An abandoned troopship that took soldiers to three wars, including Vietnam, was found loaded with historic relics in Virginia’s James River Reserve Fleet by military artifact historian Art Beltrone of Keswick. The relics, including graffiti-inscribed bunk canvases, provide a personal look at the mindset and emotions of young men going to war. Logs kept by the ship's master, or captain, describe the myriad of accidents that plagued sailors and soldiers alike during the voyage aboard the ship, which was more than two football fields in length. Some of these wounds were treated in the ship’s operating room.

Before, during and after the presentation, a selection of graffiti-inscribed canvases found aboard the ship will be available for viewing and further discussion. Copies of the book Vietnam Graffiti: Messages from a Forgotten Troopship will also be available.

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