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Dear Warren,

Congratulations on what will surely be an outstanding National Leaders Conference! I wish that I could join you, but I look forward to working together closely over the next few years.

The Virginia World War II 75th Anniversary Commission was formed by the General Assembly in 2014 and began meeting in earnest this past summer. Discussions are also underway about combining with groups that are planning the 100th anniversary of World War I. Plans for the World War II 75th anniversary commemoration are still in the early stages, but include:

**National Veteran's Tribute - 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor**

"Dawn of Infamy: America Goes to War"

Thursday, December 8, 2016

University of Richmond - Robins Center

*\*\*Spirit of '45 partners: Please save the date and plan to join Chancellor Heilman, President Crutcher, and a host of dignitaries as we begin the 75th anniversary commemoration in Virginia by paying tribute to its veterans. As details of this program are still in development, all suggestions are welcome! Please call Cheryl Jackson to discuss in detail.*

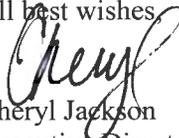
**Signature events** - The Commission will sponsor at least one major signature event each year from 2016-2020 at locations across Virginia and involving statewide partners

**Wall of Honor / World War II Legacy Collection** - The Commission hopes to join with the Spirit of '45 coalition to contribute to the Wall of Honor photo collection, perhaps mounting a statewide mobile tour to support the collection.

**Statewide partnerships** - The Commission will support, encourage, and enhance the programs of partner museums and sites across Virginia by offering resources that include grants, comprehensive calendar of events, driving tours, etc.

This is an exciting time, and I very much look forward to joining with you and other Spirit of '45 leaders in the coming years. Please do not hesitate to call whenever Virginia's commission can be of assistance. I can be reached at (804) 786-3591, ext. 276 or by email to [cjackson@dls.virginia.gov](mailto:cjackson@dls.virginia.gov).

All best wishes,

  
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