



## Richmond City Council Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	SPONSOR/S
1	<p><i>Commonwealth of Virginia</i> <b>VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL</b></p> <p>To be received by: Jon C. Hatfield, Executive Director, Virginia War Memorial</p>	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</b>	To recognize, honor, and celebrate the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia War Memorial, located in Richmond at 621 South Belvidere Street, on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary.	<b>Agelasto Trammell</b>
2	<p><b>Ms. Lynda Cooksey</b> Senior Communications Officer, Richmond Department of Emergency Communications</p> <p>To be received by: Ms. Lynda Cooksey</p>	<b>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</b>	To recognize, honor, and celebrate Ms. Lynda Cooksey, Senior Communications Officer for the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications for her service to our community.	<b>Trammell</b>



# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter; The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

*Commonwealth of Virginia*

## VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia War Memorial, located in Richmond at 621 South Belvidere Street, on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary.

Dedicated to U.S. Military Personnel from Virginia who gave the last full measure of their devotion and supreme sacrifice of their lives in service to our country, the Virginia War Memorial also honors the service of all active and veteran U.S. Military Personnel for their dedication to our nation.

Enshrining the lives of our gallant defenders of peace, the establishment of the Virginia War Memorial was authorized by the Virginia General Assembly in 1950. Construction was completed in 1955 and the Memorial was dedicated on February 29, 1956. Since that time, there have been a number of updates and renovations to the Virginia War Memorial, which now holds regular educational programs, exhibits, seminars and events.

Considered to be one of the finest state memorials for veterans in our nation, the Virginia War Memorial facility currently includes a Hall of Honor Auditorium, Visitors Center, Shrine of Memory, Salute to Virginia Veterans, collection of historic artifacts, research library, and a gift shop. Of extreme importance to this effort is the work of board members, staff, volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly on its behalf.

Originally conceived to honor Virginians killed in the line of duty during World War II, the Memorial now memorializes the lives of U.S. Military Personnel from Virginia that were taken from us during the following campaigns: World War II (1941-1945), Korean Conflict (1950-1954), Vietnam Conflict (1961-1973), Persian Gulf Conflict (1991-1992), Afghanistan Conflict (2001-Present), and the Iraq Conflict (2003-Present).

In America, government and military service is considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through their actions, our honorable U.S. Military Personnel have proven their dedication to the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, communities, city, state and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but the support and success of its government and all its residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the Virginia War Memorial on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary; invites everyone to visit its hallowed halls; and, brings this to the attention of all our grateful residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands and presented this fourteenth day of March, two thousand sixteen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred seventy-eighth year since the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred fortieth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby  
President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

The Honorable Parker C. Agelasto  
Councilman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond Central 5th Voter District

The Honorable Reva M. Trammell  
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond Southside 8th Voter District



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*By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:*

### Ms. Lynda Cooksey

Senior Communications Officer

Richmond Department of Emergency Communications

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Ms. Lynda Cooksey, Senior Communications Officer for the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications, for her service to our community.

First joining the City of Richmond in September of 1972 as a Welfare Eligibility Technician, Ms. Lynda Cooksey soon became a Patrol Officer for the Richmond Police Department, where she served from September of 1974 to November of 1979. In November of 1991, Ms. Cooksey rejoined the City as a Senior Communications Officer for the now named Richmond Department of Emergency Communications, and served in that capacity until March of 2000. Since that time, she has been serving part-time as a Senior Communications Officer as part of a reserve pool that provides back up staffing coverage on an as-needed basis.

As further testament to her public and community service, Ms. Cooksey has dedicated many years to serving important leadership roles with the Richmond Retired Police Officers' Association and the Fraternal Order of Police John Marshall Lodge #2.

Critical to the safety and security of Richmond families, residents and visitors is the provision of professional Law Enforcement and Emergency Communications Officers and staff who serve with honor and fortitude in the delivery of their duties.

In America, public service is considered to be among the most noble and important work a person can do and, through her example, Ms. Lynda Cooksey has proven her dedication to and support of the principles and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families, communities, city, state and country include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but, the time, talent, investment, labor and dedication of all residents in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Ms. Lynda Cooksey, Senior Communications Officer for the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications for her service to our community; and, thanks her for helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, love, work, play, visit and raise a family.

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The Honorable Michelle R. Mosby  
President, Richmond City Council  
Councilwoman, Richmond South Central 9th Voter District

The Honorable Chris A. Hillbert  
Vice President, Richmond City Council  
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Reva M. Trammell  
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council  
Richmond Southside 8th Voter District