



Sequoyah National Research Center Newsletter

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SNRC Partners with WWICC on Website

The Sequoyah National Research Center is pleased to announce a new partnership with the United States World War I Centennial Commission to commemorate the approximately 12,000 American Indians who served in America's military during World War I. On April 6, 1917, America entered into the war. Almost immediately, American Indians from across the United States volunteered in large numbers to protect and defend their homelands.

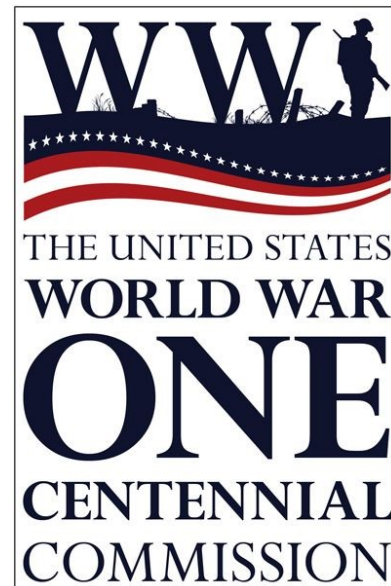
The U.S. World War I Centennial Commission (WWICC) was created by Congress in 2013 to commemorate the centennial of World War I over the next five years. They were to develop educational programs, organize activities, establish a National World War I Memorial in Washington, D.C., and serve as a clearinghouse for information related to the commemoration. To that end, WWICC has partnered with local, state, and regional entities to create a website about all things WWI.

SNRC was approached this past spring to create a website about American Indians in WWI due in large part to the Center's fall 2017 exhibit "Untold Stories: American Indian Code Talkers of World War I" and the efforts behind identifying the 12,000 American Indians who served in that war for the database "Modern Warriors of World War I." We are pleased to announce that the webpage "American Indians" will be forthcoming on the Commission's website, wwicc.org, this fall.

This summer, Center staff and interns have been diligently working to create information for the webpage. In the newsletter's "Summer Interns 2018," readers will learn of the Center's attempts to contact tribes and family members concerning American Indian servicemen. To that end, we still need your help identifying tribal members who served.

Stay tuned for updates on when the website will go live. Contact Erin Fehr at ehfehr@ualr.edu or 501.569.8336 for any information you may have about an American Indian service member. They deserve to be remembered.

Note: We ask for your help in identifying tribal affiliation for the list of men on the enclosed insert.



Center awarded Grant for Trail of Tears Project

The Sequoyah National Research Center (SNRC) at UA Little Rock received \$57,960 from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council to utilize touch-screen technology for teaching the Trail of Tears through Arkansas.

SNRC has worked closely in the past with the Trail of Tears Association, the National Park Service, and the Five Tribes of Oklahoma to document Indian removal through the state of Arkansas. This project will use the existing research at the Center to create a visual journey by utilizing a tilted touch-screen surface table that will incorporate maps of removal routes, key sites along each tribe's routes, historical information, photographs, timelines, and documents relevant to the tribes and the U.S. officials involved.

In this project, SNRC will also create a companion website for interested researchers around the world to experience the project without physically visiting the research center. The project will aid educators in telling a more complete history of the Trail of Tears through Arkansas that encompasses all five tribes. The project will begin this fall.

About the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council

The Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) was established by the Arkansas Legislature in 1987 to manage and supervise a grants and trust fund for the acquisition, management and stewardship of state-owned properties acquired or used for ANCRC approved purposes. The grants, funded through the state's real estate transfer tax, support projects that protect and maintain state-owned natural areas, historic sites and outdoor recreation. The ANCRC consists of eleven voting members and is administered by the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

For more information, contact Erin Fehr at 501-569-8336 or ehfehr@ualr.edu.



Call for Manuscripts: Sequoyah Chapbook Award

The Sequoyah National Research Center at UA Little Rock is pleased to announce the 2018 Sequoyah Chapbook Award for emerging American Indian and Alaska Native poets. The winning poet will receive 250 copies of the chapbook, which will be archived in the Center's Tribal Writers Digital Library.

Submission guidelines:

The Sequoyah Chapbook Award is open to any enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe in the United States. Poetry manuscripts should be between 20 and 36 pages in length and may be submitted in hard copy or digitally. Hard copy manuscript should be single-spaced, one poem per page, paginated, with a table of contents and bound with a binder clip. Digital submissions should be single-spaced, one poem per page. Individual poems may have been published previously in a journal or magazine, but we will not accept work that has appeared as a whole (self-published or otherwise).

A cover letter should include a short bio and identify the writer's tribal affiliation along with name, mailing address, email, and phone number. Those submitting paper copy should include a self-addressed stamped envelope for confirmation of receipt of the manuscript. Manuscripts will not be returned. Manuscripts in hard copy must be postmarked by **September 1, 2018**. Electronic submissions should reach the editor by noon CST on September 1.

Please mail hard copy submissions to: H.K. Hummel, Department of English, 501 Stabler Hall, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2801 South University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204. Digital submissions and questions regarding contest should be sent to dflittlefiel@ualr.edu and mevanslouten@ualr.edu.

Our mission is to acquire and preserve the writings and ideas of Native North Americans by collecting the written word, art and other forms of expression by Native Americans and creating a research atmosphere that invites indigenous peoples to make the Sequoyah National Research Center the archival home for their creative work.

Summer Interns 2018

This summer flew by in a whirlwind of activity at the Center that included three UA Little Rock interns and four students in our 9th year of the Native American Summer Internship Program. Our four Native student interns finished their internship July 27.

Courtney Peyketewa, a Seminole tribal member and graduate student at the University of Central Oklahoma, worked hard all summer in contacting tribes regarding their World War I service members. She made great progress and received several information-filled emails with names from various tribes. Additionally, she kept track of those that have created veterans memorials. All of this information will be available on the American Indians webpage on the World War I Centennial Commission's website in the coming months.

Kevin Briceland, an enrolled Cherokee from Jenks, Oklahoma, and doctoral student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, worked diligently on organizing Dr. Littlefield's personal papers to make them ready for processing in the future. He was able to create a helpful inventory on the Research series and the Dissertation series that will be utilized by researchers in the future.

Heidi Davis, Tlingit/Haida and recent graduate of UA Little Rock, and Stephanie Rabaduex, Haida/Tlingit graduate of UA Little Rock, completed watching all 1,263 films from the Jeanie Greene Heartbeat Alaska Film Collection. This was the third semester internship completed by Davis and Rabaduex. Additionally, they worked to make entries consistent and insure that raw videos created at the same time were labeled as such. This was another huge step in making the files ready to be uploaded online.

Additionally, our three UA Little Rock interns finished their work at the end of the month. Gene Richards transcribed approximately 200 pages of letters written by American Indian World War I veterans. Additionally, she searched some of the tribal newspapers for more information on these veterans. This will also be part of the Centennial Commission website.

Mark Vanslooten worked alongside Briceland in organizing Dr. Littlefield's papers. He tackled decades of correspondence and publications by Littlefield throughout his career.

Lastly, Jakob Cumper worked with Cherokee Agency Records on microfilm to cull Arkansans who applied to become Cherokee citizens but were denied at the beginning of the 20th century. We appreciate all of the hard work that these seven interns did over the summer. We wish them the best in their upcoming endeavors.



Left to right: Kevin Briceland, Courtney Peyketewa, Heidi Davis, and Stephanie Rabaduex

Photo by Ben Crain.

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PATRIOT NATIONS:

Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces



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Please join us Thursday, September 6, for the opening of *Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces*, a traveling exhibit produced by the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. Native Americans have served in our nation's military since colonial times, and serve today at a higher rate in proportion to their population than any other ethnic group. *Patriot Nations* tells their story. The reception will take place 4-6pm with light refreshments.

The exhibit will be supplemented by materials from the Center's collections on World War I veterans. The display will be open to the public Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm until November 30, 2018.

Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces was produced by the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. The exhibition was made possible by the generous support of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

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Diné [Navajo] code talkers Corporal Henry Bahe, Jr. and Private First Class George H. Kirk. Bougainville, South Pacific, December 1943.

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