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**MEDIA ALERT****New Military Exhibit opens at the North Carolina Museum of History**

Stroll through time and learn about the individuals from North Carolina who answered the call to war.



WHAT: New permanent exhibit, *Answering the Call: Experiences of North Carolina's Military Veterans, 1898-1945* officially opens.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 6, 2021

WHERE: North Carolina Museum of History
5 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

DETAILS: April 6 marks the 104th anniversary the United States formally entered World War I. This new permanent exhibit, produced by staff members of the North Carolina Museum of History, will lead visitors on a voyage of discovery related to the military experiences of those North Carolinians who stepped up to “answer the call” to service. Moving through time, visitors will learn about the lives of soldiers during each conflict and interwar period—from the Spanish-American War (1898) through World War II (1941-1945)—using artifacts, vignettes, graphics, video clips, and oral histories.

Admission is free.

Answering the Call was made possible by funding from the North Carolina Museum of History Foundation; the North Carolina Museum of History Associates; a grant from the US Department of Defense, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of World War II with

a series of programs and events focused on honoring WWII veterans and helping the American people gain a better understanding of their military's history; by support from the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. CBS17 News is the media sponsor for the exhibit. And special thanks to the State Archives of North Carolina and the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Pre-COVID 2019, more than 465,000 people visited 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 Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at affiliations.si.edu.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The North Carolina 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 natural assets 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, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.

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