

HELP US TELL THE STORIES OF THE GREATEST GENERATION *at the Library of Virginia*

In 1941, when the United States entered World War II, men joined the armed forces and left crucial jobs vacant. Some 300,000 Virginians served in uniform, and more than 7,000 never returned home. With fathers, brothers, husbands, and sons off fighting for freedom, women stepped into their shoes on assembly lines, behind typewriters, and garages. When the war ended, the world was forever changed.



Records housed at the Library of Virginia chronicle the war efforts at home and abroad. Organization records describe women's wartime work selling stamps and bonds, sewing bandages, and visiting hospitals. More than 3,500 photographs in the U.S. Army Signal Corps collection, Hampton Roads Embarkation Series, capture moments in

the lives of military personnel, civilian employees, Red Cross workers, and prisoners of war. The Virginia Military Dead Database, available on the Library's Web site, is an ongoing project listing more than 18,000 Virginians who died in service. Records collected by the Virginia World War II History Commission, recordings from radio station WRVA, letters to the governor, and newspapers from across the commonwealth work together to tell the stories of men and women in wartime.

Help the Library of Virginia preserve *your story* for future generations. You can honor those Virginians who have served the nation in any conflict by donating materials to the Library concerning their service. Contact Archives Research Services for more information.

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