

Press Release

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Adams County Historic Preservation Commission to host WW I Exhibits

The Adams County Historic Preservation Commission will be hosting exhibits honoring the Veterans of World War I, opening, on Friday, October 17, 10:00 am with an 11:00 am Ambassador Salute and Chamber Coffee at 615 Davis Avenue, Corning.

The exhibition includes World War I: Lessons and Legacies from the Smithsonian. It explores "the war to end all wars" and its lasting impact and far-reaching influence on American life. It redefined how we saw ourselves as Americans and its legacy continues today. World War I: The Honor Roll, from the State Historical Society of Iowa, features more than 4,000 names and corresponding photos from all 99 Iowa counties that the society collected from Iowa families who lost loved ones during the war. They sent out an initial call in 1920 and then again in 2017 to shore up the official records during the war's 100th anniversary. The display is the result of that research—and a tribute to a generation of Iowans who sacrificed their lives to the cause of freedom. World War I: The Doughboys of Adams County is an exhibit developed by the Adams County Historic Preservation Commission to commemorate, with a profile of each, the many soldiers and sailors that had a connection with Adams County.

On Thursday, November 6, Humanities Iowa and the Adams County Historic Preservation Commission will sponsor Michael Vogt, curator of the Gold Star Military Museum at Camp Dodge. Mr. Vogt will be in Corning to do two presentations, Camp Dodge: Home Away from Home 1917-1918. Following the US entry into the war, the War Department undertook the task of raising, training, equipping and arming a force large enough to successfully contribute the Allies war effort. Camp Dodge, Iowa was selected as one of 16 training camps for draftee soldiers. The small Iowa National Guard camp was expanded into the largest military base in Iowa's history and in the upper Midwest. The audience will learn how, from September 1917 through November 1918, 37,111 Iowa draftees left cities, towns and farms to become soldiers during the First World War. For these Iowans and other inductees from the upper Midwest, Camp Dodge became their new "Home Away from Home". The first program is scheduled for 2:00 pm at the Southwest Valley High School Auditorium, 904 8th Street, Corning. The second will be at 7:00 pm, in the Corning Community Center, 601 6th Street, Corning. On November 6, the exhibition will be open from 3:00 pm to 6:30 Pm.

The exhibits will be open each Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm as well as on Sundays, Noon to 4:00 pm from October 17 through November 9 and Monday November 10 as well as Veteran's Day, November 11 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The exhibition and the presentations are free and open to all.

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