Virginia War Memorial Livestream Programs Learning from the Home Front

Use the links below to view each of the past Livestreams from the Virginia War Memorial's Education Department. New recordings are added all the time, so please check back if you are interested in a specific program. See all upcoming programs at www.vawarmemorial.org/events!

Most Recent Livestreams

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Salute to Service

Have you ever wondered what it is like to serve in the military? Discover first-hand accounts from those who took the oath of enlistment!

- Month of the Military Child (4/29/2025)
- US Marine Corps (11/8/2024)
- US Air Force (9/18/2024)
- US Coast Guard (8/6/2024)
- US Army (6/14/2024)
- <u>US Marine Corps (11/9/2023)</u>
- US Navy (10/13/2023)
- US Air Force (9/19/2023)
- US Army (6/14/2023)
- US Space Force (12/20/2022)
- US Marine Corps (11/14/2022)
- US Navy (10/13/2022)
- US Air Force (9/15/2022)
- US Coast Guard, Part 1 (8/4/2022)
- US Coast Guard, Part 2 (8/4/2022)
- Generally Speaking (6/14/2022)
- Mortuary Affairs (5/19/2022)
- Army Dental Corps (4/28/2022)
- US Marine Corps (11/10/2021)
- US Air Force (9/16/2021)
- US Coast Guard (8/4/2021)



- Chaplain Corps (7/29/2021)
- US Army (6/14/2021)
- Virginia National Guard (5/14/2021)
- Military Children (4/13/2021)
- JAG Corps (3/30/2021)
- Helicopter Pilots (2/24/2021)
- Army Nurse Corps (2/18/2021)
- Navy SEALs (1/13/2021)
- US Marine Corps (11/9/2020)
- US Navy (10/13/2020)
- US Air Force (9/18/2020)
- US Coast Guard (8/5/2020)

From the Archives

Join the Archivist to take a closer look at some of the Virginia War Memorial's materials and stories.

- Valentine's Day During Wartime (2/14/2024)
- National Archives Day (10/19/2023)
- Lee Dufford Harley (8/22/2023)
- Comics from the Battlefield (6/7/2022)
- The Korean War (7/27/2021)
- Insects on the Front (7/7/2021)
- Dear Mom (5/7/2021)
- Women in Service (3/2/2021)
- The China-Burma-India Theater (1/21/2021)
- Pearl Harbor Day (12/7/2020)
- Thanksgiving Menus (11/25/2020)
- Battle of the Bulge (10/15/2020)
- Profile of a Soldier: Gordon Young (9/29/2020)
- Prisoners of War (9/15/2020)
- V-J Day (8/20/2020)
- D-Day (6/5/2020)

From the Collection

Join Curator Jesse Smith to get a behind the scenes look at artifacts from the Virginia War Memorial's collection.

- Military Helmets (4/22/2021)
- Souvenirs and War Trophies Part II (1/26/2021)
- Souvenirs and War Trophies Part I (10/29/2020)



- Military Patches Part II (7/23/2020)
- Military Patches Part I (6/18/2020)

Research and Caring for your Collections

Discover how to take care of your historical materials at home and get research tips to learn more about the past.

- Basic Home Care of Uniforms (5/20/2020)
- Military Records Workshop (5/15/2020)
- Paper and Photographs (5/13/2020)
- What's "Bugging" Your Artifacts? (5/6/2020)

Eyewitness to History

Learn about history from those who have experienced it and take this chance to view events through a unique lens.

- Khobar Towers (6/7/2023)
- Bosnia A Real World Mission (8/18/2022)
- Operation Urgent Fury: The Invasion of Grenada, 1983 (1/27/2022)
- September 11, 2001 (9/10/2021)
- WWII Veteran Hal Urban (4/27/2021)
- WWII Veteran Irving Locker (4/26/2021)
- Tuskegee Airman: Dr. Harry Quinton (2/17/2021)
- Tet Offensive 1968 (1/28/2021)
- WWII Veteran Warren Fisher (1/12/2021)
- WWII Veteran George Merz (12/16/2020)
- WWII Veteran Fred Faulkner (11/17/2020)
- WWII Veteran Dr. Guy DeGenaro (9/25/2020)
- Experiencing the Unthinkable 9/11
- Persian Gulf War Veteran Mark Owens (8/26/2020)
- Korean War Veteran L. Douglas Wilder (7/27/2020)
- Cold War Veteran/Naval Aviator Robert Paylor (6/16/2020)
- Vietnam Veterans Panel (6/8/2020)
- GWOT Veterans Panel (5/27/2020)

Special Guest Presentations

Programs by authors, historians, and other special quest speakers.

• Living History: A Conversation with the 23rd United States Colored Troops (4/3/2025)



- Women Pilots Proudly Wearing the Uniform (3/11/2025)
- 544th Military Police Detachment: Military Working Dogs and their Handler (3/7/2025)
- Four-Legged Fighters: Military Working Dogs and their Handlers (3/6/2025)
- A Letter from First Lieutenant Walter (WD) Sutherland (2/18/2025)
- Triumph and Controversy: The Career of General Douglas MacArthur (1/28/2025)
- Edgar Allan Poe in the Military (1/14/2025)
- Tenth Army Commander: Simon B. Buckner, Jr. (8/15/2024)
- The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line (3/26/2024)
- Virginia's Executive Mansion (3/19/2024)
- Meet the Artist: Thomas Paulk (1/24/2024)
- Behind the Numbers: Notable United States Units Engaged in the Battle of the Bulge (12/5/2023)
- In a Strange Land: The American Occupation of Germany 1918-1923 (11/29/2023)
- Meet the Artist: Rich Davis (10/5/2023)
- Meet the Artist: Charlie McConnell (5/22/2023)
- The Life and Legacy of General MacArthur: One Man's Role (4/11/2023)
- The War in Iraq: Twenty Years Later (3/23/2023)
- Operation Desert Storm: An Overview (2/27/2023)
- General James Alexander Ulio and the 29th Infantry Division, Part 1 (12/2/2022)
- General James Alexander Ulio and the 29th Infantry Division, Part 2 (12/2/2022)
- The National Native American Veterans Memorial (11/22/2022)
- Old Stories, New Life: Technology's Role in Sharing American Heroism (11/11/2022)
- Don't Give Up the Ship: Discussing the Battle of Lake Erie (9/29/2022)
- Honoring Our Combat Wounded: The Purple Heart (8/9/2022)
- Old Glory: The Evolution of the United States Flag (7/6/2022)
- Battleground Ardennes (6/28/2022)
- Mighty Pen Project Graduation: Spring 2022 (6/22/2022)
- Steel Storm: Okinawa 1945 (4/5/2022)
- The Veteran Experience of the War in Vietnam (3/29/2022)
- Pioneers in the Mess: Women Breaking Army Food Service Barriers (3/23/2022)
- From Paratrooping to Playwriting: A Veteran's Insights (3/18/2022)
- Commemorating K9 Veterans Day: An Interview with Veteran Robert Mays (3/10/2022)
- The Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen: Heroes in the Air, Catalysts for Change (2/8/2022)
- You Can't Get Much Closer Than This: Combat with the 80th "Blue Ridge" Division in WWII Europe (1/18/2022)
- Bombs and Bombs: The Best and the Worst War Movies! (1/13/2022)
- The 8th Armored Division from the Ardennes to Victory (1/13/2022)
- Voices of the Battle of the Bulge (12/16/2021)



- Warrior Spirit: The Story of Native American Patriotism and Heroism (11/30/2021)
- Artist Spotlight: Clutch bloodangel 47 (10/20/2021)
- Artist Spotlight: Maureen Stewart (10/13/2021)
- The Hürtgen Forest: Prelude to the Battle of the Bulge with Edward Miller (9/21/2021)
- "What a Way to Go to War!" with Dr. Daniel Santoro (8/17/2021)
- Before Pearl Harbor: The Road to War in the Pacific with Christopher Kolakowski (8/10/2021)
- Researching Homefront Moviegoing Culture: Richmond in World War II (7/22/2021)
- <u>Carrying (& Caring for) the Declaration of Independence with Karen A. Chase</u> (6/30/2021)
- Forgotten Soldiers of World War I: America's Immigrant Doughboys (6/29/2021)
- "The Last Romantic War": A Conversation with Robin Traywick Williams (6/1/2021)
- <u>Commemorating American Soldier Dead: The History of American War Cemeteries</u>
 (5/27/2021)
- Celebrating the Service of the 6888th (5/18/2021)
- The Abuse of Military History with Guest Panel (4/14/2021)
- Mighty Pen Project Graduation Ceremony (4/7/2021)
- Play Ball! Doughboys and Baseball during the Great War (4/1/2021)
- Unsung Heroes of the 6888th Postal Battalion (3/23/2021)
- Brave Women Warriors: Grit and Grace (3/16/2021)
- Making a Name for Themselves: Women Journalists in Viet Nam (3/9/2021)
- Doomed to Repeat It? Does our Military Know its History? with Guest Panel (2/3/2021)
- Roots, War, and the Soul: Healing through Story with Jennifer Holik (1/6/2021)
- Author Talk: Headhunter with Pete Svoboda (12/15/2020)
- The State of Military History with Guest Panel (12/8/2020)
- Native American Heritage Month: A Celebration of Veterans (11/18/2020)
- Making Military Movies with Guest Panel (10/20/2020)
- Meet the Artist: Diana de Avila (10/13/2020)
- Virtual Curation Lab: Battle of the Bulge with Dr. Bernard Means (10/7/2020)
- Never Forgotten: Mission to Bring Our MIAs Home with Robert Gahagan (9/18/2020)
- Allied Women of World War II with Mark Turner (6/23/2020)
- Freedom Flag Story with John Riley and Tara Krohn (6/15/2020)
- Susanna's Midnight Ride with Libby McNamee (5/11/2020)
- On Witch's Wings with Rusty Nix (5/8/2020)

Staff Presentations

Lectures and lessons by Virginia War Memorial staff members.

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- Mayday on May Day: Francis Gary Powers and the U-2 Incident (5/1/2025)
- From "Shangri-La" to Tokyo: The April 1942 Doolittle Raid (4/24/2025)
- Grit and Grace: Female Servicemembers in the Shrine of Memory (3/27/2025)
- Trumpeting Equality: The Women's Suffrage March of 1913 (3/19/2025)
- Desertion in the Military: A Look Back (2/25/2025)
- Remembering the Wereth Eleven (2/4/2025)
- The Battle of the Bulge: Eighty Years Later (1/16/2025)
- The Malmedy Massacre: Eighty Years Later (12/17/2024)
- Holidays During World War II (12/10/2024)
- The Ia Drang Valley: The First Major Battle in Vietnam (11/14/2024)
- Operation Torch: The Allied Invasion of North Africa (1942) (11/12/2024)
- "Panama Canal Beckons Ships of the World" (10/15/2024)
- The Unexpected Presidency of Chester A. Arthur (10/3/2024)
- Fightin' Words: Military Quotes to Know and Use (9/24/2024)
- The Coming of War in Europe (1939) (9/5/2024)
- Pigeons of War (8/21/2024)
- Sinking of the USS Indianapolis (7/30/2024)
- The Bonus Army and the Summer of Discontent (7/11/2024)
- <u>'Forgotten' No More: Honoring Virginia's Korean War Fallen (6/27/2024)</u>
- From Emancipation to Freedom: The Story of Juneteenth (6/20/2024)
- The Life and Legacy of President John F. Kennedy (5/29/2024)
- Honoring the Fallen: The History of Decoration Day (5/16/2024)
- "At Your Own Risk:" The Sinking of the R.M.S. Lusitania (5/7/2024)
- Congress and the Power to Declare War (4/23/2023)
- Now He Belongs to the Ages: The Death of Abraham Lincoln (4/15/2024)
- More Than Just A Wall: The History of the Virginia War Memorial (2/29/2024)
- The Life and Legacy of Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely, Jr. (2/20/2024)
- The State of the Union Addresses During World War I and World War II, Part II
 (2/7/2024)
- The State of the Union Addresses During World War I and World War II (1/16/2024)
- Pathway to Pearl Harbor (12/6/2023)
- Peace and Confusion: The Waning Days of World War II (10/10/2023)
- Popcorn Thursday: Military History Trivia (9/21/2023)
- Purple Heart Day (8/7/2023)



- Korean War Armistice Day (7/27/2023)
- Battle of Gettysburg (7/6/2023)
- Preceding the Conflict: Key Moments that led to the Vietnam War (5/25/2023)
- The 1893 World's Fair: Gateway to the 20th Century (5/18/2023)
- V-E Day: The Solemn Joy of Victory (5/8/2023)
- The Kent State Shooting and its Impact on College and the Military (5/4/2023)
- Gratitude: The Veterans of the Vietnam War (4/27/2023)
- The United States as "Defender of Democracy" (1898) Part 2 (4/21/2023)
- The United States as "Defender of Democracy" (1898) Part 1 (4/21/2023)
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt: A Great and Patriotic American (4/13/2023)
- Happy Holidays: Celebrating Passover and Easter during World War II (4/4/2023)
- The Ludendorff Bridge: Last Passage Over the Rhine (3/16/2023)
- WAACs, WASPs, WAVES: Women Supporting the Military During WWII (3/14/2023)
- "How Long Must We Wait:" Virginia's Suffrage Movement (3/8/2023)
- Valentines Day During World War II (2/14/2023)
- The World War I Monument of Byrd Park (2/7/2023)
- Remembering the Vietnam War: Fifty Years Later (1/19/2023)
- World War II: Voices of Propaganda (1/12/2023)
- Born To Be A Soldier: General George S. Patton, Jr. (12/16/2022)
- Season's Greetings: Holidays on the Home Front (12/13/2022)
- Images of the Great War (11/1/2022)
- Trick or Treat? Halloween on the Home Front (10/27/2022)
- America at War: October 1942 (10/25/2022)
- The History of Photography: Images of the Past (10/18/2022)
- The American POW Experience and the MIA Legacy (9/16/2022)
- The Pentagon: The Army's \$35,000,000 "Dream Building" (9/8/2022)
- Danger from the Skies: Japanese Balloon Bombs during World War II (8/23/2022)
- Letters from a Korean War Soldier, Part II (7/21/2022)
- Mindful Moment of Gratitude Program (7/19/2022)
- Popcorn Thursday: Trivia Strikes Back! (6/23/2022)
- Feldpost: German Letters from World War II (5/26/2022)
- May the Fourth Be With You: History Weapons and Equipment of the Star Wars Universe (5/4/2022)
- No Greater Devotion: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (5/2/2022)
- We Serve Too: Growing Up in a Military Family (4/28/2022)
- A Salute to WWII Veteran Russell Scott (4/26/2022)
- Popcorn Thursday: That's Gross! The Worst of Military Cuisine (4/21/2022)
- Pathway to the American Revolution (4/19/2022)



- Children of World War II (4/14/2022)
- Popcorn Thursday: What the....?! The Dumbest Decisions in Military History (3/24/2022)
- Preserving the Names: How the Virginia War Memorial Works (3/15/2022)
- Stand and Fight: The Life of Vice Admiral Samuel Gravely, Jr. (2/28/2022)
- Popcorn Thursday: 'If You Could Have Dinner with Anybody (Military History Version)' (2/17/2022)
- Love Letters in the Midst of War, Part II (2/10/2022)
- The Four Chaplains: A Symbol of Extraordinary Heroism & Devotion (2/3/2022)
- Breaking the Peace From Armistice to Blitzkrieg (1919-1939)
- Generally Terrible: The Worst U.S. Generals of All Time! (11/4/2021)
- World War II: Voices from Captivity (9/28/2021)
- History of the Purple Heart (8/5/2021)
- Letters from a Korean War Soldier (6/10/2021)
- Letters from the Front: Voices of World War II (4/20/2021)
- Remembering the Persian Gulf (2/26/2021)
- Love Letters in the Midst of War (2/12/2021)
- History Mystery: Where is Tommie Cole? (2/11/2021)
- What Happened? Three American Military Disasters (11/23/2020)
- In Their Own Words: Letters from World War I (11/5/2020)
- The Cold War: From Eisenhower to JFK (10/22/2020)
- Operation Olympic: The Invasion that Never Happened (8/13/2020)
- Cold as the Devil: Stories of the Battle of the Bulge (7/14/2020)
- Firefight in Afghanistan: What Happened on Mountain 2610 (6/30/2020)
- Teaching the Civil War with Artifacts (6/25/2020)
- Postal Covers: Propaganda to Patriotism Part II (6/2/2020)
- It wasn't a Milk Run: The Army Air Corps (5/29/2020)
- Postal Covers: Propaganda to Patriotism Part I (5/19/2020)
- WWII in Film (4/24/2020)
- Children on the Home Front (4/17/2020)
- Baseball and WWI (4/14/2020)
- Historical Gadgets (4/8/2020)

Patriotic Programs and Observances

The Virginia War Memorial's annual patriotic programs include Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Patriot Day, and more.

- K-9 Veterans Day (3/11/2021)
- Pearl Harbor Day (12/7/2020)
- Veterans Day (11/11/2020) (via CBS 6)



- Patriot Day (9/11/2020)
- Memorial Day (5/25/2020) (via CBS 6)

