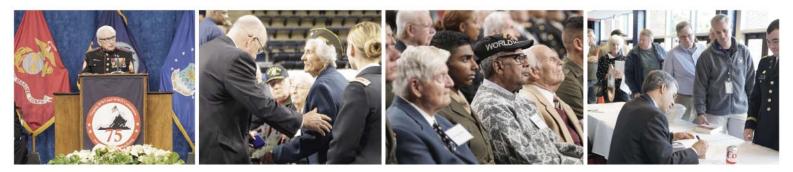
## VIRGINIA WORLD WAR I & WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION COMMISSION DAWN OF INFAMY: AMERICA GOES TO WAR

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."



## THANK YOU VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

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