



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Virginia WWI & WWII Multi-Museum Statewide Teacher Symposiums

I am pleased to bring to your attention the commemoration of two significant anniversaries - the 75th anniversary of WWII and the 100th anniversary of WWI. During the summer of 2017, Virginia and the [Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission](#) will be at the forefront joining museums and historic sites to mark the occasion by hosting [eight symposiums](#) for teachers in various locations across the Commonwealth.

The symposiums will offer various sessions providing overviews of both wars, content for teaching WWI and WWII, and museum tours highlighting local resources that support SOL content and history and social science skills. Although the symposiums are free for Virginia educators, [registration](#) is necessary as space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Attendees will receive recertification certificates.

The eight symposiums will be offered at the following locations:

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

[Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum](#), Wytheville

Sessions hosted by: Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum, National D-Day Memorial, Virginia War Memorial

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

[Historic Masonic Theatre](#), Clifton Forge

Sessions hosted by: Edith Bolling Wilson Museum and Birthplace, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum, Marshall Foundation, Virginia War Memorial

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

[MacArthur Memorial](#), Norfolk

Sessions hosted by: Hampton Roads Naval Museum, MacArthur Memorial

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

[Virginia Historical Society](#), Richmond

Sessions hosted by: U.S. Army Women's Museum, Library of Virginia, National D-Day Memorial, Virginia Historical Society

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

[Bedford Elementary School and the National D-Day Memorial](#), Bedford

Sessions hosted by: Virginia War Memorial, Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum, National D-Day Memorial, George C. Marshall Foundation

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

[Longwood University](#), Farmville

Sessions hosted by: U.S. Army Women's Museum, Virginia War Memorial, National D-Day Memorial, Military Aviation Museum

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

[Museum of the Shenandoah Valley](#), Winchester

Sessions hosted by: Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum, Virginia War Memorial, National D-Day Memorial, George C. Marshall Foundation

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

[Fredericksburg Area Museum](#), Fredericksburg

Sessions hosted by: National Museum of the Marine Corps, Hampton Roads Naval Museum, MacArthur Memorial, National Park Service, Virginia Holocaust Museum

For more information about the Virginia WWI & WWII Multi-Museum Statewide Teacher Symposiums or registration, please contact Lily Jones, by email at ljones@dls.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 786-3591, ext. 252; or Betsy Barton, Specialist for History and Social Science, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by email at Betsy.Barton@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3454.

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