

MEDIA ALERT
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The League of Wives Book Celebration at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture Part of the 7th Annual Virginia Antiquarian Book Fair

Richmond, VA — On Friday, April 5, the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) will host the official release celebration of the new book by Heath Hardage Lee, *The League of Wives: The Untold Story of the Women Who Took on the U.S. Government to Bring Their Husbands Home from Vietnam* (2019, St. Martin's Press). During a Banner Lecture at 5:30 p.m. by Lee, guests will learn how the League of Wives captured national attention and united a deeply divided country behind bringing Vietnam prisoners of war home and by demanding an accounting for American servicemen missing in action during the Vietnam war. A book signing and reception will follow the lecture.

Lee's book has already served as inspiration for a traveling exhibit which is now on display at the VMHC. The movie rights to the book have been purchased by actress Reese Witherspoon. This story of a little-known but key part of the Vietnam War will be adapted for the big screen under Witherspoon's "Hello Sunshine" banner.

The event is part of the 7th Annual Virginia Antiquarian Book Fair, whose theme this year is "Women Making a Difference."

BANNER LECTURE

***The League of Wives: The Untold Story of the Women Who Took on the U.S. Government to Bring Their Husbands Home from Vietnam* by Heath Hardage Lee**

Friday, April 5, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Robins Family Forum at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture
(Free for VMHC members, \$10 for nonmembers)

Followed by a reception and book signing (Free and open to the public)

The lecture is cosponsored by The Virginia Antiquarian Book Fair and the Virginia Antiquarian Booksellers Association.

7th ANNUAL VIRGINIA ANTIQUARIAN BOOK FAIR

Friday, April 5, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

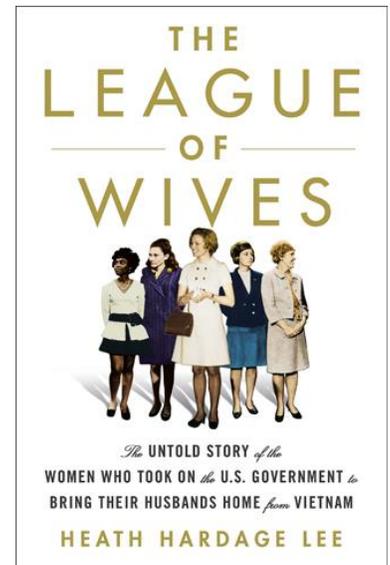
Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Virginia Museum of History & Culture (Admission to the Book Fair is Free)

- 50 dealers in rare books, manuscripts, maps, prints from Virginia and beyond
- Lectures, workshops and programs for all ages
- Food Trucks 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Visit the website for full event details: VirginiaHistory.org/BookFair



The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society — a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call (804) 340-1800, visit VirginiaHistory.org, or connect with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture on Facebook and Twitter.

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