New Jersey and The Great War

Annual Conference 2017

Rowan College at Burlington County & Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

November 3 & 4, 2017

Marking New Jersey’s World War I Centennial

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**Schedule at a Glance**

**Friday, November 3, 2017, 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**
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**Saturday, November 4, 2017, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

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**New Jersey’s Military Bases and The Great War**

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<td>Fort Dix Bus Tour - Morning</td>
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<td>Collecting Fort Dix Stories, 369th Infantry Regiment, “Harlem Hellfighters”, Visit the Army Reserve Mobilization Museum</td>
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Registration, Breakfast, Exhibits  
Room 135 - 8:30 A.M.

Welcome and Presentation of Colors followed by Keynote Address  
Room 137 - 10:00 A.M.
- Opening remarks by Sara Cureton, Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Commission. The keynote speaker, Christopher Capozzola, is a Professor of History at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His talk is entitled, “Uncle Sam Wants You: New Jersey, the First World War, and the Making of Modern America.”

New Jersey Historical Commission Awards Presentation  
Room 137 - 11:00 A.M.

Morning Panels  
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Museums and Exhibits - Room 131
- **Chair:** Melissa Ziobro, Special Professor of Public History, Monmouth University
- **Speakers:** Joseph Bilby, Assistant Curator, National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey
  *Images of New Jersey at War*
  *The Keans Go to War*
  *A Crowdsourced Commemoration of “The Great War”*

Citizenship’s Limits during The Great War: Women, African Americans, and Immigrants - Room 148
- **Chair:** Maxine Lurie, Professor Emerita of History, Seton Hall University
- **Speakers:** Vivian Davis, Educator, Bronx County Historical Society
  *Claiming Fuller Female Citizenship: How the Great War Defined Women’s Social Roles in America*
  *An Educational Opportunity in a Segregated System*
  *Father Gross and The Great War: Conflicting Loyalties at Our Lady of Hungary Church and Perth Amboy, New Jersey*
  *For Cause and Community - New Jersey African Americans in the 369th Infantry*
New Jersey Historical Commission

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Lunch and Exhibits
Student Success Center - 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Afternoon Panels
2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Teaching World War I Using Primary Documents - Room 148

Chair: Steve Santucci, History Teacher, West Morris Mendham High School
Join history teacher Steve Santucci for an interactive workshop in engaging students with World War I history through primary documents.

Monuments and Landscapes - Room 135

Chair: Richard Veit, Professor of History and Chair of the Department of History and Anthropology, Monmouth University
Discussant: David Orr, Professor Emeritus Temple University

Speakers:
- Jonathan Lurie, Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University, Newark
  World War I in New Jersey: Excitement, Exhilaration, and Excess; Words and Images
- Douglas McVarish, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist, NJ Historic Preservation Office
  Goddesses, and Doughboys: Post War Commemoration in New Jersey
- Richard Veit
  Cannons by the Courthouse: Memory, Commemoration, and the Material Culture of Conflict in Modern Suburbia

Soldier Care Stateside: New Jersey's World War I Military Hospitals - Room 131

Chair: Bob Vietrogoski, Head of Special Collections in the History of Medicine, George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, Rutgers University Libraries

Speakers:
- Bob Vietrogoski
  Embarkation, Debarkation, Rehabilitation, General, and Base: An Overview of New Jersey's World War I Military Hospitals
- Nicholas Wood, Program Development Specialist, Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission
  The Curative Workshop: Reconstructing Soldiers for the Public Benefit
- Jennifer Harmsen, Educator, Hillsborough Township Public Schools
  Contrasting Responses to the 1918 Influenza Pandemic at Camp Merritt and Camp Dix
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Afternoon Panels
3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Over Here: World War I and the Homefront - Room 131

Chair: Mark Nonestied, Division Head, Middlesex County Office of Culture and Heritage

Speakers: Mark Nonestied
“Its vast manufacturing interest would be of great aid to the nation” The Industrial Contributions of Middlesex County during the Great War

Tyler Rudd Putnam, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Delaware
War as Hell: How American Soldiers Wrote about the Experiences of World War I

George Robb, Professor of History, William Paterson University
A New Jersey Library in the War

Exhibiting World War I - Room 135

Chair: Timothy G. Hart, Esq., Ocean County Historian and Division Director, Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission

Speakers: Flora Boros, Assistant Curator of Exhibitions, Rutgers University Library
Caryn Radick, Digital Archivist, Rutgers University
Curating the Past: Creating Rutgers’ “Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken!”

Robert Foster, Executive Director, Hoboken Historical Museum
Holly Metz, Author and Journalist
World War I Centennial: Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken

Rachael Goldberg, Coordinator of Museum Collections & Exhibits, Liberty Hall Museum
The Kean’s Go to War

Join the Conversation!

Throughout the day on November 3rd, we invite you to join the conversation about New Jersey’s WWI history. Visit one of our “WWI History Engagement Stations” and share your WWI story, photo, or personal object using the hashtag #FortDixStory. Don’t forget to share your general experiences at the conference using the hashtag #NJHCWW1.

Images courtesy of the New Jersey State Museum (Lend Him a Hand poster) and the National Archives.
Registration and Coffee - Room 103 - 9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Welcome and Presentation of Colors
Room 101 - 9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Welcome, Sara Cureton, Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Commission
CSM Randy Gillespie, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

Fort Dix Centennial, Major Robin Pacheco, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

Introduction to StoryCorps, Jaclyn Wood, Community Engagement Coordinator, Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts

New Jersey’s Military Bases and The Great War
Room 101 - 10:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Chair: Colonel Robert F. von Bargen, President, Armed Forces Heritage Museum

Howard E. Bartholf, Member, Army Historical Foundation
Camp Merritt - America’s Portal to the Great War

Melissa Ziobro, Special Professor of Public History, Monmouth University
From a “Jungle of weeds, poison ivy, and underbrush” to Fort Monmouth

Break

Jeff Ranu, ARDEC Historian, Picatinny Arsenal
Picatinny Arsenal during the First World War

Jason Huggan, Archaeologist and Cultural Resource Manager, Picatinny Arsenal
Lake Denmark Naval Ammunition Depot and into the First World War

Concurrent Activities

Tours of Fort Dix (The shuttle will leave from Timmerman Auditorium)
Take a rare guided bus tour exploring the history of Fort Dix. Two one-hour tours will be offered:

10:45 A.M. - 11:45 AM. Morning Tour
1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Afternoon Tour

Collecting Fort Dix Stories - Room 102 - 10:15 A.M. - 2:00 PM
Record your recollections of Fort Dix or personal stories of military service using the StoryCorps app.

Lunch - Room 103 - 12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

369th Infantry Regiment, “Harlem Hellfighters”
Army Reserve Mobilization Museum - 10:15 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Come meet the 369th Infantry Regiment, the “Harlem Hellfighters,” re-enacted by the Ebony Doughboys. The 369th will be camped on Base all day.

Visit the Army Reserve Mobilization Museum - 10:15 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.