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**Veterans Day Events to Honor Nation's
Heroes at the National World War I Museum Nov. 11;
Free Admission to the Public All Day**

Summary of Veterans Day Events

- * Free admission to the public on Veterans Day (9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.)
- * Donation Drive for Disabled American Veterans/Red Racks Thrift Stores (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- * Senator Claire McCaskill, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II, Mayor Sly James and Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders expected for public Veterans Day Ceremony in J.C. Nicholas Auditorium with keynote address from Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer A. Scott Berg (10 a.m.)
- * Kansas City Chiefs players tour the Museum with Ruskin High School ROTC students and veterans (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
- * More than 100 New “Walk of Honor” Bricks to be dedicated during a ceremony featuring patriotic songs by U.S. Army Chorale member and Iraq veteran Ron Guitierrez, a special presentation of Eagle Scout Bhavish Dinakar’s Guitar for Vets project, an address from Admiral (Ret.) Stanton Thompson and a keynote address from Commander (Ret.) Carlton Philpot and a presentation of all new honorees (1 p.m.)
- * Performance from the Lyric Opera Veterans Chorus (6 p.m.)
- * Presentation from Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer A. Scott Berg in J.C. Nichols Auditorium (6:30 p.m.)
- * Special exhibitions “[Over by Christmas: August-December 1914](#),” and “[Letters and Artworks from the War—Renefer: 1914-1918](#)” (All Day)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (November 11, 2014) – Armistice Day commenced on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1914, officially bringing an end to World War I.

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In the year marking the Centennial of the outbreak of World War I, there is no place more fitting to recognize and honor those who have served their country on Veterans Day than at the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial. Veterans Day is supported through the generosity of the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund of Kansas City, Missouri. Admission to the Museum and all events are free to the public through the generosity of Jackson County Executive and Jackson County Legislature.

Disabled American Veterans/Red Racks Donation Drive

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11

Where: U-Shaped Drive at the National World War I Museum

What: In honor of Veteran's Day, Red Racks, owned and operated by the Disabled American Veterans, and the National World War I Museum are hosting a donation drive in the U-Shaped Drive near the walkway leading to the Museum entrance. Accepted items include: gently used clothing, shoes, household items/décor and children's toys. All donations are tax deductible.

Day in the Life

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11

Where: Paul Sunderland Bridge/Entrance to main gallery

What: Living history volunteers will be on site to share stories of the Great War era and make history come to life!

Veterans Day Ceremony

When: 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11

Where: J.C. Nichols Auditorium at the National World War I Museum.

What: A formal public program to include:

- * Remarks from dignitaries including U.S. Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill, U.S. Missouri Fifth District Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II, Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Sly James (a former U.S. Marine) and Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders.
- * Keynote address from Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer A. Scott Berg
- * Placing the POW/MIA Chair Cover by veteran Gene Winslow (the POW/MIA chair cover is a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all foreign conflicts)
- * National Anthem performance from Lyric Opera Apprentice artists April Martin, Ashley Wheat and Tara Curtis
- * Musical performances from the American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City
- * Presentation of colors from the Native American Color Guard of Missouri
- * Recognition of the bicentennial of the Star Spangled Banner

Kansas City Chiefs Supporting Students and Veterans

When: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11

Where: R.A. Long Education Center/Museum Main Gallery

What: Kansas City Chiefs players join Ruskin High School ROTC students and veterans for a brief program where veterans will discuss their military experiences followed by a tour through the Museum galleries.

Walk of Honor Dedication Ceremony

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When: 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11

Where: J.C. Nichols Auditorium in the National World War I Museum

What: More than 100 new Walk of Honor granite bricks will be dedicated during a special ceremony. Entertainment will include patriotic songs by former U.S. Army Chorale member and Iraq veteran Ron Guitierrez. Local Eagle Scout Bhavish Dinakar will present guitars to Dr. Harold Frye as part of his Guitars for Vets project. Admiral (Ret.) Stanton Thompson will deliver opening remarks and Commander (Ret.) Carlton Philpot will deliver a keynote address. The Walk of Honor, nearly 10,000 bricks strong, is divided into three sections: bricks dedicated solely to those who served in World War I; bricks dedicated to veterans of any military service; and bricks that honor civilian friends, family or organizations. Walk of Honor bricks are dedicated twice each year during Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

Lyric Opera Veterans Chorus

When: 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11

Where: Paul Sunderland Bridge inside the National World War I Museum

What: The Lyric Opera Veterans Chorus offers a performance conducted by Richard Gibson, a Marine veteran who served in Iraq.

Woodrow Wilson: Fighting for Peace Presentation by A. Scott Berg

When: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11

Where: J.C. Nichols Auditorium in the National World War I Museum

What: Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer A. Scott Berg will discuss how the background of America's 28th President informed and influenced leading the United States into the greatest war the world had ever seen – all in his idealistic quest for a permanent peace. Cash bar and food are available at 5:30 p.m. A book signing follows the presentation.

Veterans Day Hours and Parking

The National World War I Museum and its galleries will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with free admission to the public. To accommodate expected high Veterans Day attendance, free parking and a shuttle service will be available from parking lots at Union Station from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

About the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial

The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial is the only American museum solely dedicated to examining the personal experiences of a war whose impact still echoes in the world today. The National World War I 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 located in downtown Kansas City, Mo., the National World War I Museum 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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