



National World War I Museum

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National World War I Museum Announces Upcoming Programs including Memorial Day Events

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Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.

“Americans All” Lecture: “Between the Kaiser and the Czar: American Jewry and the Strains of World War I”

Dr. Abraham Peck, Director and Visiting Professor of Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Studies, University of Maine, will speak on *Between the Kaiser and the Czar: American Jewry and the Strains of World War I*. The series is made possible by a grant from the Barton P. & Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust and the Harry Portman Charitable Trust. The new “Americans All” Lecture Series explores the important role American minorities played during the Great War. This free event will be held in the Museum’s J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Tuesday, May 4 – Sunday July 11

Special Exhibition: “American Women Rebuilding France, 1917 – 1924”

“American Women Rebuilding France, 1917 – 1924” opens in Memory Hall. This exhibition, organized by the Franco-American Museum, Château de Blérancourt, France, consists of more than 40 vintage photographs and rare silent film footage that bring to life the extraordinary work undertaken between 1917 and 1924 by 350 American women volunteers who left comfortable lives to help the war-ravaged population of France. This exhibit is supported by the Florence Gould Foundation, the Edmond J. Safra Foundation and the American Friends of Blérancourt, Inc.

Friday – Sunday, May 7 – 9

Military Spouse's Weekend

The Museum honors military spouses with free admission throughout this weekend. All military spouses will receive a free admission to the Museum with official identification.

Tuesday May 11 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Wednesday May 12 (10 a.m. – Noon)

Boy Scouts of America Art Tour, Celebrating 100 years of Scouting

View the works of Norman Rockwell and other artists who documented Scouting's contribution to the fabric of America. The traveling works feature 16 paintings from Norman Rockwell and his understudy Joseph Csatori. This free exhibition is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and is on display in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium Lobby.

Saturday, May 15

Museum and grounds closed for special event.

Saturday, May 29, 1 p.m.

Free Lecture: "Gold Star Mothers and World War I"

Dr. Lisa Budreau, historian and author, will draw from her new book *Bodies of War: World War I and the Politics of Commemoration in America, 1919-1933* to talk about Gold Star Mothers. Book signing to follow. This free event will be held in the Museum's J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Sunday & Monday, May 30 – 31

Vintage Military Vehicle Display

The Military Vehicle Preservation Society displays vintage military vehicles on the Museum's Southeast Lawn. Their members will be available to answer your questions about their collections.

Sunday, May 30, 4 – 10 p.m.

Celebration at the Station

Enjoy a spectacular patriotic concert by the Kansas City Symphony. The free performance starts at 7:30 p.m. and concludes with a fantastic fireworks display over the Liberty Memorial Tower. Bring a blanket, chairs or a picnic and enjoy this great tradition. For details visit www.CelebrationAtTheStation.com.

Monday, May 31, 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Observance Ceremony

The free outdoor ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. with a color guard parade and includes performances by the American Legion Band, dedication of newly installed Walk of Honor bricks and a keynote address by Chaplain Major R. Patrick Moore. The Museum will open immediately following the ceremony (approximately 11

a.m.). Free parking and shuttle service are available on May 31 from the parking lots at Grand & 27th Streets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, May 31, 1 p.m.

Free Movie: "Gold Star Mothers: Pilgrimage of Remembrance"

See the 2004 film "Gold Star Mothers: Pilgrimage of Remembrance" which is part of the "The Great War, the Great Movies" Series. Produced by the University of Illinois Public Television Station, the film examines government-funded trips that took mothers to WWI cemeteries (60 minutes). This free event will be held in the Museum's J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Tuesday, June 1, 7 p.m.

Free Lecture: *Americans All! Foreign-born Soldiers in World War I*

Dr. Nancy Gentile Ford, Professor of History, Bloomsburg University, Pennsylvania will draw from her recent book "Americans All! Foreign-born Soldiers in World War I" to highlight the contributions of Italian Americans. Book signing to follow. The new "Americans All" Lecture Series is made possible by a grant from the Barton P. & Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust and the Harry Portman Charitable Trust. The "Americans All" Lecture Series explores the important role American minorities played during the Great War. This free event will be held in the Museum's J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Friday, June 4

First Fridays at the Museum

Explore the National World War I Museum and Liberty Memorial Tower during extended evening hours until 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 19, 1 p.m.

Movie Premiere: "The Red Baron"

Join us for a U.S. premiere of the new theatrical movie *The Red Baron*. At just 24, the Red Baron is the crack pilot of the German aerial combat forces – a man feared and respected by the enemy. For his countrymen, he is a symbol of pride, but the German high command increasingly misuses him for propaganda purposes. When he becomes aware of his role, this living legend is torn between his disgust for the war and his responsibility to his fighter wing (106 minutes).

Tuesday, June 29, 11 – 4 p.m.

President Wilson's 1919 Pierce-Arrow on View

See President Wilson's 1919 Pierce-Arrow car on the grounds of the National World War I Museum. The 1919 Pierce-Arrow limousine was waiting for Wilson at the dock in New York upon his return to America from France following the negotiations that created the Treaty of Versailles. This classic car has been restored to running condition. The event is co-sponsored with The Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, Staunton, Virginia.

Friday, July 2

First Fridays at the Museum

Explore the National World War I Museum and Liberty Memorial Tower during extended evening hours until 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 3, 1 p.m.

Free Movie: "Wilson"

This 1944 movie, which won five Academy Awards, traces Wilson's career from his tenure as Princeton University President and New Jersey Governor through his campaign and White House years. Aspects of his personal life are interwoven to provide a human perspective of this fascinating leader. The film stars Geraldine Fitzgerald, Alexander Knox and Vincent Price. Part of "The Great War, The Great Movie" Series. This free event will be held in the Museum's J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Monday, July 5

Special Monday Hours

Museum and Memorial open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is normally closed on Mondays.

Saturday, July 10, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Public Safety Day

The free event, which takes place on the Southeast Lawn, is designed to educate and inform the community, and especially youth, about the public safety resources available to them. This event will host numerous security, police, fire and medical static displays in a family friendly environment.

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. The exhibit is supported by Buffalo Funds and the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund.

Gary Cooper's Academy Award for "Sergeant York"
Exhibit Extended!

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.

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 for major holidays. The Museum is also closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Tickets can be purchased on the day of your visit. The National World War I Museum is operated in agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. For more information visit 816-784-1918 or visit www.theworldwar.org.

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