

WTAR(AM) QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER 2020 (JULY-SEPTEMBER)

Public Service Program: "Focus"

Date: 26th July 2020

Time: 6:01am-6:18am (17 minutes)

Host: Tony Macrini

Guest: Gino Colombara, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Southeastern Virginia Chapter

Topics:

- The detrimental effect the pandemic has had on the Alzheimer's Association and caregivers' ability to aid patients and loved ones
- The Association's efforts to fulfill their mission regardless by conducting their programs virtually
- The Association's phone number and website
- Adjustments made for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's in accordance with C.D.C. guidelines by having participants walk in their neighborhoods with options to order promotional merchandise
- How the public can register to participate in the walk

Guest: Jimmy Zobel, Archivist at the MacArthur Memorial

Topics:

- The MacArthur Memorial's new virtual presence in response to the pandemic lockdown
- The Memorial's YouTube channel
- The Memorial's daily hours, shortened from its previous hours, due to COVID
- Mr. Zobel's vast knowledge of American history archived at the memorial, including trivia and lesser-known accounts of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, much of it chronicled in Zobel's latest book "MacArthur: The Supreme Commander at War in the Pacific"

Public Service Program: "Focus"

Date: 30th August 2020

Time: 6:01am-6:30am (29 minutes)

Host: Tony Macrini

Guest: Stephanie L. Iles, Director of Elections and General Registrar, City of Norfolk

Topics:

- The duties of Ms. Iles and her office in facilitating the voting process each

election cycle

- Differences in voter registration procedures by state
- A change in absentee voting process in Virginia that no longer requires a reason for requesting an absentee ballot
- A new option for voters to be added to an annual list that would automatically renew a voter's absentee status as opposed to the past method of filling out an application per election
- The major promotion of absentee voting for the three elections the Registrar's Office has conducted since the pandemic hit
- Requirements and deadlines for an absentee ballot to qualify
- The office's dependence on the honor system in verifying signing witnesses
- An adjustment to mail-in voting rules that allow ballots to qualify depending on when they are postmarked rather than the close of election night, meaning a slight delay in a final count
- How the office prevents double voting by those requesting absentee ballots who show up to the polls on election day by keeping records of all who requested a ballot and voiding them out upon identification request for a in-person vote
- How voting roles are updated via an N.C.O.A. process in which voters who have not participated in recent elections are sent mailers with which to update information; otherwise, their information is purged from the system until next updated

Guest: Melanie King, Executive Director, Proclaiming Grace Outreach

Topics:

- Proclaiming Grace Outreach's creation by Melanie King in honor of her daughter, who was lost in a car accident
- Ways in which the organization helps the community, including a food pantry, home and car repairs, and scholarships for local high school students
- The over 130 volunteers currently with the organization

Guest: Nancy E. Sheppard, author, historian, photojournalist and editor-in-chief for *The Yorktown Crier-Poquoson Post*, and member of the York County Historical Committee

Topics:

- Sheppard's latest book "Abandoned Tidewater: Forgotten Relics of Southeastern Virginia," a collection of photos of various landmarks around Tidewater whose significance has waned over time
- The book's inspiration from photos Ms. Sheppard had taken during her years in photojournalism
- Locations featured in the book that Ms. Sheppard thinks should be more strongly

preserved than they are, such as the Hydrogen Processing Plant at Langley Air Force Base