
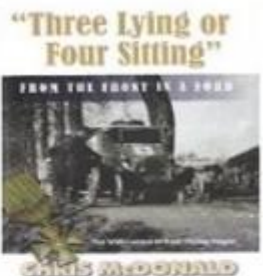
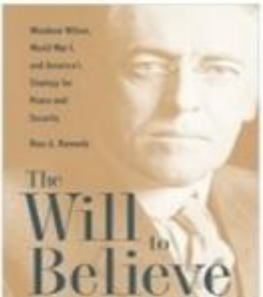


2017 Illinois World War One Commemoration Events/Activities

FEBRUARY	<p>14 The Great Migration and The Great War: Two Engines of Change</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Orland Park Public Library (Orland Park) 7:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>23 Pritzker Military Presents: Joseph Gustaitis: <i>Chicago Transformed</i></p>  <p>In <i>Chicago Transformed</i>, 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.</p>	<p>Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago) 6:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>Dr. McDonald is a senior political science professor at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois. He is the author of <i>Three Lying or Four Sitting – From the Front in a Ford</i>, 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.</p>  <p>Dr. Ross Kennedy is a professor of History at Illinois State University in Bloomington, Illinois. He is the award-winning author of <i>The Will to Believe: Woodrow Wilson, World War I, and America's Strategy for Peace and Security</i>. Dr. Kennedy is also an editor of <i>A Companion to Woodrow Wilson</i> published in 2013. He has done extensive research on World War I, 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, Berkeley.</p>  <p>25 Over Here, Preparing for Over There: An Afternoon Conversation with WWI Scholars and Authors AND Dinner with the Authors</p>	<p>History Museum (Quincy) Program: 2 p.m. Dinner with the Authors: 5 p.m.</p>

MARCH

<p>7 Pritzker Military Presents Noriko Kawamura, <i>Turbulence in the Pacific</i> In <i>Turbulence in the Pacific</i>, 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.</p>	<p>Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago) 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>World War I and America</i> <i>Sunday, March 5 – Thursday, March 30</i></p> <p>5 Johnnies, Tommies and Sammies World War I and America Exhibit Opener (3:00 – 4:30 p.m.) 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.</p> <p>7 World War I and America Roundtable I 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>21 World War I and America Roundtable II</p>	<p>Orland Park Public Library (Orland Park) Room 104 – Meeting Room 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. UNLESS noted in event description (March 5 – 30)</p> <p><i>These programs are part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of the Library of America presented in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. (Outreach Services Program)</i></p>

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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.

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.

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**Illinois State
Military Museum
(Springfield)
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

APRIL	<p>4 America's Entry into WWI</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum, Union Theater (Springfield) 6:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>5 Date with History Series: Author Kathryn Atwood: "Women Heroes of World War I"</p> <p><i>Women Heroes of World War I</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.</p>	<p>Cantigny Park (Wheaton) 7:30 p.m. Visitors Center</p>
	<p>6 Grant Announcement by Landmarks Illinois</p> <p>Landmarks Illinois will be announcing their rehabilitation grant recipients.</p>	<p>State Capital (Springfield) 10:00 a.m.</p>
	<p>8 and 9 The Great War Reenactment</p> <p>Midway Village Museum will host the 5th annual Great War event, a WWI military 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, tour a reproduction 150-yard trench system, and watch large-scale narrated battle reenactments.</p> <p>Featured Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large scale battle reenactments featuring pyrotechnics • WWI Tanks, including the FT-17 French tank • Large scale WWI model airplane displays and flying demonstrations • Tours of the 150-yard trench replica including bunkers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 experts • 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 	<p>Midway Village (Rockford)</p> <p>Saturday 10:00 – 5:00</p> <p>Sunday 10:00 – 4:00</p>
	<p>9 Johnnies, Tommies and Sammies: Music and the WWI Alliance Slated by the Library of Congress as one of its 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.</p>	<p>Illinois State University University Galleries (Normal) 3:00 p.m.</p>
		<p>Abraham Lincoln</p>

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	<p>11 <i>Paths of Glory</i> ALPL historian Mark DePue introduces the film <i>Paths to Glory</i>, the companion piece to his presentation on America's entry into WW I.</p>	<p>Presidential Library Museum, Union Theater (Springfield) 1:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>19 "Pullman in the First World War" Exhibit opening at the Pullman Civic Organization meeting</p>	<p>Pullman National Monument Center (Chicago)</p>
	<div data-bbox="386 535 511 724" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>19 Pritzker Military Presents: Richard Rubin: <i>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</i> 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 exploration of how human memory is passed down among generations. Sponsored by the World War One Centennial Commission.</p>	<p>Pritzker Military Museum and Library (Chicago) 6:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>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. 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 Northwestern University</p>	<p>University of Illinois College of Nursing (Chicago) Third Floor Event Center 1:00 – 5:00 PM</p>
	<p>20 – 22 "War and Suffrage: 1917, the year of Turmoil" 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,</p>	<p>Lincoln Land Community College (Springfield)</p>

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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. Debs, The Great War, and the Right to Dissent*.

Illinois State Historical Society symposium
(Springfield) 4/20

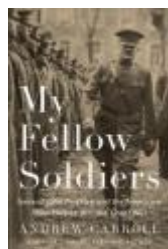
Northern Illinois University
(DeKalb) 4/24

McHenry County Historical Society
(Union) 4/25

22 Remembering WWI – Exhibit at the History Museum

This is the official opening of the exhibit. Program will include Special Guest George Buxton York, son of SGT Alvin York. York’s presentation will be in the form of a fireside chat. Also on the program is Judge Bob Cook with a WWI presentation. There will also be WWI music, food and drink. Included in the main exhibit hall will be uniforms with a soldier’s story, model balloons, a horizontal timeline

The History Museum
(Quincy)
2:00



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.

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(Chicago)
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