

Cheryl Wilson



Cheryl Wilson is the Executive Director of the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250), a legislative agency established by the General Assembly to lead Virginia's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of its pivotal role in American independence. Lasting through 2031, the Commission brings together legislative leaders, historians, tourism and economic development professionals, and experts across various fields to plan statewide events and programs marking this historic milestone.

Cheryl brings a wealth of leadership experience from her nearly 40-year career with the Virginia General Assembly. She served as Deputy Clerk of the House of Delegates, where she oversaw committee operations, successfully led hundreds of legislative meetings, worked closely with leadership, and ensured proper parliamentary procedure. Prior to that, she held senior roles in the Division of Legislative Services, managing legislative drafting, staffing for the House and Senate Rules Committees, and coordinating high-profile special projects.

Her distinguished career in commemorations includes serving as the Executive Director of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission (2006–2015). Under her staff leadership, Civil War 150 became a nationally acclaimed model for inclusive and balanced commemoration. Cheryl spearheaded statewide initiatives involving historic sites, national parks, and local organizations, coordinating projects such as an award-winning mobile museum, widely attended Signature Conferences, and the preservation of over 32,000 historical documents. The commemoration also supported local engagement through matching grants and hosted large-scale events that highlighted Virginia's central role in the Civil War.

Following this success, Cheryl served as Executive Director of the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission, overseeing meaningful statewide programs to mark the 100th anniversary of WWI and the 75th anniversary of WWII, with a focus on honoring the living veterans of WWII.

A summa cum laude graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Cheryl earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration. Her achievements have been recognized with numerous accolades, including the Governor's Award from Richmond Region Tourism and the Chairman's Award for Excellence by the Civil War Trust.

Cheryl lives in Richmond and treasures time with her family – her grown, accomplished children and their beautiful families, all of whom she affectionately calls her "babies." Cheryl's career exemplifies her commitment to honoring Virginia's rich history while fostering meaningful public engagement.