2017 Illinois World War One Commemoration Events/Activities

14 The Great Migration and The Great War: Two Engines of Change

Much has been written and said about the legendary Great Migration and its effect on the growth of Chicago. But hidden within that decades-long movement was another engine of change-short lived, underestimated, but still felt today via its reverberations-World War I, The Great War. The symbiotic relationship between these two disparate events was critical in the growth of Chicago's Black Experience. How? Join historian/entertainer Clarence Goodman for this outstanding presentation. (Outreach Services Program)

Orland Park Public Library (Orland Park) 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

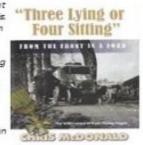
23 Pritzker Military Presents: Joseph Gustaitis: *Chicago Transformed*



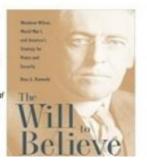
In Chicago Transformed, Joseph Gustaitis recounts how World War I changed Chicago and how the city helped shape the history of World War I. Sponsored by the United States World War One Centennial Commission.

Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago) 6:00 p.m.

Dr. McDonald is a senior political science professor at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois. He is the author of Three Lying or Four Sitting – From the Front in a Ford, which details the combat experience of Kent Dunlap Hagler of Springfield, Illinois. Dr. McDonald spent extensive time reviewing the letters of Mr. Hagler and offers a very personal and amazing wartime account of a young man from Central Illinois in war-torn Europe. McDonald has a Ph.D. in political science and government from the University of Georgia and was named a Pearson Master Teacher at Lincoln Land Community College in 2001.



Dr. Ross Kennedy is a professor of History at Illinois State University in Bioamington, Illinois. He is the award-winning author of The Will to Believe: Woodrow Wilson, World Warl, and America's Strategy for Peace and Security. Dr. Kennedy is also an editor of A Companion to Woodrow Wilson published in 2013. He has done extensive research on World Warl, U.S. foreign policy, and international history from 1914-1965. He was awarded the Scott Bills Prize for Best Book in Peace History in 2010 for his work on Woodrow Wilson. Dr. Kennedy has a Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Berkley.



25 Over Here, Preparing for Over There: An Afternoon Conversation with WWI Scholars and Authors AND Dinner with the Authors

History Museum (Quincy)

Program: 2 p.m. Dinner with the Authors: 5 p.m.

7 Pritzker Military Presents Noriko Kawamura, *Turbulence* in the Pacific

In Turbulence in the Pacific, Professor Noriko Kawamura details the complex relationship between the United States and Japan during World

War I. Sponsored by Colonel (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired) and the United States World War One Centennial Commission.

Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago)

(Chicago) 6:00 p.m.

World War I and America Sunday, March 5 – Thursday, March 30

5 Johnnies, Tommies and Sammies World War I and America Exhibit Opener (3:00 – 4:30 p.m.)

7 World War I and America Roundtable I

Slated by the Library of Congress to be one of two presentations for 2017, William Brooks, Professor of Music from the University of York, UK and five other historians bring Johnnies, Tommies and Sammies: Music and the WWI Alliance, a musical event about the contribution that music played in bringing the Allied forces together.

Orland Park Public Library

(Orland Park)
Room 104 –
Meeting Room
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
UNLESS noted in
event description

(March 5 - 30)

These programs are

part of World War I

and America, a twoyear national initiative of the

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MARCH

The Orland Park Veteran's Commission and the Orland Park Vet Center come together to discuss key points of the World War I and America exhibit featured for the Month of March. Greenman theatre enhances tonight's program with dramatic readings.

9 Over There – The United States Enters World War I, 1917

A century ago, a terrorist attack in Bosnia triggered a devastating world war that impacts us still today. Although the United States tried to remain neutral, ultimately it was dragged into the war and onto the world stage as a global power. This talk presented by Dr. Paul H. Herbert, Executive Director, First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, will explain the events between 1914 and 1917 that led to the deployment of more than 2-million American soldiers to France, Belgium, Italy and Russia, and changed our country forever.

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Institute of American
History, the National
World War I Museum

World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

(Outreach Services

Program)

15 Artillery Scout – An Evening with Author James Bilder

Bilder details a personal look at his grandfather's experiences during World War I. From a hard life in Chicago, through training and into battle, the author's father had a front row seat as an artillery scout. Books will be available for purchase and autographing.

17 Showcase – The US in WWI, Seven Months That Changed the World (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Lobby)

Singer/Songwriter/Historian Barry Cloyd brings his original program, "The US in WWI, Seven Months That Changed The World" to the Orland Park Library on March 17, 2017 at 7:00. In it he will recount America's vital role in "The War to End All Wars" through the stories and songs of the GI's who fought in that world-changing conflict. Barry's Grandfather C.M. Cloyd Sr. was a Sergeant in France during many famous WWI battles and Cloyd will present this original program in the persona of his Grandfather.

21 World War I and America Roundtable II

(Revised 5/12/2017)

The Orland Park Veteran's Commission and the Orland Park Vet Center come back to discuss key points of the World War I and America exhibit featured for the Month of March and to discuss local veteran resources.

22 A World Gone Mad – World War I

Historian, Jim Gibbons will take you through the first of two of the most catastrophic wars in our nation's history, World War I, which began on July 28, 1914. Gibbons will highlight significant events that thrust the United States into this unwanted war.

23 Great Soldiers of the First Division, 1917 - 1919

To put a human face on the soldiers of the AEF, Dr. Paul H. Herbert, Executive Director, First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, will share stories of some of the famous and/or interesting men and women who served in or with the First Division during World War I. The First Division was a special community that included famous names such as Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and George C. Marshall; tough commanding generals like Robert L. Bullard and Charles R. Summerall; brave soldiers like Lieutenant Si Parker who received the Medal of Honor; and characters such as Alban Butler who, when not fighting, spent the war drawing cartoons.

24 Special Friday Film: *American Experience* and *All Quiet* on the Western Front (6:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

To coincide with the library's participation in the World War I and America grant, the library presents a special preview screening of the New PBS American Experience - The Great War followed by the timeless and original story of the common soldier's harrowing experience, All Quiet on the Western Front.

30 The Rise and Fall of the Doughboy

In the 100 years since World War I, the term "doughboy" has come to refer exclusively to the soldiers of that war. However, the origins of that term go back to the infantrymen of General Scott during the war with Mexico. In this program, hear about the efforts of not only the infantrymen of World War I, but all of the doughboys in the war to end all wars.

21 Landmarks Illinois Announces New WWI Monument Preservation Grant Program

Landmarks Illinois, a membership-based nonprofit advocating for the protection of historic and architecturally significant properties throughout the state, today announced a new grant program to provide monetary assistance to preserve World War I outdoor monuments and memorials within the state of Illinois. Launched in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I on April 6, the Landmarks Illinois World War I Monument Preservation Grant Program will provide financial resources to WWI outdoor monuments and memorials in Illinois in need of restoration to recover their dedication-era quality and appearance. Nonprofits and government agencies are encouraged to apply to the Landmarks Illinois World War I Monument Preservation Grant Program to help fund their WWI monument restoration projects. Eligible scopes of work include monument/memorial cleaning, repointing and stabilization, replacement of missing elements, monument/memorial relocation or

For eligibility rules and additional guidelines for grant applicants, visit

Landmarks Illinois

Grants website:

http://www.landmark s.org/ resources/finan cialresources/landmarks -illinois-grantslandmarks-illinois/

MARCH (CONT.) Orland Park Public Library (cont.)

	general repair work. The Landmarks Illinois WWI Monument Preservation Grant Program is made possible with generous support from the Pritzker Military Foundation.	
	25 Muster of the Troops The Illinois National Guard will recognize the activation of Illinois's first troops (March 26, 1917). The program will include reenactors and speakers, including Dr. Chris McDonald. This event will focus on the entry of Illinois into the World War. At 12:50 the Army Band will play.	Illinois State Military Museum (Springfield) 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	4 America's Entry into WWI President Woodrow Wilson won a second term by promising to keep America out of World War I. Five months later, our troops were headed "over there." What pushed the country into war? ALPLM historian Mark DePue explains the mix of forces, including German submarine attacks, that tipped American public opinion in favor of war.	Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum, Union Theater (Springfield) 6:30 p.m.
	5 Date with History Series: Author Kathryn Atwood: "Women Heroes of World War I" Women Heroes of World War I brings to life the brave exploits of 16 women from around the world who served their countries at a time when most women didn't even have the right to vote. Suspense-filled stories of daring girls and women from around the world are told through fast-paced narrative, dialogue, direct quotes, and document and diary excerpts.	Cantigny Park (Wheaton) 7:30 p.m. Visitors Center
APRIL	6 Laying the Foundation for the "American Century:" The U.S. Entry into the First World War, with Dr. Frank Buscher The U.S. Congress declared war on the Central Powers (Germany and its allies) on April 6, 1917. The decision to enter the conflict was not an easy one as most Americans preferred to remain neutral. The U.S. entry proved to be a turning point, enabling the Allies (Great Britain, France, Italy and others) to achieve victory in November 1918. The U.S. returned to a modified isolationist stance in the years following the war. Although not quite willing to act as a world power, the U.S. nonetheless played an international role. It took a second and more devastating global conflict for the U.S. to feel comfortable in its role as the world's leading power, starting what became known as the "American Century." In a conversation with the audience, Dr. Frank Buscher will explore the U.S. entry into the war and its consequences. Register at: http://alumni.aurora.edu/s/1512/artsandideas/index-cai.aspx?sid=1512&gid=1&pgid=1232	Aurora University Schingoethe Center Tapper Recital Hall (Aurora) 7:00 p.m.

8 and 9 The Great War Reenactment **Midway Village** Midway Village Museum will host the 5th annual Great War event, a WWI military (Rockford) event that features over 225 reenactors portraying soldiers and civilians from the United States and Europe in the museum's historic village. Visitors engage in this unique historic, immersive experience with the opportunity to enter encampments, Saturday tour a reproduction 150-yard trench system, and watch large-scale narrated battle 10:00 - 5:00reenactments. **Featured Activities** Large scale battle reenactments featuring pyrotechnics Sunday WWI Tanks, including the FT-17 French tank 10:00 - 4:00Large scale WWI model airplane displays and flying demonstrations Tours of the 150-yard trench replica including bunkers Explore the exclusive Trench Train, also known as the Tin Turtle Displays of WWI weapons, equipment, and artifacts Live horses from the Cavalry units Lectures throughout the day by military Salvation Army donut dollies demonstrations Live musical performers with songs from the 1910s Battle skirmishes throughout the day in the village Movies from the 1910s shown on original equipment **Illinois State** 9 Johnnies, Tommies and Sammies: Music and the WWI Alliance Slated University by the Library of Congress as one of its presentations for 2017, William (Normal) Brooks, Professor of Music from the University of York, UK and five other 3:00 p.m. historians bring Johnnies, Tommies and Sammies: Music and the WWI Alliance, a musical event about the contribution that music played in bringing the Allied forces together. 11 Paths of Glory

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University Galleries Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum, Union ALPL historian Mark DePue introduces the film Paths to Glory, the Theater companion piece to his presentation on America's entry into WW I. (Springfield) 1:00 p.m. **Pullman** 19 "Pullman in the First World War" National Exhibit opening at the Pullman Civic Organization meeting Monument Center (Chicago)

BACK
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THERE

19 Pritzker Military Presents: Richard Rubin: Back Over There: One American Time-Traveler, 100 Years Since the Great War, 500 Miles of Battle-Scared French Countryside, and Too Many Trenches, Shells, Legends, and Ghosts to Count

Author Richard Rubin visits the Museum & Library to discuss his latest book about the impact of WWI and the exploration of its memory through following generations. [It] is a timely and evocative book that chronicles author Richard Rubin's journey to American WWI battle sites in France. The book is part history, part first-person travelogue, and part

Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago)

6:00 p.m.

20 THE EDITH AYRES AND HELEN BURNETT WOOD MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM One hundred years ago, on May 20 1917, Edith Ayres and Helen Burnett Wood were the first U.S. Army personnel killed after the United States entered World War One. They were both nurses serving with Chicago's Base Hospital #12 unit. Edith Ayres graduated from the Illinois Training School for Nurses in 1913; Helen Burnett Wood graduated one year later from the Evanston Hospital Training School. Shell fragments hit them and one other nurse, Emma Matzen, during gunnery drill aboard the S.S. University of Illinois College of Nursing (Chicago)	Sponsored by the World War One Centennial Commission.	
The 2017 Illinois History Symposium will feature more than 25 presentations from national, state, and regional professional and amateur historians who will examine the forces, people, and events that shaped our destiny 100 years ago. This symposium is sponsored by The Illinois Historical Society and Lincoln Land Community College, 20 – 25 "Eugene V. Debs and the Fight for Free Speech in World War One" Ernest Freeberg, Distinguished Professor of Humanities, University of Tennessee, explores an important legacy of World War One, the fight for civil liberties waged by those who worked to free American socialist leader Eugene Debs from prison. In 1919 Debs was sentenced to 10 years in prison for speaking against the U.S. decision to join the fighting in Europe. The incident sparked a national debate over the meaning of the First Amendment and the government's power to silence its critics. The fight to free Debs raised fundamental questions about the balance between individual liberty and national security, and helped to expand the right to protest against war ever since. Freeberg's lecture is drawn from his award-winning book, Democracy's Prisoner: Eugene V.	MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM One hundred years ago, on May 20 1917, Edith Ayres and Helen Burnett Wood were the first U.S. Army personnel killed after the United States entered World War One. They were both nurses serving with Chicago's Base Hospital #12 unit. Edith Ayres graduated from the Illinois Training School for Nurses in 1913; Helen Burnett Wood graduated one year later from the Evanston Hospital Training School. Shell fragments hit them and one other nurse, Emma Matzen, during gunnery drill aboard the S.S. Mongolia while en route to France. This symposium is to honor their memory and the memory of all the nurses and healthcare personnel who served during "The War to End All Wars." Five noted historians and archivists, all expert in the history of WWI nursing and in the history of three of the Chicago base hospitals that served the wounded in France, will present their scholarship. Discussion will follow. Joint Sponsors: Midwest Nursing History Research Center, College of Nursing, UIC Chicago Area Medical Archivists	Illinois College o Nursing (Chicago) Third Floor Even Center
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(CONT.)	25 Pritzker Military Presents: Andrew Carroll: My Fellow Soldiers At the heart of this stunning work of narrative history is an intimate portrait of the iconic general John Pershing, the U.S. commander in Europe. With many thanks to Carroll, who has made it his life's mission to raise public awareness about the need to find and preserve war letters and diaries, a rich trove of the general's letters was discovered. And while Pershing provides the heart of this story, he is one in a chorus of American voices that unfold to make the high stakes of our involvement in World War I piercingly real. Woven throughout Pershing's story are the experiences of an extraordinary group of American men and women, gathered by Carroll from a stunning cross-section of stories and letters, from both the famous and unheralded, including a young Harry Truman, George Patton, Douglas MacArthur, Teddy Roosevelt, and his 20-year-old son Quentin, who was killed in the war. Sponsored by the World War One Centennial Commission.	Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago) 6:00 p.m.
MAY	3 Date with History Series: Author James Bilder: "Artillery Scout" Pulling from stories shared by his grandfather—an Artillery Scout in France during World War I—as well as military records and diaries from 33rd Infantry officers, author James Bilder paints a captivating picture of the life of a soldier on the front line.	Cantigny Park (Wheaton) 7:30 p.m. Visitors Center

Academy of Seniors: WWI Aftermath

Registration:

http://seniorprofessionals.illinoisstate.edu/educationalopportunities/academy.php*

15 Flappers, Bootleggers, Rioters and Ku Kluxers: Domestic Turmoil (Amy Louise Wood, Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Department of History, ISU).

As the Great War ended in Europe, another sort of war erupted at home. Public battles over prohibition and women's liberation, rising crime rates, race riots and a surge of nativism in the form of the Ku Klux Klan shattered Americans' sense of peace. This session will examine the fraught aftermath of WWI, a time that gives new meaning to the idea of "the roaring twenties."

MAY

17 We Return From Fighting and We Return Fighting (Ricardo Cortez Cruz, Professor of English and former Associate Chair, ISU)

Join us for a prideful march through the history of the New Negro movement, renaissance, as it battles racial violence alongside economic and political disenfranchisement, learning how African Americans were affected by the Great War. It will capture the emergence of an eclectic Black literature in the aftermath of the war that was supposed to end all wars.

22 False Dawn: The League of Nations and International Politics, 1919-1933 (Ross Kennedy, Professor, Department of History, ISU)

At the end of WWI, the League of Nations embodied the hope of millions of people for a better, more peaceful world order. In the 1920s and early 1930s, however, the League failed to do much to alter international politics. This class will examine why that failure occurred and explore the role the League played in international security in the years after the Great War.

23 Those Insufferable Suffragettes: Making Sense of the Fight for Voting Rights (Kyle Ciani, Associate Professor, Department of History, ISU)

Activists who reinvigorated women's suffrage in the 19th century met their share of critics who characterized them as militant, angry, disreputable and insufferable. Instead of buckling to the criticism, they challenged those who saw them as misguided women to see them as citizens deserving of full rights.

30 American Doughboys in World War I

American Doughboys in the First World War reviews America's participation in "the war to end all wars" as we take listeners on a trip across the battlefields of Northern France to describe the events, people, and places of America's contribution to the defeat of the German Kaiser. Famous engagements such as Belleau Wood, Cantigny, St-Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne are reviewed with images of what the battlefields look like

Illinois State University

(Normal) 1:30 – 3:30

FEE-BASED Program

*Walk-ins: \$15 – per session

Gail Borden Public Library

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	today. We end by relating the enormous changes that the conflict brought to warfare, society, and populations around the world.	
JUNE	 8 Centennial Celebration – The 1st Infantry Division's 100th Anniversary Bring the family for military-theme activities celebrating the 100-year history of the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division, the famous Big Red One! The unit was assembled for the first time on June 8th, 1917, and led America's military participation in World War I and later conflicts. Event Highlights: Drop in and try on uniforms from WWI to the present. Visit our World War I inspired Cantina Cantigny for a light refreshment (while supplies last). Stopover with our World War I reenactors depicting the Black Lions of Cantigny. Make your own poppy at our craft table. Sign our Happy 100th Birthday card being sent to Fort Riley Kansas, the current home of the 1st Infantry Division. 	Cantigny Park Visitor Center (Wheaton) 1:00 – 4:30
JULY	8 Muster of the 122 nd Field Artillery In commemoration of the 100 th anniversary of the mustering of the 122 nd , events will include reenactors and speeches. Also, Goldberg, the canine mascot of the 122 nd , will be unveiled.	Gen. Jones Armory (Chicago)
	10, 13-14 Illinois National Guard at the State Fair August 10 th the Guard will participate in the Twilight State Fair parade. August 13 & 14 – Veterans at the fair days – The Guard will be set up near the main gate.	State Fair Grounds (Springfield)
AUGUST	19 McLean County Home Front During WWI, with Bill Kemp The "Great War" involved a host of home front activities, including war bond drives, food conservation efforts, shipments of Red Cross supplies, parades, and public gatherings to sing patriotic songs. There was also a dark side to the war, including the suppression of the large local German community.	McLean County Museum of History (Bloomington) Governor Fifer Courtroom 1:00
	26 Troop Deployment Reenactment Reenactment of deployment of soldiers from the 33 rd Division who were heading to Camp Logan in Texas for training before going overseas.	Monticello Train Depot (Monticello)
	26 First Division Museum Reopens The museum will be recognizing the 100 years of continual service by the First Division.	First Division Museum (Cantigny Park, Wheaton)

	27 Upper Midwest Region Meeting	Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago)
SEPTEMBER	30 The Evergreen Cemetery Walk (Fee-Based) The theme of this year's Walk is WWI. The Walk will feature the stories of eight McLean County individuals (2 duets, 4 solo performances) who were in some way impacted by the U.S. involvement in WWI. The list of characters may include: Carl and Julia Vrooman; Edward and Lincoln Bynum (both served in the 370 th Infantry known as the Black Devils), and Carolyn Schertz Geneva.	McLean County Museum of History, Illinois Voices Theater, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery (Bloomington)
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	10 Veterans' Day Ceremony Illinois State University will be hosting its annual Veterans' Day ceremony at noon in the Bone Student Center, with Dr. Ross Kennedy as the guest speaker. This year's theme will be the Great War.	Illinois State University (Normal) Bone Student Center 12:00
	11 Great War Encampment Reenactment of trench warfare/life in the trenches by the Illinois National Guard	Illinois State Military Museum (Springfield)
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DECEMBER	9 Christmas at the Front	Military Museum
	The National Guard will recognize what soldiers, from the Civil War through	(Springfield)
	World War II, go through at Christmas time while serving their country.	ļ