

EIGHTEEN TEACHERS SELECTED TO STUDY WORLD WAR I IN EUROPE

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Eighteen educators from across America have been selected to participate in *Memorializing the Fallen* — a teacher professional development program from National History Day®. Sponsored by the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library, the program takes educators on the journey of a lifetime to rediscover the history of World War I and invigorate its teaching in America's classrooms.

Throughout the program, teachers attend virtual lectures, participate in discussions, and research a service member who never returned home. The academic portion of the program will be led by Dr. Christopher Hamner, an associate professor at George Mason University, and Dr. Kate Clarke Lemay, a historian with Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery.

In June 2019, the educators will venture to Europe where they will walk in the footsteps of history, making stops at Somme American Cemetery, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Suresnes American Cemetery, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, and battle sites and monuments at Belleau Wood, Verdun, and Meuse Argonne. On the final day of the program, teachers will attend the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles at the Palace of Versailles. This highly competitive program pays for travel to these locations as well as lodging, meals, books and more.

All of these activities support the development of the final products the teachers create: a lesson plan and a Silent Hero® profile. The teachers are developing in-depth lesson plans to focus on the legacy of the conflict. Both the lesson plan and the fallen hero profile will be released during the 2019-2020 academic year.

The goal for the *Memorializing the Fallen* program is to reinvigorate the teaching and learning of World War I in classrooms as we mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the war.

The following teachers have been chosen from 334 applicants for this competitive program.

Name	School	City, State
Mr. Scott Auspelmyer	Blythewood High School	Columbia, South Carolina
Mr. Hashim Davis	Richmond Prep Christian Academy	Richmond, Virginia
Ms. Pualeilani Fernandez	Hilo Intermediate School	Hilo, Hawaii
Mrs. Sarah Gallagher	Ripley High School	Ripley, West Virginia
Ms. Stephanie Hammer	William Monroe Middle School	Standardsville, Virginia
Mr. John Heeg	Robert Frost Middle School	Deer Park, New York

Mrs. Ann Jackson	B. R. Miller Middle School	Marshalltown, Iowa
Mrs. Kathryn Kennedy	James F. Doughty School	Bangor, Maine
Mrs. Megan Kopp	Milton Hershey School	Hershey, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Emily Lewellen	Brown County High School	Nashville, Indiana
Mr. Bradley Liebrecht	West Valley Junior High School	Yakima, Washington
Dr. Isabel Morales	Felicitas & Gonzalo Mendez High School	Los Angeles, California
Mr. Joseph Nowinski	Almond-Bancroft High School	Almond, Wisconsin
Dr. Joseph Russell	Plano East Senior High School	Plano, Texas
Mr. Michael Sandstrom	Chadron High School	Chadron, Nebraska
Mr. Brian Sheehy	North Andover High School	North Andover, Massachusetts
Ms. Kate Spann	Woodglen School	Califon, New Jersey
Mrs. Carissa VanderLey	Chamberlain High School	Chamberlain, South Dakota

About National History Day (NHD): NHD is a non-profit organization based in College Park that seeks to improve the teaching and learning of history. The National History Day Contest was established in 1974 and currently engages more than half a million students in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. Students present their research as a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website. Projects compete first at the local and affiliate levels. The top entries are invited to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD is sponsored in part by HISTORY®, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, and Southwest Airlines. For more information, visit nhd.org.

About the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission

The World War I Centennial Commission was created by Congress in 2013 to provide educational programs, public outreach, and commemorative events, regarding America's involvement in World War I. Information on the Commission can be found here ww1cc.org.

About the Pritzker Military Museum and Library

Founded in 2003, the Pritzker Military Museum and Library, located in downtown Chicago, is a nonprofit center where citizens and soldiers come together to learn about military history and affairs. The Museum and Library feature an extensive collection of books, programs, artifacts, and rotating exhibits covering many eras and branches of the military. Programs include a lending library, the archives, recorded TV shows, podcasts and oral histories, and museum exhibits. To learn

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