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**Virginia War Memorial To Again Host  
Summer Teacher Institutes Across State**

*Programs About Gen. George Marshall, World Wars I & II, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan  
And Other Topics Offered Free of Charge to Virginia History Teachers*

**(Richmond, Va.)** The Virginia War Memorial has announced its schedule of Summer 2015 *See Freedom Speak* Teacher Institutes for middle and high school teachers.

The institutes are one-day educational programs offered free of charge to Virginia public and private school teachers of US II and VA/US history. For 2015, eight different Summer Teacher Institutes will be held at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond and at other historical venues across the Commonwealth, including the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton, the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, and the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk.

The 2015 Teacher Institutes begin June 23 and run through August 5. A complete schedule is available online at [www.vawarmemorial.org](http://www.vawarmemorial.org).

According to Candi Shelton, Virginia War Memorial Education Director, all of the seminars are aligned with the Virginia History and Social Science Standards (SOLs) and are eligible for teacher re-licensure points. There is no registration fee and teachers may register to attend one or more of the programs. Each seminar begins at 10 a.m., ends at 3 p.m., and includes a complimentary lunch.

Funding for the 2015 Summer Teacher Institutes is provided solely by the non-profit Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation.

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Of the eight institutes, four will focus on World War II topics with one each highlighting World War I, the Vietnam War, the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, the life of Gen. George Marshall, and the occupational roles of females in the military services.

“This is our tenth consecutive year presenting our *See Freedom Speak* Teacher Institutes,” Shelton said. “For 2015, we have added two additional seminars and have put together an outstanding lineup of important historical topics and well-qualified guest speakers including nationally-known university professors, historians, a documentary film maker, and of course, veterans of the conflicts to be presented.”

“Seminars will also include tours of the host venues and additional venues such as the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond and the U.S. Army Women’s Museum at Fort Lee,” Shelton added. “Our goal continues to be to give teachers the additional first-hand knowledge and resources they need to make history come alive in their classrooms. We encourage teachers from throughout the Commonwealth to attend the seminars and to register early as space is limited”

Teachers can obtain more information and register to attend one or more of the institutes by visiting [www.varwarmemorial.org](http://www.varwarmemorial.org) or by calling Candi Shelton at 804-786-2062.

### **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.

The Virginia War Memorial is located at 621 South Belvidere Street in Richmond. For more information, visit [www.vawarmemorial.org](http://www.vawarmemorial.org).

### **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, documentary films and historical 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](http://www.vawarmemorial.org) and click on *Get Involved*.

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