



“To promote an understanding of the life and times of President Woodrow Wilson, his impact on the world, his relevance today and for the future.”

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VFW and WWPL Sponsor Military Heroes and Profiles of Honor Tour

STAUNTON, VA – As part of the 100th anniversary of World War I and the 75th anniversary of World War II, the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library (WWPL) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars District 11 (VFW) are co-sponsoring the *Profiles of Honor Mobile Tour* on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 10-3 at the Gypsy Hill Park gym in Staunton Virginia.

The mobile tour brings an interactive exhibit that highlights the stories of Virginians who served in these wars. As part of the tour, visitors are encouraged to bring their own WWI and WWII related photographs, documents, and memorabilia which can be scanned for inclusion in the Virginia Profiles of Honor Project, which will preserve the stories of our veterans for generations to come. “The *Profiles of Honor Tour* honors the Virginians who fought for our freedom and helps to ensure that their legacy remains for new generations as World War I and World War II slip further away from public memory” said Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, who serves as the Chairman of the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemorations Commission. “Both wars were fought not only overseas, but from the shipyards, factories, military bases, and homes of Virginians. The Profiles of Honor Tour revitalizes that history, from the home front to the frontlines.”

In addition to the *Profiles of Honor Mobile Tour*, there will be restored vintage military vehicles to represent recent military conflicts of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. There will be additional displays and exhibits including an interactive WWI exhibit hosted by the WWPL. Children’s games and face painting will also be available in the gym. Food trucks will be onsite and a DJ and music will add to the festivities.

The Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library & Museum is located at 20 N. Coalter Street in Staunton and includes Wilson’s birthplace, a museum, gardens, and a library and archive. The Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Saturday, and 12 – 5 p.m. on Sundays.. For additional information, call 540-885-0897 or visit www.woodrowwilson.org.

District 11, Department of Virginia, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is comprised of 12 VFW posts in the central Shenandoah Valley in the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, and Rockingham, as well as in Bath County. For more information contact Melissa Patrick, Commander District 11 at Melissa.patrick78@gmail.com

For more information on the Profiles of Honor Tour and other initiatives of the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission, visit the www.VirginiaWorldWarI.org and www.VirginiaWorldWarII.org

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