The mark of a great nonprofit is the reach of its mission. Thanks to your support, we are gaining ground every day. In 2022, nearly half a million* people accessed Virginia War Memorial programs on-site, online, and on air.

**OUR MISSION** is to support the Virginia War Memorial in its efforts to preserve the stories of veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice, to honor all veterans and active-duty military, and to inspire love of country through education.

**OUR VISION** is that 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.

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**PRESERVING the Stories of Veterans**

**Oral Histories** — Grant funding from the Alfred duPont Trust has made it possible to begin the laborious process of transcribing what is possibly the largest single trove of veteran oral histories in Virginia, many from World War II veterans.

**Virtual Shrine of Memory** — A searchable database to identify any of the nearly 12,000 individuals remembered at the Memorial will soon be available on our website. The Shrine of Memory at the Virginia War Memorial honors the service of the Virginia men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II, and in the wars in Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf. Those Virginians killed during the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, and other locations throughout the world are also memorialized.

The Virginians at War Documentary Film Series — This award-winning film series includes 26 films, telling the stories of military and cultural history through firsthand accounts from veterans and families. They are available online at no cost and distributed to schools across Virginia with lesson plans. They bridge the gap between third-person textbook entries and first-person participant accounts.

Our 2022 documentary, *Known but to God: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*, marked the 2021 centennial of this beloved American monument at Arlington National Cemetery.

Our 2023 documentary, *One Week in October*, will focus on the 40th anniversary of the week in 1983 that included two fateful events: the bombing of the U.S. Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut and the U.S. invasion of Grenada during Operation Urgent Fury.

**Mighty Pen Project** — Now in its 10th year, this program offers intensive writing classes to help and encourage veterans to commit to paper their memories and reflections that tell the larger story of American military service around the world. The natural extension of this tuition-free writing program has been a playwriting class. Four one-act plays are selected from the class for our *War in Pieces* stage production. The cast for the 2023 production consists of more than 30 percent military veterans, providing even more authenticity to this emerging arts offering.

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With Public Programs


Hill of Heroes Day (above) is a community activity beginning in June and extending over the Independence Day weekend. It is an inspirational tribute to our fallen veterans. American flags are planted on our grounds to recognize the nearly 12,000 names etched on our Shrine of Memory.

We observe African American History Month, Women’s History Month, the Month of the Military Child, Asian American and Pacific Heritage Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Native American Heritage Month by offering free and insightful programming. These free events ensure that a grateful Commonwealth has frequent opportunities to show respect and admiration for our veterans.

LEFT: Veteran Patients Week — Volunteers across the state wrote thank-you cards to remember our veterans receiving medical treatment.
**With Exhibitions**

Who They Were: Lives Worth Knowing profiled 32 individuals (6 shown below) whose names are etched on our Shrine of Memory. This poignant exhibit was on view during 2022 and is now available to travel.

**In the Veterans Art Gallery**

Our changing exhibition program highlighting the work of veterans across all art mediums included:

- **Arms for the Nation**
  - Virginia Medal of Honor Gallery

- **50 Years Beyond**
  - The Vietnam Veteran Experience

- **The Color of Freedom**
  - Honoring the Diversity of America’s Servicewomen

- **From Wings to Waves**
  - The Artwork of Maureen Stewart

- **Vietnam: 2 Soldiers. 2 Artists. 2 Journeys. Then & Now**
  - The Vietnam Art of David Wright and Chuck Creasy (traveling exhibition from the Monthaven Arts and Cultural Center)

- **My Art Is My Portrait: The Artwork of Charlie McConnell**

- **Opening In the Veterans Art Gallery May 31, 2023:**
  - Photography by Rich Davis, a Roanoke-based Navy veteran, whose work is primarily focused on landscape, night, and infrared photography
A Note about Our Financial Statements

As we went to press, the draft of the annual audit of our financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2022, had been reviewed. The numbers, which will be made available on our website when accepted by our board of directors, show a strong post-pandemic rebound. This was only possible because of the remarkable level of private support — from you and other like-minded people — for the Virginia War Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Thank you.

$773,550 — 2022 expenses net of endowment investments, cost of goods sold, and cost of direct benefits to donors

- 74% — Program expenses
- 19% — Management expenses
- 7% — Fundraising expenses