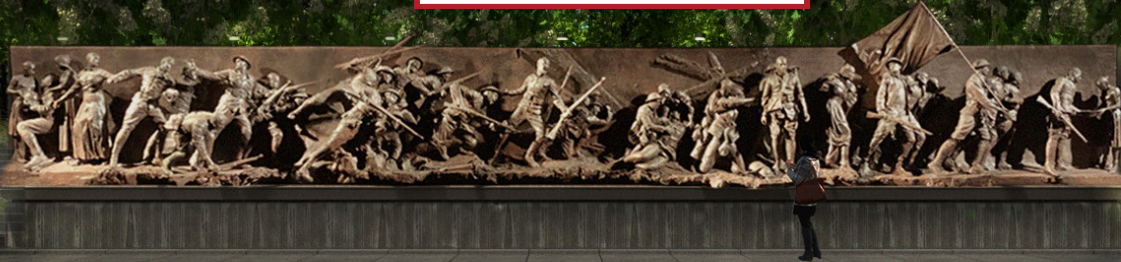


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NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL



The First Colors Ceremony is designed to “bring our history home.”

The story begins with an American flag that first flew over the United States Capitol on April 6, 2017, commemorating the Centennial Day when the United States entered the Great War in 1917. This commemorative flag was then flown over the American World War I battlefield cemeteries of Europe, to honor the 116,516 individuals who gave the last full measure of devotion. It continued its journey to fly over the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. The flag now returns home to its final destination in Washington, DC, where it will fly high above the National World War I Memorial. The trip this commemorative flag has made recalls the epic journey to Europe by the legendary Doughboys, honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice on the fields of battle, and rejoices with their triumphant return home.

A mission remembered, and, through the First Colors Ceremony, a promise fulfilled.



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