

DAWN OF INFAMY: AMERICA GOES TO WAR

75th Anniversary Tribute to World War II Veterans

ON DECEMBER 8, 2016, 75 years to the day after the United States entered World War II, 80 veterans of World War II gathered at the University of Richmond's Robins Center, while more than 900 registrants, including 100 active-duty military volunteers, paid tribute to the men and women who gave their service. Hundreds more watched from webcast sites as 13 simultaneous commemorative ceremonies were held across the state.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The ceremony began with an Honor Parade of veterans led by Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, with music from a contingent of the Virginia Military Institute Regimental Band. Veterans' names and details of their service were read by Greg McQuade of CBS 6 TV, and each came forward, escorted by active-duty military service members, to receive a commemorative coin minted for the occasion. Remarks by dignitaries followed, including remarks from:

Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher, President, University of Richmond

Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, Chairman, Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission

Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, Chancellor, University of Richmond

Admiral John C. Harvey, Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs (USN, Ret.)

Brigadier General John W. Mountcastle (USA, Ret.)

Rick Atkinson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and military historian

Attendees stayed after the program to visit the 18 museums, historic sites, and organizations from across Virginia that brought WWII-related exhibits and information to the event, and also to visit the Commission's *Profiles of Honor Tour*, which opened its doors to the public for the first time.

FROM THE AUDIENCE:

"[My father's] memories of his time of service are precious to him and he was so honored and thankful to see so many others who feel the same way."

"...humbling and beautiful"

"What a moving, well-organized, first-class event."

"The speakers were outstanding, as was the cooperation and courtesy of everyone who was helping."

"I could not have been more moved by the overall power of today's program."

"Inspirational"



THANK YOU VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

Lawrence Arbeiter
Ryland Bailey
Harmon Baldwin
Bob Barcalow
Edwin Cole Bearss
Ted Bishop
Robert Bluford, Jr.
Bo Bolton
Loren Brian
Neal Brown
Robert H. Brown
Joe Bruni
Isabella Bryant
Robert Buntin
Leo Burton
Floyd Callihan
Donald Campen
Jack Carver
R. Robinson Chance
Olivia Clark
John Cogbill, Jr.
Ivan Cole
Charles Colgan, Sr.
Louis Cunningham
Domenick D'Adamo, Jr.
John Dean
Robert Doak
James E. Druitt, Sr.
Norman Duncan
Edward Eddins
Cassius Enos
John Foster, Jr.
Leonard Gardner
John Glaser

Laurence Gulick
George Habel
Frank Hargrove, Sr.
John Paul Harper
Lawrence Hatton
E. Bruce Heilman
Fred Ersal Hendrick
Hart Hudson
Elwood Jackson, Sr.
Haigh Jamgochian
Benjamin Jason
Joseph Stuart Johnson
E.W. Bill Jordan
Harold Katz
Joseph Keller
Harold King
Robert Kizer
Edwin Kravitz
Frank Liberti
John Edward Marks
Louis Frazier Martin
Charlie Miller
Jack Mitchell
Carlton Moffatt
Wesley Morris
Bill Muehleib
Graham Nelms
Donald Nelson
John Nichols
William Owen
Violet Parker
Earle Paylor
Robert Polich
Robert Reese

Henry H. Reid, Sr.
David Richardson
Raymond Riggs
Frasia Riner
William Robertson
Tom Rodgers
Edward Sams
Bill Schotanus
Charles Scott
John Seay
William Selvey
Cornelia Serota
Robert Sievers
Kaleel Skierik
John Smith
Marilyn Snider
Sylvester Speicher
James W. Stevenson
Malcolm C. Stewart
Bernard Swann
Earl Tatum
Jerry Taub
Porcher Taylor, Jr.
William Teefey
Manuel Torres
Richard Toye
Phil True
Joseph Vass
James A. Wagner
William Walker
Kenneth Whittington
James Williams
George E. Wilson

