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ARMY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT MEMORIAL

RICHMOND, Va. – The Virginia War Memorial, 621 S. Belvidere St., Richmond, and The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) proudly announce the 236th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army. In honor of this prestigious anniversary and Flag Day, the two groups will co-host a celebration at the Virginia War Memorial on Saturday, June 18, 2011, from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will feature a re-enlistment ceremony, cake cutting, music, army vehicles and equipment, rock climbing wall, re-enactors, presentations and films about our heroic men at arms, as well as fun and interactive games for children.

Members from the 80th Army Reserve Training Command, the Virginia National Guard and Ft. Lee are participants along with the Richmond District Army Recruiting offices. Invited guests include MG Daniel E. Long, Jr. MG John P. McLaren, Jr., MG Jim Hodge and CSM CC Jenkins. The Keynote Address at 10:00 am will be given by AUSA Vice President, LTG Roger G. Thompson, USA (Ret.). The Ft. Lee Band will provide ceremonial music. Closing ceremonies begin at 2:30 am with a remembrance for all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

COL Sam Wilder, USA (Ret.), member of the Memorial's Board of Trustees and a lead for this event commented, "It is the Army that has been the driving force in so many of our country's conflicts. We take this time to celebrate this excellence, acknowledge the continuing selfless service of our soldiers and honor our country's flag."

Free and family friendly with free parking in the adjacent VHDA parking deck.

For more information, call 804-786-2060..

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