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Spring Events at the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial

Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Eighth Annual Military Collectors Fair

Area private collectors of rare military artifacts from conflicts that span the ages share their treasures with the general public. Dozens of displays will be located in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium Lobby during this once-a-year event. No buying, selling or trading of artifacts is permitted. This event is included with admission to the Museum and free for members. Cosponsored with the Kansas City Military Collectors Club.

Wednesday, March 7, Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Free Lecture: Memorial Design

Memorials are an essential part of America's framework. They help us remember the past and, in so doing, serve as a lesson for the future. As part of Kansas City Design Week, explore the creative process and lessons learned along the way from expert memorial designers. Speakers include designers of the Hyatt Skywalk Memorial, the Overland Park 911 Memorial, and the Oklahoma City National Memorial. This free, public event will take place in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 14

Last day to view exhibition MAN AND MACHINE: THE GERMAN SOLDIER IN WORLD WAR I in Exhibit Hall.

Thursday, March 15

Walk of Honor Deadline

Last day to submit orders for Walk of Honor bricks to be dedicated on Memorial Day 2012. Order online or call Sonya Norton at (816) 784-1378 for more info.

Saturday, March 17, 2 p.m.

Ireland and World War I

As part of the United Kingdom, Ireland entered World War I against Germany in August 1914, and although Irish nationalists had long been fighting for a separate homeland, they also realized that

supporting the war effort would strengthen the chances of gaining their nation's independence. During *Ireland and World War I*, Archivist Jonathan Casey will discuss the various places, personalities and events that have a connection to Ireland in the Great War. Located in the Museum's Research Center, this event is included with admission to the Museum and free for members.

Sunday, March 18, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Day in the Life: Field Medical Care

Living History volunteers will be on-site to bring life to WWI artifacts and topics that inspire thought, dialog and learning. This event is included with admission to the Museum and free for members.

Wednesday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Adam Hochschild Presents WWI's Other War: The Battle Between Governments and War Resisters

The First World War killed some 9 million soldiers and perhaps an even larger number of civilians. Who tried to stop the carnage? New York Times best-selling author Adam Hochschild will discuss this unique look at the Great War as well as his most recent book, *To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918*, which will be available for purchase and signing at the event. Located in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium, this event is included with admission to the Museum and free for members. Cosponsored by UMKC.

Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

RECRUITS Game Day

Discover a unique hobby that promotes learning history through gaming. Members from RECRUITS, a historical, fantasy and sci-fi wargaming convention, will demonstrate WWI-themed miniature games in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium Lobby. Guests will be invited to play as well. Included with admission to the Museum and free for members.

Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m.

Medical Matinee: A Farewell to Arms

Medical Matinee is a medical-themed movie series.

This 1932 adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's novel features Gary Cooper as American soldier Lt. Henry and his ill-fated love affair with British Nurse Catherine, portrayed by Helen Hayes, during World War I. 80 minutes. Not rated.

Located in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium, this event is included with admission to the Museum and free for members.

Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m.

Life on the Battlefields 94 Years Later

Having lived on the battlefields of Third Ypres (also known as the Battle of Passchendaele), Charlotte Descamps brings the story of how a conflict that is about to slip away in time, is still affecting people's lives many years later. This illustrated lecture will take place in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium. It is included with admission to the Museum and free for members.

Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Day in the Life: Soldier's Burden: What He Carried

Living History volunteers will be on-site to bring life to WWI artifacts and topics that inspire thought, dialog and learning. This event is included with regular admission to the Museum and free for members.

Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m.

Medical Matinee: *In Love and War*

Medical Matinee is a medical-themed movie series.

A story of desperate love and imminent danger, Sandra Bullock and Chris O'Donnell star in this epic love story about Ernest Hemingway and the romance which inspired him to write his masterpiece *A Farewell to Arms*. (1996) 113 minutes. Rated PG-13. Located in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium, this event is included with admission to the Museum and free for members.

May 4 – 6

Military Spouse's Weekend

The Museum honors the military with free admission for active duty military personnel and their spouses throughout the weekend. Must show official identification.

Saturday, May 5, 2 p.m.

Anatomy of a Donation

One of last year's most popular member-only events is now open to the public! In this lively "show and tell," Senior Curator Doran Cart will talk about the largest single donation of objects and archival materials in the Museum's 92 year history. From initial contact with the potential donor, to actually seeing the materials in total, to packing and shipping, processing the items into the collection and finally, how objects and documents are used in the Museum will be illustrated. Located in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium, this event is included with admission to the Museum and free for members.

May 5, 6 & 7

Honoring Our History Traveling Gallery

The custom 18-wheel "big rig" truck that was transformed into a WWI gallery will be parked outside the Museum and open to the public

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors will be able to tour the traveling gallery free of charge, thanks to the generosity of Waddell & Reed in commemoration of the Kansas City company's 75th anniversary.

Monday, May 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Museum Open and Free to Public

The Museum will be open and free to the public, thanks to the generosity of Waddell & Reed in commemoration of the Kansas City company's 75th anniversary.

Saturday, May 12

Museum Closed for Special Event

May 27 & 28, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Vintage Military Vehicle Display

Vintage Military Vehicle Display on the Museum's southeast lawn. The Military Vehicle Preservation Association "Hell on Wheels" Chapter displays vintage military vehicles and their members are available to answer questions about their collection. Displays will include vehicles from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Free to the public.

Monday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Located on the south side of the Museum, the Memorial Day Ceremony begins with a color guard parade and includes performances by the American Legion Band, a keynote address and other speeches to pay tribute to the day's significance. The Museum will open immediately following the ceremony (approximately 11 a.m.).

May 28– September 3

Summer Hours

Museum open daily for summer season from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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