



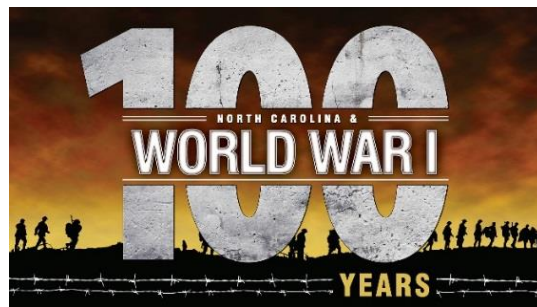
**REMINDER:**

**Media Preview** of the New Exhibit: *North Carolina and World War I*  
N.C. Museum of History, 5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh

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

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

DON'T MISS this **pre-opening tour** of the North Carolina Museum of History's groundbreaking exhibit, [North Carolina and World War I](#) .



**This week: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 marks 100 years to the day that the U.S. entered WWI.** North Carolina, among other states, was thrust onto the international scene and into the first modern war. Follow the stories of Tar Heel soldiers in our new exhibit, and discover North Carolina's role on the battlefield and at home.

**\*\*SPECIAL UPDATE:** The N.C. Museum of History, a **Smithsonian Affiliate**, will receive Kiffin Rockwell's uniform from the National Air and Space Museum to display in the exhibit. Rockwell grew up in Asheville, NC and was the first American pilot to shoot down enemy aircraft in WWI. We expect to have the uniform installed early this week.\*\*

This exhibit is believed to be **the largest of its kind** among state history museums! Visitors will be immersed in a life-sized replica trench environment, with **a maze of seven-foot-high walls** spread over much of the exhibit's 6,500 square feet. Hundreds of sandbags line the "earthen" trench, from one illuminated case to the next, and **interactive videos and film footage "periscopes"** dot the way. A re-created field hospital, wall-sized photo murals, historical film footage, and **heart-pounding battlefield sounds** and lights complete the scene.

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, film screenings, hands-on activities and much, much more.

*Please RSVP with Elizabeth Beal at 919-807-7943 or [Elizabeth.Beal@ncdcr.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Beal@ncdcr.gov) to hold your spot and request a parking pass.*

### **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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