



## **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS FOUNDATION & NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM AT LIBERTY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP**

***Community partnership allows both organizations to further presence in Kansas City community***

(February 7, 2012) KANSAS CITY, MO: The Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation and the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial are pleased to announce a partnership which will allow both organizations to further their respective missions. The relationship will allow both organizations a unique platform to raise awareness for urgently needed military assistance programs as well as the nation's only museum dedicated solely to the First World War. The two organizations plan to partner together on several events in 2012 that will honor our nation's veterans as well as explore the history of World War I.

"Honoring veterans from the past and present is crucial to both organizations' missions and we look forward to working with VFW Foundation in this expanded capacity," said National World War I Museum President & CEO Brian Alexander.

"The National World War I Museum is a world-class facility, and we look forward to continuing to grow together," said VFW Foundation Director John Lowe. "The VFW Foundation is committed to honoring those who have sacrificed for our great nation and I am impressed with the museum's commitment to honoring those who served in 'the war to end all wars'."

The VFW Foundation is the official charity of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), America's largest organization of combat veterans. Both the VFW National Headquarters and Liberty Memorial have been staples of the Kansas City community since the 1920s. Since 2004, the VFW has provided over \$4 million in emergency financial assistance to military families and since 2007, the VFW has provided over 5 million free phone call connections to service members overseas.

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**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 preserving the objects, history and personal experiences of a war whose impact still echoes today. Designated by Congress as the United States' official World War I Museum and located in downtown Kansas City, Missouri, the Museum inspires thought, dialogue, and learning to make the experiences of the Great War era meaningful and relevant for present and future generations. By combining interactive technology with one of the greatest collections of World War I artifacts anywhere in the world, the Museum tells the story of the Great War through the eyes of those who lived it. Visit [www.theworldwar.org](http://www.theworldwar.org) for details.

**About Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation:**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation is the official charity of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), America's largest organization for combat veterans. Its mission is to support programs and services that provide emergency financial assistance for military families, free phone calls for deployed troops, VIP treatment for service members and their families at entertainment events, morale boosting events for military units, and critical services that guide veterans through VA entitlement claims. These programs and services are provided at no cost to the recipients. The VFW Foundation is one of the nation's highest rated 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. For more information, please visit [www.vfwfoundation.org](http://www.vfwfoundation.org). Its Return the Favor campaign is an awareness and fundraising effort to honor, celebrate, and support active-duty military, veterans, and their families. For more information, please visit [www.returnthefavor.org](http://www.returnthefavor.org).

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