtual Events

All of our livestreams are free, though registration is required. Register early, as there is limited space to listen live!
Previously broadcasted and recorded programs are available at VaWarMemorial.org/learn/resources. Reach out to Morgan Guyer (morgan.guyer@dvs.virginia.gov) with any questions or issues with registration.

Researching Homefront Moviegoing Culture: Richmond in World War II

Thursday, July 22, 2021 — 10:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION: VaWarMemorial.org/events
Though thousands of miles away from the battlefronts of World War II, Hollywood films and local movie theaters did their part to engage Americans in the wartime spirit by inspiring patriotism, loyalty, rationing, and sacrifice. Using local newspapers as her sources, Professor Kathy Fuller-Seeley will lead us on "scavenger hunts" to locate ways that movies, theaters, local businesses, and newspapers sought to connect the war to families in Richmond, Virginia.
Professor Fuller-Seeley is the William P. Hobby Centennial Professor of Communication at the University of Texas at Austin.

From the Archives: The Korean War

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 — 2:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION: VaWarMemorial.org/events
National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day is acknowledged every July 27. On the 68th anniversary of the armistice, join Archivist Heidi Sheldon and take a closer look at materials from the Virginia War Memorial archives related to service members who fought in the "Forgotten War."

Salute to Service: Chaplain Corps

Thursday, July 29, 2021 — 10:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION: VaWarMemorial.org/events
Military readiness deals not only with tactical endeavors but also with the spiritual and mental well-being of its Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen. Join us for this special program in our "Salute to Service" series as we highlight the unique role of the Chaplain Corps.