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National World War I Museum and Memorial President & CEO Dr. Matthew Naylor Appointed to U.S. World War One Centennial Commission

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Dr. Matthew Naylor, President and CEO of the National World War I Museum and Memorial, was appointed as a commissioner of the United States World War One Centennial Commission.

Naylor was officially sworn in as a member of the commission during a ceremony on Friday, July 24 at the National World War I Museum and Memorial.

“I am extremely honored to serve on the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission,” Naylor said. “With the centennial of the Great War already underway, there is tremendous potential and opportunity for the Commission, the National World War I Museum and Memorial and other partners across the country to jointly commemorate and remember World War I and its enduring impact on the global community.”

The Commission was established by the World War One Centennial Commission Act by the 112th Congress and signed by President Obama on Jan. 16, 2013. The Commission is responsible for planning, developing, and executing programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I; encouraging private organizations and State and local governments to organize and participate in activities commemorating the centennial of World War I; facilitating and coordinating activities throughout the United States relating to the centennial of World War I; serving as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information about events and plans for the centennial of World War I; and developing recommendations for Congress and the President for commemorating the centennial of World War I.

The Honorary Chairs of the World War One Centennial Commission include former U.S. presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Current Commissioners include: Col. (Retired) Robert Dalessandro (Chairman), Edwin Fountain (Vice Chair), Jerry Hester, Col. (Retired) Thomas Moe, James Nutter, James Whitfield, Dr. Libby O’Connell, Major General (Retired) Alfred Valenzuela, John Hamilton, Dr. Monique Brouillet Seefried and Dr. Naylor.

About the National World War I Museum and Memorial

The National World War I Museum and Memorial is America’s leading institution dedicated to remembering, interpreting and understanding the Great War and its enduring impact on the global community. The Museum holds the most diverse collection of World War I objects and documents in the world and is the second-oldest public museum dedicated to preserving the objects, history and experiences of the war. The Museum takes visitors of all ages on an epic journey through a transformative period and shares deeply personal stories of courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice. Designated by Congress as America’s official World War I Museum and Memorial and located in downtown Kansas City, Mo., the National World War I Museum and Memorial inspires thought, dialogue and learning to make the experiences of the Great War era meaningful and relevant for present and future generations. To learn more, visit theworldwar.org.

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