



## **“Cradle of Victory” Northern Virginia’s Salute to WWII**

### **Summer Event Schedule Memorial Day to Labor Day, 2004**

#### **World War II Memorial Dedication**

The National World War II Memorial dedication takes place Memorial Day Weekend 2004 (May 29<sup>th</sup>) on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Throughout the summer the Washington Metropolitan area will celebrate with 100 days of special events, exhibitions, performances and much more. Below is a list of events taking place throughout the Northern Virginia region.

#### **Ongoing Events:**

#### **May-September, 2004**

#### **Partners in Winning the War- American Women in World War II- National Women’s History Museum**

This National Women’s History Museum exhibition, presented in collaboration with, and at, the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, honors the contributions that women made to the World War II effort. Learn about their often-overlooked roles in the government, community, industry, production, research, and the home.

- Admission: Free
- Time: Daily, 8 am - 7 pm
- Location: Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Dr., Arlington, VA 22003
- Contact: 703-813-6209 or [www.nwhm.org](http://www.nwhm.org)

## **May-November, 2004**

### **War and Respite: The Marshalls and Loudoun County Loudoun Museum**

George C. Marshall, America's first five-star general as well as a former Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State and his wife Katherine – both residents of Leesburg – are the focus of this exhibit. Learn about General Marshall's career and his wife's influence – as well as the history of Dodona Manor, the Marshall's home which was visited by national and international dignitaries - and General Marshall's personal gardens.

- Admission: \$2 adults; \$1 seniors, teachers and students. Free for members
- Time: Mon - Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 1 pm - 5 pm
- Location: 16 Loudoun St., Leesburg, VA 20175
- Contact: 703-777-7427 or [www.loudounmuseum.org](http://www.loudounmuseum.org)

## **May 1- November 11, 2004**

### **The DEA Honors Veterans- DEA Museum**

See a collection of war memorabilia from WWII as well as the Civil War, WWI, Vietnam and the Gulf War This exhibit is part of the area-wide commemoration of the dedication of the WWII Memorial on the Mall in downtown Washington D.C.

- Admission: Free
- Time: Tues - Fri 10 am - 4 pm
- Location: 700 Army Navy Dr., Arlington, VA 22202
- Contact: 202-307-3463, or [www.deamuseum.org](http://www.deamuseum.org).

## **May 27- August 31, 2004**

### **Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House**

Tour the Pope-Leighey House, the only Frank Lloyd Wright designed structure in the Washington area open to the public. Learn how this extraordinary house was built at an extraordinary time – 1940. Tours focus on the World War II years and their effects on the home and its inhabitants.

- Admission: \$7.50 adults; \$3 children K-12: Group rates for 15 or more people
- Time: Open daily, 10 am – 5 pm; closed January, February, Thanksgiving and Christmas

- Location: 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309
- Contact: 703-780-4000 or [www.popeleighey1940.org](http://www.popeleighey1940.org)

### **May 27-August 31, 2004**

#### **Gadsby's Tavern Through the Legion Years- Gadsby's Tavern Museum**

This exhibit focuses on the years during which the American Legion Post 24 owned Gadsby's Tavern (1927 – 1972), including World War II, and the organization's campaign to restore the historic landmark that dates back to George Washington.

- Admission: \$4 adults; \$2 students ages 11-17; free for children under age 11 with a paying adult; free with a military ID
- Time: Tues - Sat: 10 am - 5 pm; Sun and Mon: 1pm - 5 pm
- Location: 134 North Royal St., Alexandria, VA, 22314
- Contact: 703-838-4242 or [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org)

### **May 27- September 6, 2004**

#### **World War II Art Exhibit- Old Town Theater**

The Historic Old Town Theater features original works of art by Harold A. Laynor. The artist was a member of the 603rd Camouflage Engineers Battalion, also known as the "Ghost Army" of World War II. While injured in France, he worked with Pablo Picasso who inspired him to continue his paintings of WWII. Works are available for viewing and purchase.

- Admission: Free (Non-profit donations are welcome)
- Time: Mon-Fri, 10 am - 6 pm; Sat and Sun, 12 pm - 5 pm
- Location: 815 1/2 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 703-683-8888 or [www.oldtowntheater.com](http://www.oldtowntheater.com)

### **May 27- September 6, 2004**

#### **The Building of the Pentagon and the War Department in Arlington- Arlington Visitors Orientation Center**

The construction of the world's largest office building, completed in only 16 months, was one of the great endeavors of the World War II effort. This exhibit features images and stories from Paul Williams's new book, "Washington in World War II." The War Department's additional projects in Arlington and the building of National Airport are also featured.

- Admission: Free

- Time: Daily, 9 am - 5 pm
- Location: 1301 South Joyce St., Arlington, VA 22202
- Contact: 703-416-0784 or [www.stayarlington.com](http://www.stayarlington.com)

### **May 28- September 6, 2004**

#### **Alexandria at War, 1941-1945- The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum**

This exhibit focuses on the contributions of Alexandria's men, women, and children to the World War II effort – both in the military and as civilians. The exhibit will also look at the war's impact on the city with its close proximity to the nation's capital. Artifacts include items from the local Red Cross and U.S. Naval Torpedo Station.

- Admission: Free
- Time: Mon-Sat 10 am-5 pm and Sun 1 pm-5 pm
- Location: 201 South Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 703-838-4994 or [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org)

### **May 29- September 6, 2004**

#### **Mount Vernon Honors WWII Veterans at Washington's Tomb – Mount Vernon: George Washington's Estate and Gardens**

A special service saluting all veterans, especially those from World War II, will take place daily at George Washington's tomb on the estate. Led by historic interpreters, veterans will be invited to enter the tomb to lay a wreath and may record their visit in a special guest book. Groups may request this ceremony upon their arrival and will be accommodated throughout the day in addition to the regularly planned service at 2 pm. Mount Vernon is also home to the Purple Heart Memorial that marks the start of the National Purple Heart Trail. Visitors will receive commemorative information about the Purple Heart medal, which is given to Americans wounded or killed in combat. The award was created by George Washington in 1782.

- Admission: \$11 adults; \$10.50 seniors; \$5 youth ages 6-11
- Time: Open daily, 2 pm; upon request by groups. Mount Vernon hours 8am-5pm
- Location: South end of George Washington Parkway Mount Vernon, VA 22121
- Contact: 703-780-2000 or [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)

**June 4- October 4, 2004**

**Orchard Grass: The Big Story about a Small Seed**

**Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum**

Orchard grass was an agricultural commodity crucial not only to supporting the war effort but also to rebuilding a post-war Europe.

“Orchard Grass: The Big Story about a Small Seed” explores the facts and myth surrounding this multi-faceted little package. The exhibit includes documents from the War Department and local farmer’s clubs discussing the grass. The exhibit will appeal to anyone with an interest in how small things can make a big difference.

- Admission: \$5 adults; \$4 seniors; \$3 children 2-12; free for children under age 2
- Time: Tues-Sat, 10 am -5 pm
- Location: 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling, VA 20164
- Contact: 703-421-5322 or [www.loudounfarmmuseum.org](http://www.loudounfarmmuseum.org)

**June-August 18, 2004**

**A Work in Progress- The Restoration of General George C. Marshall’s Personal Residence at Dodona Manor/ George C. Marshall International Center**

Peek behind the scenes and observe the ongoing restoration of Dodona Manor, home to General and Mrs. George C. Marshall from 1941 to 1959. Purchased when Marshall was Army chief of staff, Dodona Manor often served as a backdrop to conversations of national and international importance. Volunteers are restoring items from the extensive collection of Marshall’s furniture and memorabilia and the Garden Club of Virginia is transforming General Marshall’s long-neglected gardens.

- Admission: \$12 adults; \$10 seniors with ID; \$6 children ages 9-17; tour not recommended for children under 8
- Time: Wednesdays 10 am - 3 pm (groups of 15 or more at other times by appointment)
- Location: 217 Edwards Ferry Road, Leesburg, VA 20176
- Contact: 703-777-1880 or [www.georgecmarshall.org](http://www.georgecmarshall.org)

## **July 23 – August 14, 2004**

### **Cabaret**

This award-winning musical is set in Berlin on the eve of World War II and is being presented in honor of the Memorial dedication celebrations.

- Admission: tickets are \$15 - \$18
- Time: Wed-Sat, 8:00 pm; Sun, 3:00 pm
- Location: Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 703-683-0496 or [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com)

## **Memorial Day Weekend Schedule:**

### **May 24-28, 2004**

#### **Boeing B-17G “Sentimental Journey” World War II Air Tour**

The National Capitol Squadron of The Commemorative Air Force will host an exhibit of World War II vintage aircraft to include the Boeing B-17G, North American T-6 Texan, Vultee BT-13, and the Stinson L-5. Tours of the rare and historic Boeing B-17G “Sentimental Journey” will be available throughout the exhibition.

- Admission: \$4 donation to tour aircraft
- Time: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm daily (B-17 arrives at noon on 5/24 and leaves at noon on 5/28)
- Location: Leesburg Executive Airport, 1005 Sycolin Rd, Leesburg, VA 20175
- Contact: Mike Hogan, 703-431-2288

### **May 28, 2004**

#### **WWII Servicewomen’s Tribute Luncheon- Women in Military Service for American Memorial**

The Women's Memorial Foundation pays tribute to America's World War II servicewomen with a special luncheon. The event promises to be a time of tribute, memory, and fun.

- Admission: Call for ticket information
- Time: 11:30 am
- Location: Women's Memorial, gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Dr., Arlington, VA 22211
- Contact: 703-533-1155 or [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org)

**May 29-31, 2004**

### **World War II Memorial Dedication**

The World War II Memorial dedication takes place Memorial Day Weekend 2004 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. For more information on events in Washington, DC, contact: [www.washington.org/americacelebrates](http://www.washington.org/americacelebrates) and/or [visitnorthernvirginia.com](http://visitnorthernvirginia.com).

**May 29-30, 2004**

### **Musical Salute to World War II Veterans at Mount Vernon**

A weekend of musical events featuring concerts by: visiting bands, choirs and orchestras representing almost all 50 states. DAR Constitution Hall will host this event on May 29 and Mount Vernon will host an all day concert on May 30.

- Admission: \$11 adults, \$10.50 senior, \$5 youth ages 6-11
- Time: 8:00 am- 5:30 pm, concerts every half hour
- Location: end of George Washington Parkway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121
- Contact: 800-395-2036 or 703-780-2000

**May 30, 2004**

### **Partners in Winning the War Open House and Awards Ceremony**

#### **National Women's History Museum**

National Women's History Museum honors civilian women who contributed to the World War II victory. A special open house and program will be held at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. The open house will feature a recognition ceremony in which

women representing diverse roles such as government employees and contractors, defense production workers, volunteers, family members, researchers, and scientists will be honored for their roles in winning the war. The celebration will include a special time for photographs. Women attending the program are encouraged to bring photographs and narrative accounts from their own experiences.

- Admission: Free
- Time: Open House, 8 am - 7 pm; Recognition Ceremony, 1 pm - 3pm
- Location: Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Drive, Arlington, VA, 22211
- Contact: 703-813-6209 or [www.nwhm.org](http://www.nwhm.org)

### **May 30, 2004**

#### **Breakout at Bastogne: A Memorial Day Commemoration**

This event is the largest 1/6 scale WWII diorama ever attempted. Thousands of miniature troops and hundreds of vehicles with burned out buildings will transform a 300,000 sq.ft. battleground. There will be an opening ceremony with speakers and a color guard.

- Admission: Free to spectators
- Time: 12:30 pm Opening Ceremonies events concluding at 5 pm
- Location: Banshee Reeks Natural Preserve, 21085 The Woods Road, Leesburg, VA 20175
- Contact: 703-444-1459, 540-454-0146 or [www.earlboswell.org/mypage](http://www.earlboswell.org/mypage)

### **May 31, 2004**

#### **The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Jazz Festival**

All are welcomed to enjoy this magnificent Jazz Festival in honor of Memorial Day and, specifically World War II veterans. Performers include the Army Blues Jazz Ensemble, Yvonne Johnson, Doc Dikeman Big Band, Al Williams, and the Village Jazz Band.

- Admission: Free
- Time: 1 pm - 8 pm
- Location: Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA
- Contact: 888-738-2764 or [www.FunSide.com](http://www.FunSide.com)

### **May 31, 2004**

## **Memorial Day Ceremony and Wreath Laying Women in Military Service for American Memorial**

The Women's Memorial annual Memorial Day ceremony pays special tribute to the servicewomen of World War II. In addition to formal military honors and a wreath-laying, the homage includes remarks by WWII servicewomen and a rose-petal ceremony to honor those who have passed away.

- Admission: Free
- Time: 4 pm
- Location: Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Drive, Arlington, VA, 22211
- Contact: 703-533-1155, 1-800-639-4992 or [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org)

## **Summer Calendar 2004:**

**May 8, 2004**

### **WWII Hangar Dance in honor of the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “V-E” Day**

A fundraising event for the National Capitol Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force dedicated to maintaining World War II aircraft in flying condition. The event will feature a BBQ dinner, Flying Feet Swing Dance instruction, and the Radio King Orchestra.

- Admission: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door
- Meal Tickets: \$8 in advance/\$9 at the door
- Time: 6 pm - 11 pm
- Location: Piedmont Hawthorne Executive Hangar, 1005 Sycolin Road, Leesburg, VA 20175
- Contact: 703-431-2288 or [mike.hogan.phhi.net](mailto:mike.hogan.phhi.net)

**May 23, 2004**

## **Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts 2004 Summer Blast-Off! "The President's Own" United States Marine Band with Fireworks**

The United States Marine Band has been part of the events that have shaped our national heritage for more than two centuries. At 206 years old, "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band is America's oldest professional musical organization and stands as a symbol of the traditions and ideals on which our country was founded. Special tribute will be paid to the dedication of the World War II Memorial.

- Admission: Free- no tickets required
- Time: 8 pm
- Location: Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road Vienna, VA 22182
- Contact: 703-255-1900 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)

## **June 24-27, 2004 Oklahoma! At Wolf Trap**

On the heels of the wildly-acclaimed London and Broadway revivals, this sparkling new touring production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's landmark musical, *Oklahoma!* The musical premiered in 1943 and won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1944.

- Admission: \$18 - \$60
- Time: June 24 - 27, 8 pm; June 26 and 27, 2 pm
- Location: 1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182
- Contact: 703-255-1900 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)

## **June 25- July 1, 2004 LST-325 Memorial Ship in Alexandria**

This LST (Landing Ship Tank), a WWII-era vessel, is an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops and supplies directly onto enemy shores. The ship saw action in the Mediterranean and off North Africa in 1943 and was used as part of the invasion force at Omaha Beach at Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The ship is staffed by a crew that includes WWII veterans that served on LSTs.

- Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children
- Time: 10 am- 4 pm
- Location: Robison Terminal 1, Oronoco St., Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 703-836-0653 or [www.Funside.com](http://www.Funside.com)

## **July 10, 2004**

### **Swinging on the Waterfront -USA/Alexandria Birthday Celebration**

Swing music. Fireworks with live symphonic accompaniment. *1812 Overture* with cannons. Join Kim Allen Kluge and his critically acclaimed Alexandria Symphony Orchestra in *Swinging on the Waterfront*, the finale to Alexandria's daylong, annual USA/Alexandria Birthday Celebration. The POPS concert is a celebration of the great impact the Big Bands had on the nation and the world during the 30's and 40's. The ASO and swing dancers pay tribute to the music of hope and freedom during World War II. Bring a picnic, and your blanket or lawn chairs and join others along Alexandria's picturesque waterfront.

- Admission: Free
- Time: 9 pm
- Location: Oronoco Bay Park, 701 North Lee Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 703-548-0885 or [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org)

## **July 16-18, 2004**

### **Alexandria Salutes- A USO Weekend**

During WWII, the City of Alexandria built three USO halls which were operated by 600 volunteers, eight paid staff and 150 members of the

*Girls Service Orders*, with the charge to "Keep 'Em Smiling." In the month of September 1944 alone, 14,994 service personnel were entertained at the USO.

In honor of these remarkable days, and those that followed, this weekend will host a number of USO-related events. For more information about the USO Weekend, log onto [www.FunSide.com](http://www.FunSide.com)

## **July 16, 2004**

### **The USO Swing Dance**

This fund-raising event for the USO of Metropolitan Washington at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center features swing music by the Tom Cunningham Orchestra, performances by the Liberty Belles and Tom & Debra Swing Dancers.

- Admission: Donation \$20 (tax deductible)
- Time: 8pm to midnight
- Location: 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 888-738-2764 or 703-838-5005.

## **July 16, 2004**

### **The Alexandria Citizens Band**

A free performance of show tunes and patriotic songs at Market Square, in front of Alexandria's City Hall

- Admission: Free
- Time: 7:30 pm -8:30 pm
- Location: 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA. 22314
- Contact: 888-738-2764 or 703-838-5005

## **July 16 & 17, 2004**

### **Of Thee I Swing**

Join Radio King Orchestra's Big Band and Flying Feet Enterprises for a musical journey of timeless and romantic music from the greatest generation performed in the circa 1914 Old Town Theatre. Sultry vocals, virtuoso arrangements, and hot rhythms. Flying Feet Enterprises will display their artistry of motion through dance styles visualizing the romance and essence of this captivating music. Chosen by Warner Brothers to appear in the inaugural ball episode of NBC's *West Wing*.

- Admission: \$22
- Time: Performances at 8:00 pm, doors open at 7:00 pm
- Location: Old Town Theater, 815 ½ King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 703-683-8888 or [tickets.oldtowntheater.com](http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com)

## **July 16 – 18, 2004**

### **Letters from the Front: WWII**

A three-act play telling a poignant and surprisingly funny story of the home front in 1945. Interwoven into the story are actual letters written during every major American conflict. A tribute to all who have served and those who have loved them.

- Time: July 16 & 17 – 8:00 pm; July 18 – 2:00 pm
- Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301-2751
- Contact: Tickets available online at [www.Tickets.com](http://www.Tickets.com) or by calling 703-218-6500 or 800-955-5566 or [www.letters-from-the-front.com](http://www.letters-from-the-front.com)

## **July 16-17, 2004**

### **The Liberty Belles with Victordance**

This trio, reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters, performs with professional swing dancers.

- Admission: Free
- Times and locations:
  - July 16<sup>th</sup> : 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Stella's Restaurant courtyard, 1725 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
  - July 17<sup>th</sup> : Noon - 5:00 pm Market Square, in front of Alexandria's City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 888-738-2764 or 703-838-5005

## **July 17, 2004**

### **USO Weekend at Market Square**

Performances by the Liberty Belles and Victordance, the Army Chorale, and the Alexandria Harmonizers plus World War II-era military vehicles and the opportunity to send video emails to military personnel serving overseas (noon-2 p.m. only).

- Admission: Free
- Time: Noon - 5pm
- Location: Market Square in front of Alexandria's City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 888-738-2764 or 703-838-5005

## **July 17, 2004**

### **U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra**

A wonderful performance of patriotic pieces.

- Admission: free
- Time: 7:30 pm
- Location: Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact info: 202-443-4011 or [www.marineband.usmc.mic](http://www.marineband.usmc.mic)

## **July 17, 2004**

### **Military Band Concert**

Alexandria's cultural activities department hosts a military band concert at King Street Gardens.

- Admission: Free
- Time: 7:00pm - 8:00 pm
- Location: King Street Gardens, King Street and Diagonal Road (across from King Street Metro), Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 888-738-2764 or 703-838-5005

## **July 18, 2004**

### **World War II Remembrance Memorial Service**

World War II military organizations, active duty and reserve military organizations host a ceremonial program to honor World War II military veterans and to thank all U.S. active duty and retired military for their service to our country.

- Admission: Free
- Time: 1:30 pm -2:30 pm

- Location: Market Square in front of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Contact: 888-738-2764 or 703-838-5005

**July 18, 2004**

**The Liberty Belles**

This trio, reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters, performs WWII era music.

- Admission: Free
- Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Location: Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301
- Contact: 888-738-2764 or 703-838-5005

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