

WTAR(AM) QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER 2020 (APRIL-JUNE)

Public Service Program: "Focus"

Date: 26th April 2020

Time: 6:01am-6:29am (28 minutes)

Host: Tony Macrini

Guest: Robert ("Bobby") Dyer, Mayor, City of Virginia Beach

Topics:

- Addressed the citizens of the Hampton Roads region about upcoming challenges they could be facing due to the COVID-19 shutdown
- Offered guidelines on how to proceed under quarantine to prevent the spread of the virus
- Mayor Dyer's professional medical history as a physical therapist prior to his political career
- Recognised essential workers, medical care providers, and first responders and the risks they face
- Community response to the need for public safety
- Sheltering the homeless at now-vacant Oceanfront hotels
- Mayor Dyer's assurance that resilience against circumstances through cooperation with guidelines will be the quickest way back to normalcy

Guest: Kendra Davenport, Chief Development Officer, Operation Smile

Topics:

- Information about Operation Smile, its cleft lip surgery, its headquarters in Virginia Beach and operations on a global scale
- The negative impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on operations by inhibiting travel and stopping all of the organisation's missions
- Donations of medical supplies made to local hospitals who need them in lieu of their normal operations
- How the public can offer aid themselves
- Special recognition given to nurses and midwives for their especially burdensome work in these difficult times

Guest: James ("Jimmy") Zobel, Archivist, the MacArthur Memorial

Topics:

- The archive's continuing operations with people taking advantage of its materials while under quarantine, with particularly strong response to videos on Gen.

Douglas MacArthur

- The archive's worldwide reach, with virtual patrons as far away as Australia
- Event cancellations Zobel has had to make, due to COVID-19
- The uncertain date of official re-opening
- The MacArthur Memorial YouTube channel, where answers are given to patrons' questions
- The advantage the lockdown has given to the staff in catching up on projects

Guest: Robert ("Bob") McDonnell, Former Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia

Topics:

- Perspective on the duties of the Governor of a state relating to COVID-19
- Conditions that would need to be met on a statewide scale before Virginia could open as normal
- Governor Northam's progress with handling the pandemic thus far
- The challenge presented by differing conditions in different areas
- Issues to be expected to be compounded by economic impact

Public Service Program: "Focus"

Date: 31st May 2020

Time: 6:01am-6:21am (20 minutes)

Host: Tony Macrini

Guest: Sarah Steely, Senior Program Manager for "No Kid Hungry Virginia"

Topics:

- No Kid Hungry's mission in addressing poverty and childhood hunger nationwide
- The current goal of ensuring that children in the Commonwealth who relied on daily meals from their now-closed schools will be able to access them at home
- The myriad of problems low-income families face, now amplified by the pandemic
- Some statistics on children who rely on school meals
- Community organizations that have banded together in order to get these children access to food
- The psychological relief children get from the program
- Ways the public can find more information and meal sites or contribute to the cause

Guest: George Lutz, Founder/Executive Director, Honor And Remember, Inc.

Topics:

- The cancellation of Honor And Remember's annual May Run For The Fallen Event due to the COVID-19 pandemic

- The alternative plan of having the runners run their miles individually while recording themselves calling out the names of the fallen soldiers and posting them to social media
- Reiterated the story of how George came to found “Run For The Fallen” after losing his son in Iraq
- Honor and Remember’s website and planned events