

Over Here, Over There: America Enters the Great War



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100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ENTERING WORLD WAR I

2017 marks the centennial of U.S. entry in World War I. Although President Woodrow Wilson was re-elected under the popular campaign slogan “He Kept Us Out of War,” a number of cascading events ultimately turned him into a wartime president. On April 6, 1917 the U.S. declared war on Germany. Days later, Congress also voted to declare war on Germany’s ally Austria-Hungary. Abroad, the steady arrival of U.S. troops and materiel provided aide to the Allies at a critical moment in the war. The impact of U.S. involvement in the war was not limited to events abroad however. The war would also have a profound effect on the Homefront – where issues of race, gender, technology, mass media and national identity roiled beneath popular support for the war.

THE EVENT

To mark the centennial of U.S. involvement in World War I, the MacArthur Memorial and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum will host a one-day symposium that will culminate in the grand opening of the MacArthur Memorial’s new “Over Here, Over There” Special Exhibit. The Symposium will highlight the year 1917 – specifically the creation of the Norfolk Naval Base as well as the embarkation, arrival, and actions of U.S. troops in France.

SPONSORS

The World War I Centennial Symposium is FREE due to the support of these generous partners:

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

WHEN: Saturday, April 8, 2017. Doors open at 8:00 AM. Opening remarks begin at 9:00am. Event concludes at 2:30 PM.

WHERE: MacArthur Memorial Visitors Center
198 Bank Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

COST: FREE, but registration is required.

Register: <https://goo.gl/fW2emj>

PARKING: The MacArthur Center South Parking Deck is across from the MacArthur Memorial on City Hall Avenue. The entrance to this garage is at the intersection of Bank Street and City Hall Avenue. See MacArthur Center parking information for current rates: <https://www.shopmacarthur.com/parking>.

LUNCH: On your own; many restaurants are within walking distance.

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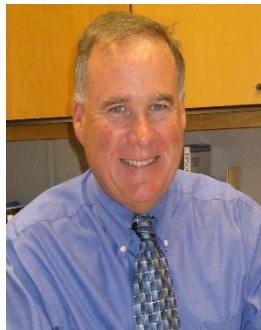
HOTEL: A special rate of \$114 is available at the Courtyard Marriott in Downtown Norfolk. To book, please call [1-800-894.7956](tel:1-800-894-7956) or [757-963-6000](tel:757-963-6000) and mention the MacArthur Memorial Over Here, Over There Event. To book online, visit www.courtyardnorfolk.com. Select your dates and use the following codes: King Bed: MMSMMS; 2 Queen Beds: MMSMMSB. All reservations must be made before midnight on March 13, 2017 in order to qualify for the group discount, otherwise standard rates apply. Guests booked under the group code will received discounted parking at \$14 per night.

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS



Alexander "Al" Barnes

"Al" Barnes is the command historian for the Virginia National Guard. He is the author of *In a Strange Land; The American Occupation of Germany 1918-1923*, *Let's Go! The History of 29th Infantry Division*, and *To Hell with the Kaiser, America Prepares for War 1916-1918*. He will discuss the mobilization, training and embarkation of U.S. troops in 1917.



Joe Judge

Joseph Judge serves as the curator of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. Previously, Mr. Judge was curator of the MacArthur Memorial. In 2000 he also became responsible for the interpretation of *USS Wisconsin*. The *Wisconsin* was subsequently donated to the city of Norfolk in 2009. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1979 and received a master's degree from the University of Virginia in 1981.



Matt Cheser

Matt Cheser is a graduate of Rutgers University and the University of Maryland-College Park. He served as a post-graduate fellow at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command from 2012-2014, and is now a historian at the Naval History and Heritage Command. His specialty is World War I and the intersection between cultural, military and political history.



James Zobel

James Zobel is the Archivist of the MacArthur Memorial and an expert on the life of General Douglas MacArthur. Zobel is the author of *MacArthur: The Supreme Commander at War in the Pacific* and is working on a history of Douglas MacArthur in World War I. At the symposium, he will discuss MacArthur's experiences in World War I and as well as the contributions of American forces on the Western Front.