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Re-creation of World War II Era Troop Show Coming To Virginia War Memorial

*World War II Roll Call Will Feature Comedy of “Bob Hope” and 1940s Music
At Family Event in Outdoor Amphitheater*

(Richmond, Va.) The boogie-woogie sounds of the 1940s return to Richmond on Wednesday evening, May 20 when the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation presents the World War II Roll Call – a re-creation of a 1943 USO-style troop show – live and on stage outdoors in the Virginia War Memorial’s Heilman Amphitheater.

The show begins at 6:30 p.m. Featured entertainers include the G.I.’s favorite comedian “Bob Hope,” as portrayed by impressionist Lynn Roberts, a tribute to the original boogie-woogie bugle girls, the Andrews Sisters from singing duo, “Letters from Home,” and a special appearance by Richmond’s own female chorus, the Sweet Adelines. Tim Timberlake will be Master of Ceremonies.

“Whether you’re old enough to remember Bob Hope and the Andrews Sisters or just want to relive the experience of the shows that were presented to our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen to keep up their spirits during World War II, I can promise you will enjoy the Roll Call,” said Admiral John Hekman, executive director of the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation. “It will be an evening of great fun and music for the entire family and we invite to come and enjoy an evening they will never forget.”

Tickets to the World War II Roll Call Show are limited and on sale now at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 South Belvidere Street in Richmond, by calling 804.786.2069 and online at www.vawarmemorial.org. VIP tickets include reserved seating and a reception with the entertainers. Group rates are available and children age 12 and under are free with paid adult.

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Proceeds from the WWII Roll Call Show will benefit the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation, the non-profit organization that funds all of the Memorial's educational and patriotic events, programs, films and exhibits.

The Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation gratefully acknowledges the corporations and individuals who are helping to make the World War II Roll Call possible: Wells Fargo Private Bank, ODEC, RCMD, Haley BuickGMC, Woody Funeral Home and Cremation Service, USRY Inc., Crown Plaza Richmond, Enterprise Rental Cars, Mr. and Mrs. Franco Ambrogi, the Wilson Family in memory of Scott and Lew Wilson.

About the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation

The Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the financial support of the educational and patriotic programs, events, films and exhibits of the Memorial. Donations to the Foundation from individuals, corporations, veterans groups and other organizations may be tax-deductible and are encouraged and appreciated. For more information, please visit www.vawarmemorial.org and click on *Get Involved*.

About the Virginia War Memorial

The mission of the Virginia War Memorial is to *Honor Veterans, Preserve History, Educate Youth and Instill Patriotism in All*. Dedicated in 1956, the Memorial includes the names of the nearly 12,000 Virginia heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and the Global War on Terrorism. The Virginia War Memorial is a division of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and serves as an integral part of its mission in support of all Virginians who served in our military forces.

Situated on over four acres overlooking downtown Richmond and the James River at 621 South Belvidere St., the Virginia War Memorial also includes the Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center which houses military-related exhibits, programs and theaters showing the award-winning *Virginians At War* documentary series and the multi-dimensional film, *Into Battle*.

The Galanti Education Center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon- 4 p.m. The Shrine of Memory and grounds are open from 5 a.m. – 12 midnight daily. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 804.786.2060 or visit www.vawarmemorial.org or www.facebook.com/virginiawarmemorial

(Note to editors: photos of entertainers Lynn Roberts and Letters from Home available for publication on request.)

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