VETERANS’ MEMORIALS
LOCATED IN
THE CITY OF
CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

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1. **Chesapeake Veterans’ Memorial / SSG Jonathan K. Dozier Battlecross** – City Hall, 306 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, 23322
   a. The Chesapeake Veterans' Memorial commemorates the service and sacrifice of Chesapeake citizens and loved ones who are serving or who have served in all branches of the military. The memorial is located on the municipal center grounds and consists of a marble structure and more than 1,800 individual memorial pavers.
   b. In the front of the memorial stands a Battle Cross dedicated to the memory of SSG Jonathan K. Dozier, USA killed in Iraq in 2008. On the sides of the base are plaques with the names of all 12 Chesapean Gold Stars from Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF, Afghanistan) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF).
   c. Coordinates: [36°71'N 76°25'W](http://example.com/coordinates)
2. **Lakeside Veterans Park** – 1441 Bainbridge Boulevard, Chesapeake, 23324
   a. The park was built in 1933 and is located in the South Norfolk borough. The 11-acre beautiful lakeside Park features mature trees and a scenic archway bridge that provides historic and panoramic views.
   b. On May 28, 1939, the South Norfolk community planted trees and placed monuments in memory of eight native sons who were killed in WWI. Over time, the trees and memorials were lost, scattered and vandalized. On July 4th, 2013, the South Norfolk Ruritans rededicated the Lakeside Veterans’ Walk Memorial and added granite monuments commemorating the major campaigns from WWII through the War on Terror. The walkway ends with a beautiful garden at the flagpole and a memorial erected by DAV Chapter 26 in 1978.
   c. Coordinates: 36°86′N 76°42′W
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WORLD WAR I
ORIGINAL DEDICATION, LAKESIDE PARK, MAY 28, 1939
IN MEMORY OF THOSE FALLEN
FROM SOUTH NORFOLK

THOMAS ALFRED BROWN
ARTHUR M. DONHOE
JOHN R. GOODMAN
HAROLD ALBERT HURST
HERBERT JEAN HUMPHREY
HORACE COLINE JOHNSON
HARRY E. KELLY
VERNON PARK
JAMES M. STEWART

WORLD WAR II
IN MEMORY OF THOSE FALLEN
FROM SOUTH NORFOLK AND NORFOLK COUNTY

KOREAN WAR
IN MEMORY OF THOSE FALLEN
FROM SOUTH NORFOLK AND NORFOLK COUNTY

VIETNAM WAR
IN MEMORY OF THOSE FALLEN
FROM SOUTH NORFOLK, NORFOLK COUNTY
AND CHESAPEAKE

GULF WAR
IN MEMORY OF THOSE FALLEN
FROM VIRGINIA AND AMERICA

WAR ON TERROR
IN MEMORY OF THOSE FALLEN
FROM CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA AND AMERICA
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3. **Veterans Bridge** – Dominion Boulevard/Route 17 Bridge over Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, Chesapeake, 23322
   a. With an endorsement from the Mayor’s Commission on Veterans Affairs and support from VFW Post 2894, as well as other local veterans’ associations, the Route 17 bridge over the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River was named “Veterans Bridge” in memory of the sons and daughters of Chesapeake who have served their country in the Armed Forces. It was officially dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2016.
   b. Coordinates: 36°44′N 76°17′W
4. **Gold Star Memorial Bridge** – Route 168 Express Bridge over Northwest River, Chesapeake, 23322

   a. The Gold Star Lapel Button was established by an Act of Congress (Public Law 80-306) August 1, 1947, in order to provide an appropriate identification for widows, widowers, parents, and next of kin of members of the US Armed Forces who lost their lives in combat. The Gold Star Memorial Bridge is traveled by everyone traveling to or from the Outer Banks so that they can recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of Chesapeake’s fallen service members and their families.

   b. Coordinates: **36°56′N 76°19′W**
5. **Blue Star Memorial Highway** – Route 17 (from Rte 64 south to North Carolina border), Chesapeake, 23322

a. Route 17 was dedicated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway on May 24th, 2017. There are two plaques, one at each end of the designated highway.

b. Blue Star Memorials were first conceived to honor WWII veterans. They were later changed to honor all members of the armed services and became a project of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The name was taken from the blue star in the service flag which hangs in windows of homes and businesses to honor men and women serving in a combat zone.

c. Coordinates: **36°75′N 76°28′W** (northern sign) and **36°55′N 76°38′W** (southern sign)
6. **Chesapeake and Norfolk County Marine Memorial** – 116 Reservation Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322  
   a. The memorial sits next to Marine Corps League Detachment 853 along the Intercoastal Waterway.  
   b. Coordinates: 36°72'N 76°24'W
7. **LCpl Cody Childers Battle Cross** – Grassfield High School, 1060 Scenic Parkway, Chesapeake, 23323
   a. This memorial was dedicated on October 3rd, 2015 in the memory of 2008 graduate Cody Childers, USMC, who was killed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan in 2010.
   b. Coordinates: 36°71'N 76°32'W
8. **PFC Andrew Tuazon Memorial** – Dunedin Park, 3400 Brandywine Drive, Chesapeake, 23321
   a. The memorial is located in Western Branch borough and was dedicated by the Dunedin Civic League in the memory of Andrew Tuazon, USA, who was killed in Mosul, Iraq in 2005, and to “all veterans who were residents of Dunedin and gave their lives while serving our country.”
   b. Coordinates: 36°86′N 76°42′W
9. **Afro-Norfolk County WWII and Korean War Era Veterans Memorial** – Chesapeake Central Library, 298 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, 23322  
a. Two large posters with the photos and names of the Afro-Norfolk County veterans of WWII and the Korean War era are located at the base of the main staircase going up to the second level.  
b. Coordinates: **36°71′N 76°25′W**
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10. **Great Bridge High School WWII Memorial** – 369 S. Battlefield Boulevard, Chesapeake, 23322
   a. The memorial was dedicated in memory of the nine graduates of Great Bridge High School who gave their lives during WWII. The building is the original GBHS which is now the Chesapeake Southeastern Cooperative Educational Programs (SECEP) Center.
   b. Coordinates: 36°71′N 76°28′W
11. **South Norfolk WWII Roll of Honor Plaque** – South Norfolk Memorial Library, 801 Poindexter Street, Chesapeake, 23324
   a. In 1942, efforts began to collect the names of all the men and women who had ever attended school in South Norfolk and were serving or had served during WWII. The roll of honor was dedicated by VFW “Tidewater” Post 2163 in South Norfolk.
   b. Many years later, the school was torn down and the plaque was torn off the wall. Some of the students took off some of the name plates, how many are missing, no one will ever know. Years later, pieces of the plaque were found and restored. There are 576 names on the plaque and a rededication ceremony was held on October 8th, 2009.
   c. Coordinates: **36°81′N 76°28′W**
12. **Captain Frederic E. Consolvo, Jr., Park** – 1800 Bainbridge Boulevard, Chesapeake, 23324
   a. Consolvo Park sits on the location of the old Consolvo Armory which was torn down in 1998. Both the armory and the park were named after Frederic Egner Consolvo, Jr., who fell in battle during WWII in northern France on August 25th, 1944. Captain Consolvo was a member of the 111th Field Artillery Battalion, 29th Division
   b. Coordinates: 36°81′N 76°28′W
13. **Unknown and Known Afro-Union Civil War Soldiers Memorial / Sergeant March Corprew Cemetery** – 1001 Bells Mill Road, Chesapeake, 23322
   a. The Corprew Family Cemetery is listed in the Chesapeake visitor's guide as an African American Historical and Cultural Site.
   b. On November 11, 2000, Mayor William E. Ward signed a Certificate of Recognition for March Corprew stating, "A native of old Norfolk County, Sgt. Corprew enlisted in the Army as a member of Company I, 2nd United States Colored Cavalry. At the end of the Civil War, in which he bravely fought in numerous battles, achieving the rank of Sergeant, he returned to his native Virginia to settle with his family in the Bell's Mill section of Norfolk County. A strong believer in education, he donated land for the first colored school in the Bell's Mill community. The City Council proudly recognizes the many achievements, sacrifices, and contributions of March Corprew to Norfolk County, the forbear of the City of Chesapeake".
   c. The cemetery includes the grave of James Miles (1829-1871) a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient who entered the Union Army in Portsmouth, Virginia. He served as a First Sergeant and was awarded the CMOH as a Corporal in Company B, 36th U.S. Colored Infantry for action on September 30 1864 at Chapin's Farm, Virginia. His citation reads "Having had his arm mutilated, making immediate amputation necessary, he loaded and discharged his piece with one hand and urged his men forward; this within 30 yards of the enemy's works."
   d. Coordinates: 36°72'N 76°27'W
14. **Jackson Greys Confederate Monument** – Pleasant Grove Baptist Cemetery, 1423 St. Brides Road W. Chesapeake, 23322

   a. The Jackson Greys of Norfolk County fought in the battles of Hampton Roads, Chancellorsville, Salem, Gettysburg and Orange Court House, among others. They played a major role in the siege of Petersburg in 1864. They were part of the counterattack at the Battle of the Crater. The Jackson Greys surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse with 15 men on April 9, 1865.

   b. In June 1905, Miss Bertie Lee, daughter of Alex O. Lee, a member of the 61st Regiment, unveiled the Jackson Greys monument. Eleven members of the unit were present at the event.

   c. Coordinates: 36°63′N 76°24′W
15. **Wallaceton Historical Plaque** – 1775 Historic Way, Chesapeake, 23320

a. A historical plaque along the Dismal Swamp Canal remembers the home of William C. Wallace who was Captain of Company A of the 61st Virginia Regiment, “Jackson Greys” and was mortally wounded on August 19, 1864, in combat, near Petersburg.

b. Coordinates: **36°61’N 76°38’W**
16. **Battle of Great Bridge Memorial** – 1775 Historic Way, Chesapeake, 23320
   a. Battlefield Park serves as a tribute to the history of the Battle of Great Bridge. The Park is home to an Interpretive Historic Pathway, an Outdoor Auditorium, a Re-creation of the Causeway from 1775, a Family Picnic Area, and a future monument to the British troops that lost their lives during the battle.
   b. In the spring of 2007, The Daughters of the American Revolution were instrumental in placing a large stone monument on the future Historic Park site to commemorate the Patriot soldiers that fought for our freedom. This monument is visible today from Battlefield Boulevard, as well as from the Intracoastal Waterway.
   c. The Monument includes a memorial to Major Thomas and Lieutenant John Marshall who fought during the battle. John Marshall would go on to serve as this nation’s first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
   d. Free docent tours are available by appointment only.
   e. Coordinates: 36°72′N 76°24′W
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THIS MONUMENT HONORS PATRIOTS WHO ASSEMBLED AT THIS SITE IN THE CAUSE OF AMERICAN FREEDOM IN 1775

MAJOR THOMAS MARSHALL (1738-1802)
MEMBER, 2nd, 4th, & 5th VIRGINIA CONVENTIONS
COLONEL, 3rd VIRGINIA REGIMENT
MEMBER, VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LIEUTENANT JOHN MARSHALL (1755-1835)
CAPTAIN, 1st VIRGINIA CONTINENTAL REGIMENT
MEMBER, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2ND UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE
CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

DEDICATED DECEMBER 5, 1907 IN MEMORY OF
BECK DORMIE HORSEMAN, JR. (1774-1815)
NEAR PRESIDENT GENERAL (1791-1800)
COFOUNDER OF YORKTOWN CHARTER (1777-1778)
VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BATTLE OF GREAT BRIDGE

IN THIS VICINITY, IN 1775, WAS THE SOUTHERN END OF A CAUSEWAY, WITH BRIDGES, BY WHICH THE SWAMP AND STREAM WERE CROSSED. HERE WILLIAM WOODFORD'S VIRGINIA RIFLEMEN DEFENDED THE PASSAGE. WHEN LORD DUNMORE'S BRITISH REGULARS ATTEMPTED TO CROSS THE SWAMP, ON DECEMBER 9, 1775, THEY WERE CUT TO PIECES BY THE FIRE OF THE RIFLEMEN. THIS DEFEAT Forced DUNMORE TO EVACUATE NORFOLK.
17. **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Battle of Great Bridge Memorial** – 300 Shea Drive, Chesapeake, 23322
   a. Memorial was originally erected by the DAR in 1900 on the site of the original Battlefield of Great Bridge. On the 189th anniversary of the battle, December 9th, 1964, the stone was moved to its present location at the eastern end of Chesapeake City Hall.
   b. Coordinates: 36°716032'N 76°248619'W
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This monument was moved to this location December 9, 1932. On the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge.

The site of the battle was approximately a mile northeast of here.

GREAT BRIDGE CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

This stone marks the battlefield of Great Bridge Dec. 9, 1775.

Erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution
Norfolk, Virginia
1900
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