

# **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## ***World War I Tribute on Sunday, November 4***

Amherst -- Join the Amherst County Museum and Historical Society, Second Stage, Amherst Chapter – National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 9877, and the American Foreign Legion Post 274, for an afternoon in tribute of World War I on November 4. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. with the opening of a WWI exhibit at the Amherst County Museum, followed at 2:15 p.m. for a wreath laying and plaque presentation with the Amherst Chapter - NSDAR, VFW Post 9877 and the American Foreign Legion Post 274 at the Memorial Garden, and cumulating with a program at Second Stage at 2:45 p.m. that will include WWI music, a sharing of WWI family stories, events, and Homefront WWI-era meals and rations, followed by light refreshments. Participants will include Florence Nixon (father served), Herb Hicks of the Monacan Nation (Monacans served), Dale Freeman (grandfather served), Bonnie Burley Crews (uncle served), and others.

The events are free and open to the public. You may attend all the events or select the ones you wish to go to. The Museum exhibit will remain up until February 15, 2019 with WWI materials and artifacts for the exhibit on loan from local families.

This program is made possible by The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, the many families who have loaned WWI material and artifacts for the exhibit and with a sponsorship by Elizabeth Paull.

The Museum is located at 154 South Main Street, Memorial Garden near Warehouse Antiques on South Main Street, and Second Stage at 194 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The Amherst County Museum and Historical Society is a nonprofit educational organization whose mission is to discover, collect and preserve objects related to the history and genealogy of Amherst County. The society exhibits, interprets and offers its collections to provide educational experiences for people of all ages.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. The Amherst Chapter, NSDAR will also host the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony and Luncheon on Monday, November 12, 2018 at Ascension Episcopal Church on Main Street in Amherst. For more information on the local Amherst Chapter, NSDAR, email [arneff14@gmail.com](mailto:arneff14@gmail.com).

The Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 9877, which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Amherst Library, will do a dedication of the WWI plaque honoring the 29 Amherst County men that died in service during the Great War. They will also do a formal dedication of the WWI plaque on Veterans Day, November 11 at 2:00 p.m.

The American Foreign Legion Post 274 of Madison Heights meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at their hall on Lakeview Drive. Along with the Amherst DAR they will assist in the day's presentation at 2:15 p.m. Both the VFW and American Legion are Amherst County based and here to serve fellow veterans and their families.

Second Stage is a non-profit center located in downtown Amherst whose goal is to build a stronger community by offering a variety of cultural, wellness and learning activities to the public. It is home to small businesses; the facility may be rented by individuals and businesses for parties or professional gatherings. For more information, call 434-941-0997 or visit the website at [secondstageamherst.org](http://secondstageamherst.org)

The Village Garden Club was organized February 18, 1953 with the objectives for "the advancement of gardening, development of home grounds, furthering of roadside and town beautification and the fostering of interest in horticulture, flower arranging, birds, and soil conservation". The club lovingly tends the landscaping at Memorial Garden, the Circle, the Museum, Post Office flower boxes, the Town Hall flower gardens, and the Main Street flower boxes.

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