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National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial Launches Acoustiguide Audio Tour

Visitors to the National World War I Museum can now experience the stories of the Great War in an exciting new way: By taking an Acoustiguide Audio Tour.

“Thanks to a generous donation by the Estelle S. and Robert A. Long Ellis Foundation, we are able to better serve our guests by adding another learning opportunity to the Museum experience,” says Curator of Education Lora Vogt.

Visitors can access the Acoustiguide by renting a handheld device available for \$5 at the Museum Store, with Museum members receiving a discounted rate of \$3. The audio tour contains 24 stops located throughout the Museum’s main gallery and lasts about 40 minutes. Each stop consists of an image and accompanying audio recordings designed to add another layer of insight to the visitors’ experience.

“Most stops on the audio tour are designed to paint a more detailed picture of what was going on during certain points in the war,” Vogt says. “Other stops give further explanation of artifacts seen throughout the Museum.”

During the tour, listeners will hear from experts on the Great War, including the Museum’s Chief Historian Dr. Lisa Budreau and Senior Curator Doran Cart as well as noted authors and professors Dr. Jennifer Keene and Dr. Mark Whalan. Also, the Museum’s President & CEO Brian Alexander can be heard welcoming listeners in the Acoustiguide’s introduction.

“We were also honored to have international officers from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth help tell this global story by serving as the living, recorded voices for the words spoken by their countrymen nearly 100 years ago,” Vogt says.

In addition to the handheld devices, the Museum plans to launch an Acoustiguide mobile app, which will be available in both the iTunes Store and Android Marketplace, later this year.