



Calendar of upcoming events through December 2022

LEADERSHIP IN AMERICA: SPEAKER SERIES

This lecture series features a wide array of speakers addressing topics of military readiness, economic strength, history, and cultural influence — those things that have positioned the United States as a world superpower.

RUSH LOVING, JR.: FAT BOY AND THE CHAMPAGNE SALESMAN OCTOBER 19

Rush Loving's new book offers a compelling behind-the-scenes exploration of the road to World War II and the invasion of Poland by Hitler's Third Reich. Focusing on the personal power plays within Hitler's inner circle, Loving details the struggle for Hitler's approval, long before the battle for Poland had begun. Loving, a former newspaper journalist and writer for Fortune magazine, is a leading American railroad historian.

ROSEMARY GIBSON: CHINA RX: EXPOSING THE RISKS OF AMERICA'S DEPENDENCE ON CHINA FOR MEDICINE NOVEMBER 9

This probing book examines the implications of our reliance on China for the quality and availability of vital medicines. Several decades ago, penicillin, vitamin C, and many other prescription and over-the-counter products were manufactured in the United States. But today, our most essential drugs are made in China. Gibson's enlightening talk will shed light on the factors leading to our dependence on China for medicine and possible solutions.

2022 SIPS ON THE SKYLINE SEPTEMBER 23

The Virginia War Memorial Foundation is proud to host the 4th Annual Sips on the Skyline, a fun-filled evening celebration featuring delicious food, great music, creative craft cocktails designed by Virginia's best distillers, and of course, the skyline views of downtown Richmond and the James River that you can only get at the Virginia War Memorial. This social and educational event offers supporters and friends a special opportunity to gather with like-minded friends, educators, and veterans who all share a passion for the Memorial and its mission.

COMMONWEALTH'S VETERANS DAY CEREMONY NOVEMBER 11

We will honor veterans with remembrances of those who were lost; those who returned but have since died, those who served and are still with us, along with those who still serve and guard our freedoms.

COMMONWEALTH'S PEARL HARBOR DAY DECEMBER 7

This year marks the 81st anniversary of the attack on the Naval base at Pearl Harbor, an event that propelled the United States into the Second World War. The ship's bell from the USS *Virginia* will be rung as the names of those Virginians who perished that day are read aloud.

Attendance and Participation Report January – June 2022

The Virginia War Memorial is situated on five rolling acres affording a beautiful view of the James River and the dramatic skyline of downtown Richmond. The names of the nearly 12,000 Virginia men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf Wars, and those killed in the Global War on Terror are engraved on the breathtaking Shrine of Memory. People, especially veterans, come here for events, programs, and lectures, but many also come for reflection and contemplation. The quiet space architecture of the Shrine is open every day until midnight. Our attendance report attempts to capture the number of people who visit the Shrine only, as well as those entering the building.

On-site attendance from January – June 2022 is roughly 54,000 with an increase during the warmer weather months and our patriotic commemorations.

- Public Livestreams: 29 programs, 609 participants
- Private Livestreams for Schools: 1 program, 104 participants
- Student Programs: 12 programs with 2,978 students, 68 teachers
- Programs with Life-Long Learners: 17 programs, 585 participants
- On-site Programs: 8 programs, 149 participants

Total Programs: 67 programs, 4,480 participants

Special guest speakers and partnering organizations:

- Professor Andy Waskie, President of the 8th Armored Division Association (Educator)
- Dr. Clay Mountcastle, Director of the Virginia War Memorial (Historian & Educator)
- Author Andy Adkins III (Writer)
- Krystina Diman, Army's Mortuary Affairs
- MG Robert M. Dyess, Jr., USA (Ret.) (U.S. Army Veteran, Grenada)
- Howard and Richard Baugh (Howard Baugh Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.)
- LTG Joseph R. Inge, USA (Ret.) (U.S. Army Veteran, 30+ years of service)
- Military Women's Memorial (Amy Poe, Britta Granrud, Alexandra Silva)
- U.S. Army Women's Museum, Tracy Bradford (Curator), Micaela Procopio (Educator)
- National Museum of the United States Army, Jen Dubina (Educator)
- Monthaven Arts & Cultural Center (John Pitcher)
- Mighty Pen Project Professor David Robbins (Spring and Summer 2022)

Now in its 9th year, the Mighty Pen Project provides creative writing instruction so students may develop their recollections into a complete written narrative. Through this program, the Foundation works to generate, preserve and share stories written by military veterans and those touched by their service. The Virginia War Memorial Foundation is now expanding this program to include playwriting, photography, cartooning, videography, and painting.

This summer, the Virginia War Memorial with support from the Virginia War Memorial Foundation presented a variety of Professional Development opportunities for Virginia teachers. We hosted five teacher institutes with topics ranging from the Cold War to the POW experience to the U.S. media's role in going to war. All of the Virginia War Memorial's teacher programs are FREE, and open to all educators. Teachers are eligible to receive recertification points for each of these programs.

This spring has shown a return in field trips and tour groups. With the uncertainty of COVID-19 behind us, we have seen a couple thousand students and teachers coming to the Virginia War Memorial for field trips and similar numbers of life-long learners and tourist groups touring our education center.