

Announcing the First 50 Official 'WWI Centennial Memorials'

The WWI Centennial Commission announced its first round of winners in its 100 Cities / 100 Memorials program

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On September 27th, the United States World War One Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library announced the first 50 official "WWI Centennial Memorials" from 100 Cities/100 Memorials program.

Although the 100 Cities / 100 Memorials program submission period lasted a full year, from July 2016 to July 2017, since the April 6 centennial of the U.S. declaration of war and the subsequent national awakening about World War I, the interest and focus on local WWI memorials around the country has had a large resurgence.

Rather than simply extending the submission period, the 100 Cities / 100 Memorials program Executive Committee has resolved to select and to name the first 50 awardees now, and then to re-open a new submission period starting today, September 14, 2017, through January 15, 2018. In this way, we are opening the National Matching Grant challenge to the many additional WWI memorial projects manifesting around the country. Aside from the dates and deadlines, the competition rules and regulations will remain essentially unchanged and can be found at ww1cc.org/100Memorials.

The extension is called: 100 Cities / 100 Memorials Round #2. All entries that were submitted in Round #1, but were not awarded a grant, are automatically entered into Round #2. Additionally, those participants' entries will be opened for editing allowing them to add to, edit and update their submissions until the closing of Round #2.

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Through this program, we found that every project submitted is amazing in its own right. Though we are announcing 50 awardees today, literally every submission received deserves recognition and congratulations. The program sponsors, supporting organizations and project staff wish to thank everyone who has and everyone who will be participating in the program. The dedication and honor you have shown to your community, your history and our national heritage is genuinely humbling. Thank you.

Furthermore, during the World War One Centennial Commission meeting in Washington DC on September 13, 2017, the Commission resolved to designate the awarded memorials as “Centennial Remembrance Memorials” and as the congressionally designated U.S. government body for the national Commemoration of World War One, to make such a designation an official national designation.

All awardees will therefore be presented with an official certificate to that effect and the program will make a bronze medallion of the designation available to the awarded memorials suitable to be affixed to them.

The 100 Cities / 100 Memorials program sponsors are the World War One Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library. Both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are signed on as supporting organizations. Read United States World War I Centennial Commission Executive Director, [Daniel Dayton's full statement](#).

The round #1 awardees are:

