

Description:

The American Civil War Museum is looking for teachers from across the Commonwealth who are interested in shaping how their fellow teachers and students engage with history. We are looking for educators who:

- Teach at any grade level, but especially those who cover content related to the American Civil War.
- Are enthusiastic about helping our organization to create excellent, relevant, and useful offerings for teachers and their students, for use on-site at the museums and in the classroom.
- Can help shape our vision for how we want to best serve educators and their students.
- Are flexible, creative, innovative, and reflective.

Requirements:

Participation in the American Civil War Museum's Virginia Teacher Advisory Council will consist of:

- 1-year participation commitment, estimated at 20 hours total active time.
- Bi-monthly meetings, occurring on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm
 - o October 2020, November 2020, January 2021, March 2021, May 2021, and a closing meeting in June 2021. The October meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 21**.
 - o Teachers from anywhere in the Commonwealth of Virginia are eligible and encouraged to apply.
 - o Due to COVID-19 concerns meetings will be held virtually until such a time when in-person meetings are safe to attend.

Responsibilities:

- Participate in bi-monthly meetings.
- Advise, evaluate, and assist museum staff in the development and implementation of museum offerings for teachers and students, including field trip programs, teacher professional development, and online resources for classroom use.
- Help grow the scope of the Teacher Advisory Council and shape its function for future years. This year's particular focus is supporting teachers across the Commonwealth in providing digital and other resources that are useful for distance learning.

Benefits:

- Complimentary educator membership to the American Civil War Museum for 1 year, and all associated benefits of Museum membership.
- Upon request, a certificate or letter acknowledging participation for potential recertification points.
- Networking with fellow educators from around the Commonwealth.
- Opportunity to guide the development of offerings for all teachers and students utilizing both personal experience and professional best practice.

*Acceptance to the Virginia Teacher Advisory Council does not preclude participation in ACWM's National Teacher Advisory Council

For questions or to apply, please contact Joseph Rogers, Education Programs Manager, at jrogers@acwm.org.

Applications are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, October 2, 2020.



VIRGINIA TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL

2020-2021 Academic Year

Basic Information:	
Name (first and last):	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Professional Information:	
Grade:	
Subject (if applicable):	
School:	
District:	
Years as Educator:	
Current member of the Teacher Advisory Council?	

Please provide brief answers to the following questions:

How will this experience benefit you personally? Your fellow educators?

How familiar are you with the American Civil War? What aspect(s) do you find most fascinating or compelling?

What are the greatest challenges you face teaching the Civil War era? What strategies do you use to address them?

How is the American Civil War relevant to you and your students today?

How did you hear about this Teacher Advisory Council?