



Please Join Us for a Media Preview

of the New Exhibit

***North Carolina and World War I***

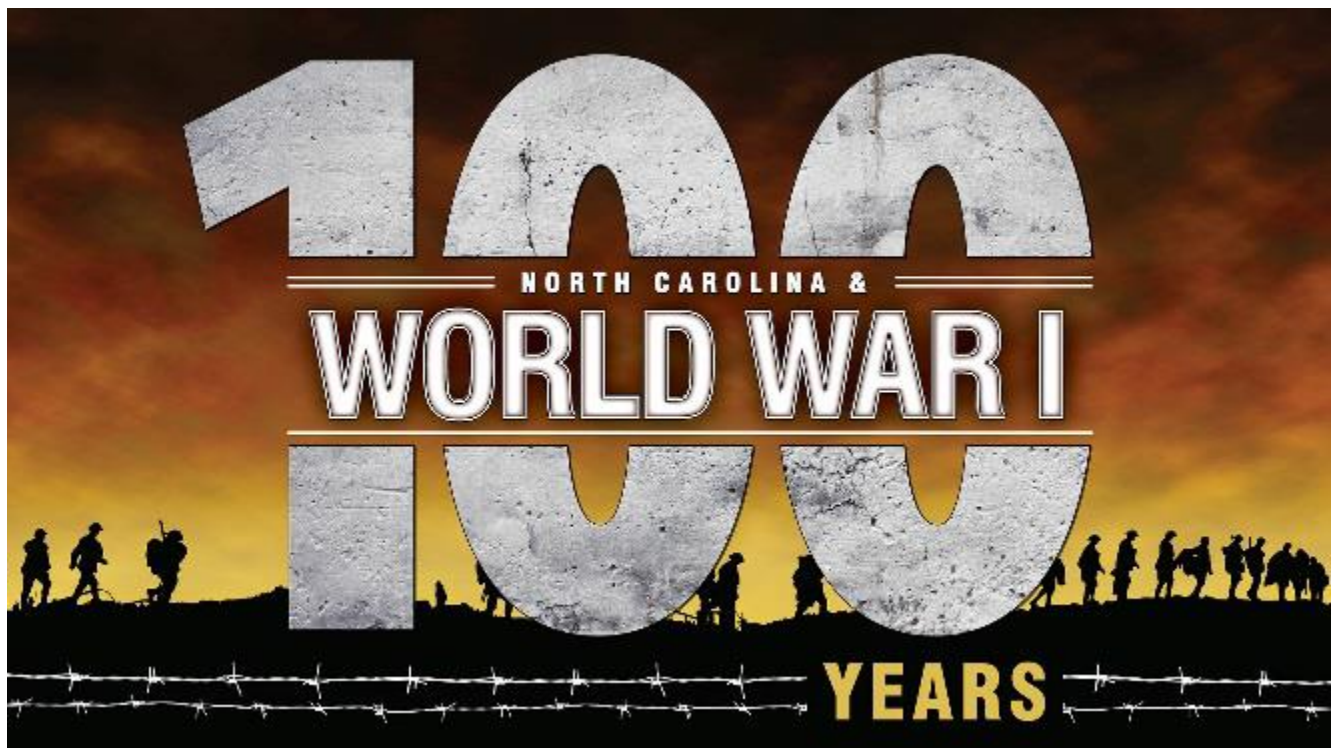
at the

**N.C. Museum of History**

5 East Edenton St., Raleigh

**Tuesday, April 4, 10 a.m. to noon**

*Remarks begin at 10 a.m.; a brief exhibit tour starts at 10:30 a.m.*



Join us for this pre-opening tour of a totally new museum experience: the North Carolina Museum of History's groundbreaking exhibit, [North Carolina and World War I](#).

Covering more than 6,500 square feet of gallery space, this exciting exhibit is believed to be **the largest of its kind** among state history museums.

Wind your way through a life-size trench system—complete with eight-foot-high, mud-plastered walls, hundreds of sandbags, lights and sounds of battle and, yes, even hand-painted rats—in addition to a reproduction field hospital, floor-to-ceiling murals, historic film footage, interactive video and over 500 artifacts.

The exhibit **officially opens April 8** with a [commemoration](#) to mark the centennial of U.S. entry into WWI. This full day of free family-oriented events will include an armored Humvee and a five-ton cargo truck from the National Guard, a bagpiper in WWI regalia, costumed reenactors, a mobile museum from the 82nd Airborne Division, film screenings, hands-on activities and much, much more.

The stories of numerous **Tar Heel soldiers** are distributed throughout the exhibit and include a special showcase of the African American 92nd Division. Discover these North Carolina connections to the Great War, and see firsthand how battle affected the state abroad and at home.

We hope to see you for the media preview on April 4! Be the first to step back in time and into the trenches of World War I. **#NCWW1**

**Please RSVP by Friday, March 31**—Elizabeth Beal at 919-807-7943 and [Elizabeth.Beal@ncdcr.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Beal@ncdcr.gov) or Marcie Gordon at 919-807-7995 and [Marcie.Gordon@ncdcr.gov](mailto:Marcie.Gordon@ncdcr.gov)—to hold your spot and request a parking pass.

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**For information about the N.C. Museum of History**, call [919-807-7900](tel:919-807-7900) or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

#### **About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate**

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

#### **About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the

arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit [www.ncdcr.gov](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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