

As we prepare for Hurricane Florence, we're reminded how military members work tirelessly to secure our safety every day. Thanks for all that you do.

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## **MILITARY SERVICES DAY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

*Paying tribute to families of all active and retired military members on Sat, Sept 29*

**RALEIGH, N.C.** — The North Carolina Museum of History, a proud [Blue Star Museum](#), is pleased to honor the service and sacrifice of North Carolinians who served during World War I at our [Military Services Day on Saturday, Sep. 29, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.](#) *Admission and parking are FREE.*

September 29, 2018, marks the 100-year anniversary of "Breaking the Hindenburg Line," the milestone deemed the turning point of during World War I that took more North Carolinian lives than any other battle during the war. Leading up to the centennial tribute of Armistice Day on November 11, 2018, the museum will feature special events related to the award-winning [North Carolina & World War I](#) exhibit, which will **close on January 6, 2019**. These events will help honor the service and sacrifice of North Carolinians who served during World War I.

The past is interwoven with the present at the start of the day, as [Wake and District](#), Raleigh's Bagpipe and Drum Band, kicks off the event at 11 a.m. on the Museum's front steps on Bicentennial Plaza. The band will lead attendees into the museum, and up to the 3rd floor where they will play for a few more songs.

Following the concert, visitors will disperse to enjoy entrancing offers from community organizations, including personal accounts of American war veterans, surprise hands-on WWI-related craft and activities for children, a variety of engaging and educational displays, and living historic interpreters interacting with visitors throughout the museum.

“The museum’s Military Services Day and WWI special centennial exhibition commemorate the service and sacrifice of North Carolinians during World War I,” said Jackson Marshall, museum deputy director and lead curator for the World War I exhibit. “September 29 is the date when North Carolina troops broke through the German ‘Hindenburg Line’ defensive stronghold that helped bring an end to the war, but with a loss of nearly 2,500 Tar Heels killed or wounded.”

The event will include a raffle, open to families of all active and retired military members (not just WWI-related) from across the state in attendance that day. As a Blue Star Museum, we will offer a raffle basket as a small token of gratitude for the service and sacrifice of these brave folks and their families. The raffle basket will include a free museum membership courtesy of the [Members of the North Carolina Museum of History \(MOHA\)](#) and a gift package from the [Museum Shop](#), as well as gift certificates from local retailers such as [North Hills](#) in Midtown Raleigh and [Crabtree Valley Mall](#). In addition, all families of active and retired military members are eligible for \$10 off Museum memberships and 20 percent off purchases at the Museum Shop.

Open since opening in April 2017, visitation for the museum’s blockbuster, award-winning [North Carolina & World War I](#) has surpassed 450,000 in August, cementing *the exhibit’s* status as the most-visited temporary exhibit ever created by the North Carolina Museum of History. This free, award-winning exhibit, scheduled to close in January of 2019, commemorates the centennial of US entry into World War I and focuses on North Carolina’s role in the War to End All Wars on the western front in France and Belgium.

The [North Carolina and World War I](#) exhibit and the museum are free, as is parking on the weekends. Major supporters of the exhibit are the North Carolina Museum of History Foundation and MOHA (the Museum of History Associates), members of the museum support group. For more information about the exhibition, please visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org/NCWWI](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/NCWWI).

**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

### **About the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate**

The NC 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 NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The NC 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 NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC 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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