

## ***The Virginia War Memorial:***

Another long term legislative effort will be completed Saturday 18 September when the Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center will be opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This is the fulfillment of over eight years of effort. (Think about raising the American Flag on Mount Suribachi.)

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GILANTI EDUCATION CENTER - GRAND OPENING WEEKEND

### **MAJOR EVENTS**

**17-19 SEPTEMBER 2010**

[www.vawarmemorial.org](http://www.vawarmemorial.org)

At past VCOC meetings, discussions were held on the Virginia War Memorial (VWM). Contributions to the planned Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center were made by Virginia chapters of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) as well as the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) and individual MOAA members. On the week-end of 17-19 September the center will become reality with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday at 10:20 A.M. An open invitation is extended by the Virginia War Memorial staff to **all veterans** in the Commonwealth to join in on this historic event at our nationally recognized facility, dedicated to some 17,000+ members of the military who served/died in defense of our Nation. Join your fellow VCOC/MOAA members and many other veteran service organizations to celebrate the opening of this new Education Center named in honor of MOAA member Paul Gilanti and his charming wife Phyllis.

#### **FRIDAY, 17 SEP: NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

starting at 10:00 A.M. with guest speaker RADM Shumaker (Ex POW) who duded the name the Hanoi Hilton, where Paul Galanti spent many years as a POW.

**SATURDAY, 18 SEP: FAMILY DAY OPEN HOUSE** 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., with ribbon-cutting at 10:20. See VWM website, news-events section, for the day's happenings.

**SUNDAY, 19 SEP: GRAND OPENING CONCERT** by VWI Regimental Band & Pipes. 2PM.

#### **FREE ADMISSION & PARKING.**

Let's have a great turn-out to show our respect for a real hero (a RACMOAA member and our new Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services) – Paul Galanti.

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**If you attend, please wear your MOAA badge and chapter or VCOC name tag.**

Virginia War Memorial is located at 621 Belvidere Street, Richmond VA 23220

Office (804) 786-2060, Visitor Center (804) 786-2050 Website: [VAWarMemorial.org](http://VAWarMemorial.org)

**Other upcoming events at Virginia War Memorial include:**

**OCT 2**, Massing of Colors Ceremony 2 – 3 PM; **11 NOV** Veterans Day Ceremony 11 AM to Noon.

**DEC 7**, Pearl Harbor Remembrance noon to 1 PM

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## ***Honor and Remember Flag:***

Each year there are a number of worthwhile legislative proposals that are not included in the Joint Leadership Council's top priority legislative objectives (PLOs). In 2010, Delegate John Cosgrove was the patron for HJ 137. His resolution, which was one of several similar House and Senate Resolutions, proposed that the Commonwealth adopt the Honor and Remember Flag to commemorate and recognize fallen warriors. The General Assembly unanimously approved Joint Resolution 137, which now designates the flag as Virginia's official emblem to honor the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who give their lives in the line of duty. Visit the website for more details and to order flags of various types and sizes. [www.honorandremember.org](http://www.honorandremember.org)



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