



## National World War I Museum

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### **National World War I Museum Announces February & March 2010 Programs**

The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial is pleased to offer a variety of free programs which explore various aspects of the Great War. Programs will feature nationally-known speakers, World War I documentaries, and musical performances.

For more information on any of these free programs, please visit [www.theworldwar.org](http://www.theworldwar.org) or call 816-784-1918.

#### **Program Details**

**Monday, February 15, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Museum Open for Presidents Day**

**Thursday, February 18, 1 p.m.**

**Free Lecture and Meet the Author**

**“Liberty for All” Lecture Series**

Noted author Dr. Marc Wortman discusses his recent book *The Millionaires Unit: The Aristocratic Flyboys Who Fought the Great War and Invented American Air Power*. An award-winning freelance journalist, Wortman was born in St. Louis, received his doctorate from Princeton University, and lives now in New Haven, Connecticut. This event is free to the public and will be held in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium at the National World War I Museum.

**Saturday, February 27, 11 a.m.**

**Free Movie and Meet the Filmmaker**

**“The Great War, the Great Movies” Film Series: WWI documentaries**

*For Love of Liberty*, a new PBS documentary on the role of African Americans in American military history. See a 30-minute preview of the four-hour *For Love of Liberty* on the role of 380,000 African Americans who served during World War I. Frank Martin, who wrote, directed, and co-produced the film, and Lieutenant Colonel Krewasky Salter, U.S. Army, who served as the historical consultant, will speak on their work on the project. This event is free to the public and will be held in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium at the National World War I Museum.

**Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Sixth Annual Military Collectors Fair**

Area private collectors of rare military artifacts dating from the Civil War to 21<sup>st</sup>-Century conflicts share their treasures with the general public. Dozens of displays will be located in the J. C. Nichols Auditorium Lobby during this once-a-year event. Admission to this event is free; however, regular admission charges apply if visiting the Museum. No buying, selling, or trading of artifacts is permitted. Co-sponsored with the Kansas City Military Collectors Club.

**Saturday, March 6, 1 p.m.**

**Free Concert: United States Air Force Band of Mid-America's variety show group Starlifter**

Enjoy a seven-piece group of talented musicians that performs in virtually every musical idiom, from jazz and country to contemporary and traditional patriotic songs. They feature the best in popular music from the 1940s to current sounds at the top of today's charts. Part of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, Starlifter high-energy music transports its listeners to a higher plane. Doors open at noon, seating is first-come, first-served. This event is free to the public and will be held in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium at the National World War I Museum.

**Saturday, March 13, 1 p.m.**

**Free Movie: *World War I in Color (Episodes 1 and 2)***

**“The Great War, the Great Movies” Film Series: WWI documentaries**

Narrated by Sir Kenneth Branagh, *World War I in Color* brings to life the images of the World War as no other documentary before. The movie uses rare archive footage from worldwide sources including Russia, Germany, France, Italy, and the United States. This six-part landmark series brings to the viewer the gritty reality of life in the trenches during the First World War. On March 13, Episodes 1 & 2: “Catastrophe” and “Slaughter in the Trenches” will be shown. See the documentary that inspired the Museum’s special exhibition, “The First World War in Color.” (100 minutes). This event is free to the public and will be held in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium at the National World War I Museum.

**Saturday, March 20, 1 p.m.**

**Free Movie: *World War I in Color (Episodes 3 and 4)***

**“The Great War, the Great Movies” Film Series: WWI documentaries**

Episodes 3 and 4: “Blood in the Air” and “Killers of the Sea” of the series *World War I in Color*. See March 13 for details. (100 minutes). This event is free to the public and will be held in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium at the National World War I Museum.

**Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m.**

**Free Movie: *World War I in Color (Episodes 5 and 6)***

**“The Great War, the Great Movies” Film Series: WWI documentaries**

Episodes 5 and 6: “Mayhem on the Eastern Front” and “Victory and Despair” of the series *World War I in Color*. See March 13 for details. (100 minutes). This event is free to the public and will be held in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium at the National World War I Museum.

## Ongoing Special Exhibits

### **The First World War in Color: International Treasures from the National World War I Museum**

*On Exhibit through September 1, 2010*

*The First World War in Color: International Treasures from the National World War I Museum* offers vivid insight into the Great War by presenting newly acquired historical objects from countries around the world. Black and white photography which captured the grey images of the Great War failed to show the flashes of color seen by the soldier. *The First World War in Color* includes one-of-a-kind uniforms, helmets, books, textiles, medals and unique personal items from the Great War. Other extraordinary artifacts include original paintings, vivid posters, color photographs, postcards and documents.

### **Gary Cooper’s Academy Award for “Sergeant York”**

Gary Cooper was the only person that Alvin York trusted to portray his story from the Great War. York insisted that if Cooper was not part of the movie he would not authorize the film. Cooper’s 1941 portrayal of the World War I hero is considered one of his finest – and for his exceptional work he was awarded his first Academy Award® for Best Actor. Maria Cooper Janis, the daughter of Gary Cooper, loaned the National World War I Museum her father’s Oscar for the special exhibit.

These exhibitions are supported by Buffalo Funds and the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund.

The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed Mondays (except on major holidays). The Museum is also closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Last tickets for the Liberty Memorial Tower are sold at 4:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on the day of your visit. The Liberty Memorial is operated in agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. For more information call 816-784-1918 or visit [www.theworldwar.org](http://www.theworldwar.org).

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