



National World War I Museum

Veterans Day Events at National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial

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Wednesday, November 11

Special Parking

Parking is available at the Hallmark Surface Lot, located at 27th & Warwick across from Main, with a complimentary shuttle to the Museum from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11, 10 a.m.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Veterans Day will be commemorated at this special ceremony. The event includes performances by the American Legion Band and speeches to honor the significance of this important day. The keynote speaker for the ceremony is Dr. James H. Willbanks, Director of the Department of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The ceremony concludes at 11 a.m. – a symbolic time on this special day – with the laying of a wreath. This free event takes place indoors in the National World War I Museum's J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Wednesday, November 11, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Free Admission to the National World War I Museum

The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial will be free for all visitors on Veterans Day, thanks to a gift from TriWest Healthcare Alliance. Guests who visit the Liberty Memorial's Tower will be charged regular admission.

Wednesday, November 11, 1 p.m.

Honoring Alvin C. York and Gary Cooper

For the first time ever, two stamps honoring Alvin York and Gary Cooper will be unveiled side-by-side by two descendents of these legends.

Alvin C. York of Pall Mall, Tennessee was the most decorated soldier of the Great War. He was awarded the Medal of Honor by General John J. Pershing for leading seven of his men on a daring attack of a German machine gun nest. As a result of this attack, four officers, 128 men and several guns were captured.

York's bravery was heralded forever through the popular movie *Sergeant York*, starring Gary Cooper. York himself insisted that Cooper, one of Hollywood's greatest stars, be cast in the title role. Cooper's moving performance earned him a Best Actor Oscar® at the Academy Awards. That Oscar is currently on exhibit at the Museum.

On November 11, the Museum has the honor of hosting not only Alvin York's son Andrew Jackson York, but also Gary Cooper's daughter Maria Cooper Janis. We are thrilled to bring these two families together for the first time so that they may briefly share reminiscences of their fathers, who are both important to the legacy of World War I.

The Gary Cooper stamp debuted this year as the 15th inductee into the Legends of Hollywood collectible stamp series. The stamp honoring Alvin York was issued in 2000.

After the stamp unveiling, the movie *Gary Cooper: American Life, American Legend* (1989) will be shown. The documentary on the life and career of the Hollywood icon is narrated by Clint Eastwood. Included are rare newsreels, home movie footage, and film clips from his Oscar®-winning performances in *High Noon* and *Sergeant York*.

The free event is co-sponsored by the National Archives at Kansas City and the United States Postal Service and will be held in the Museum's J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Thursday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

Free Event: Frédéric Chopin—A Voyage with Byron Janis

Internationally renowned American pianist Byron Janis will conduct a talk and demonstration on the life and works of Frédéric Chopin (1810–1849). A legendary interpreter of the celebrated composer, Mr. Janis will enthrall audience members with his knowledge and musical illustrations from the piano. Co-presented by the Harriman-Jewell Series. This event is free and will be held in the Museum's J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Saturday, November 14, 11 a.m.

"Liberty for All" Lecture Series and Book Launch

Dr. Jay Winter, Yale University, editor of and contributor to "The Legacy of the Great War: Ninety Years On," will discuss this new co-publication of the University of Missouri Press and the National World War I Museum. This ground-breaking book includes contributions by renowned WWI historians Sir John Keegan, Hew Strachan, Margaret MacMillan and Niall Ferguson. Based on a series of scholars forums

presented in 2007-08 by the Kansas City Public Library, Truman Presidential Museum, and the National World War I Museum. This free event is co-sponsored by the Kansas City Public Library and will be held in the Museum's J. C. Nichols Auditorium.

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 Memorial Day and Labor Day. 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.

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