

## 2017 Illinois World War One Commemoration Events/Activities (May – Nov.)

<b>MAY</b>	<p><b>Academy of Seniors: WWI Aftermath</b>  <i>Registration:</i>  <a href="http://seniorprofessionals.illinoisstate.edu/educational-opportunities/academy.php">http://seniorprofessionals.illinoisstate.edu/educational-opportunities/academy.php</a>*</p> <p><b>15 Flappers, Bootleggers, Rioters and Ku Kluxers: Domestic Turmoil (Amy Louise Wood, Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Department of History, ISU).</b>            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.”</p> <p><b>17 We Return From Fighting and We Return Fighting (Ricardo Cortez Cruz, Professor of English and former Associate Chair, ISU)</b>            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.</p> <p><b>22 False Dawn: The League of Nations and International Politics, 1919-1933 (Ross Kennedy, Professor, Department of History, ISU)</b>            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.</p> <p><b>23 Those Insufferable Suffragettes: Making Sense of the Fight for Voting Rights (Kyle Ciani, Associate Professor, Department of History, ISU)</b>            Activists who reinvigorated women’s suffrage in the 19<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>	<p><b>Illinois State University</b>            (Normal)            1:30 – 3:30</p> <p>FEE-BASED Program</p> <p>*Walk-ins: \$15 – per session</p>
	<p><b>29 With the Colors from Aurora: A Memorial to the First World War (Exhibition Opening)</b>            Over 3,600 Aurorans joined the military during World War I. The exhibit, which will run through the first week of January, will open with a reception on Memorial Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with doughnuts, coffee and</p>	<p><b>David L. Pierce Art and History Center</b>            (Aurora)            10:00 – 2:00</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAY (cont.)</b></p>	<p>lemonade offered to mirror the refreshments served by the Salvation Army in WWI canteens. The WWI exhibit will feature over 50 artifacts from the GAR Memorial Museum and another 30 from the Aurora Historical Society, as well as a life-size 18-foot reproduction of a trench.</p>	
	<p><b>20 Wreath Laying Cemetery for Helen B. Wood</b> A wreath laying ceremony will take place at the grave of Evanston Nurse Helen B. Wood at the Rosehill Cemetery. Wood died on May 20, 1917 on board of the ship Mongolia while on her way to France (with Northwestern’s Base Hospital 12).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rosehill Cemetery (Chicago) 10:00 a.m.</b></p>
	<p><b>30 American Doughboys in World War I</b> 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 today. We end by relating the enormous changes that the conflict brought to warfare, society, and populations around the world.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gail Borden Public Library (Elgin) 7:00 – 8:30</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>4 Over There: U.S. Enters the Great War</b> Come to the Palmer House and learn about how on April 6, 1917 the United States joined its allies in the Great War ((WWI). Join us as we commemorate this sacrifice to service and the sacrifices made here at home 100 years ago. <b>Greg Jacobs</b> will be speaking about <b>Camp Grant</b> during WWI, original construction thru the “stand down” order that came out in mid-November 1918. There will be some backstories about personnel sent to Camp Grant.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Colonel Palmer House - Lawn (Crystal Lake) 1:00 – 4:00</b></p>
	<p><b>8 Centennial Celebration – The 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> Bring the family for military-theme activities celebrating the 100-year history of the U.S. Army’s 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, the famous Big Red One! The unit was assembled for the first time on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1917, and led America’s military participation in World War I and later conflicts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Event Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drop in and try on uniforms from WWI to the present.</li> <li>• Visit our World War I inspired Cantina Cantigny for a light refreshment (<i>while supplies last</i>).</li> <li>• Stopover with our World War I reenactors depicting the Black Lions of Cantigny.</li> <li>• Make your own poppy at our craft table.</li> <li>• Sign our Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday card being sent to Fort Riley Kansas, the current home of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cantigny Park Visitor Center (Wheaton) 1:00 – 4:30</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JULY</b></p>		

<b>AUGUST</b>	<p><b>10, 13-14 Illinois National Guard at the State Fair</b>  August 10<sup>th</sup> the Guard will participate in the Twilight State Fair parade.  August 13 &amp; 14 – Veterans at the fair days – The Guard will be set up near the main gate.</p>	<p><b>State Fair Grounds</b>  (Springfield)</p>
	<p><b>19 McLean County Home Front During WWI, with Bill Kemp</b>  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.</p>	<p><b>McLean County Museum of History</b>  (Bloomington)  Governor Fifer Courtroom  1:00</p>
	<p><b>26 Troop Deployment Reenactment</b>  Reenactment of deployment of soldiers from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Division who were heading to Camp Logan in Texas for training before going overseas.</p>	<p><b>Monticello Train Depot</b>  (Monticello)</p>
	<p><b>26 First Division Museum Reopens</b> <span style="float: right;">The</span>  The museum will be recognizing the 100 years of continual service by the First Division.</p>	<p><b>First Division Museum</b>  (Cantigny Park, Wheaton)</p>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<p><b>27 Upper Midwest Region Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Pritzker Military Museum and Library</b>  (Chicago)</p>
	<p><b>30 The Evergreen Cemetery Walk (Fee-Based)</b>  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<sup>th</sup> Infantry known as the Black Devils), and Carolyn Schertz Geneva.</p>	<p><b>McLean County Museum of History, Illinois Voices Theater, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery</b>  (Bloomington)</p>
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	<p><b>10 Veterans’ Day Ceremony</b>  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.</p>	<p><b>Illinois State University</b>  (Normal)  Bone Student Center  12:00</p>
	<p><b>11 Great War Encampment</b>  Reenactment of trench warfare/life in the trenches by the Illinois National Guard</p>	<p><b>Illinois State Military Museum</b>  (Springfield)</p>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<p><b>9 Christmas Truce in the Trenches</b></p>	<p><b>Midway Village Museum</b>  (Rockford)  10:00 – 11:30 am</p>
	<p><b>9 Christmas at the Front</b>  The National Guard will recognize what soldiers, from the Civil War through World War II, go through at Christmas time while serving their country.</p>	<p><b>Illinois State Military Museum</b>  (Springfield)</p>