Marine Corps History Division World War I Centennial Historical Symposium
Schedule of Events, Presentations and Speakers

18 JULY 2018
0800 – 1530  Location: Simmons History Center Atrium
  • Static displays of historical uniforms and weapons, historical publications and archival materials.
  • Registration and check-in all day
  • For Registration Packet email: history.division@usmcu.edu

All panels will be held in Warner Auditorium

0900-0915  Welcome and Administrative Notes—Annette Amerman

0915-0945  Guest Speaker—PENDING

0945-1000  Break

1000-1100  Showing of “The Devil Dogs” Movie

1100-1200  Family Roundtable—Moderated by Annette Amerman
Families of World War I Marines are encouraged to attend and ask questions of our gathered historians and other experts, share stories and cherished items.

1200-1330  Lunch on own

1330-1445  Panel A: “Getting There, Over There and Never There: Disparate Aspects of the US Marines in the Great War”
  • Chair and Commentator: Curtis A. Utz, Naval History and Heritage Command
  • “Putting Them Across: The US Navy and USMC Strategic Logistics in World War I”
    By Christopher B. Havern, Sr., US Naval History and Heritage Command
  • “War of Adaption and Innovation: USMC Infantry Tactics in World War I”
    By MAJ Christopher J. Ghiz, US Army (Ret), Naval History and Heritage Command
  • “A Bluejacket at Chateau Thierry: A Case of Stolen Valor”
    By Richard A. Hulver, PhD, Naval History and Heritage Command

1445-1500  Break

1500-1630  Panel B: “Marines Aloft at Home and Abroad”
  • “1st Marine Aeronautic Company in the Azores”
    By Sergio Rezendes, PhD, Institute of Contemporary History
  • “Marine Flying Field, Miami: Where World War I Marine Aviators Became 1st Marine Aviation Force”
    By Kathryn Rinehart, Independent Scholar and University of Central Florida Volunteer

As of 8 Feb 18
• “Marine Aviation in World War I”  
  By Rhonda Smith-Daugherty, Alice Lloyd College

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1030-1145  Panel C: “The Other Wars: Marines in Dominican Republic and Triumph of Manhood”
• “Marines, the Great War, and the Triumph of American Manhood”  
  By Mark R. Folse, PhD Candidate, University of Alabama
• “Los Perros Diablos Dominicanos: Dominican Devil Dogs and the Battle for Hispanola, 1917-1918”  
  By Justin C. Pergolizzi, PhD Candidate, University at Albany

1145-1200  Break

1200-1330  Panel D: “Creating Something from Nothing: Marine Aviation Before and During the Great War”
• Chair: Dr. Hal Friedman, Henry Ford College
• “Establishing a New Mission: The Birth of USMC Aviation in the First World War”  
  By Dr. Laurence M. Burke, II, National Air and Space Museum
• “Fire from the Sky: World War I and the Emergence of Marine Corps Aviation as a Modern Combat Force”  
  By Dr. Geoffrey L. Rossano, Salisbury School
• Commentator: Dr. David J. Ulbrich, Norwich University

1330-1430  Lunch on own

1430-1530  Panel E: Marines with the Army and Small Unit Actions
• “Marines as Doughboys: Assessing the US Marine Corps’ Emergence as a Modern Infantry Fighting Force, 1916-1920”  
  By Dr. Earl J. Catagnus, Jr., Valley Forge Military College
• “Small Unit Action in World War I”  
  By Dr Leo Daugherty, US Army Cadet Command

1530-1615  Panel F: “The Battle of Blanc Mont, October 1918”
• Lieutenant Colonels Pete Owen, and John Swift, USMC (Ret)
1615-1700 Panel G: “Humor and Artwork in War”
- “The Art of War: John W. Thomason, Laurence Stallings and Thomas Boyd”
  By Madeleine Johnson, Independent Scholar and Writer
- “The Mud and the Mirth: The Humor of World War I Marines”
  by Dr. Cord A. Scott, University of Maryland University College Asia

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1115-1200 Panel H: AEF Radio Intelligence
- “How Effective was AEF Radio Intelligence in Supporting Combat Operations?”
  By Betsy Rohaly Smoot, National Security Agency (Ret)

1200-1330 Lunch on own

1330-1445 Panel I: Marine Combat Leaders
- “America’s Greatest World War I Hero: Major George W. Hamilton”
  By Mark Mortensen, Author
- “Hold the High Ground: Logan Feland’s Leadership in World War I”
  By David J. Bettez, PhD, University of Kentucky (Ret)

1445-1500 Break

1500-1530 Panel J: Marines in the Occupation
- “The 4th Brigade in the Occupation of Germany, December 1918-September 1919”
  By CW-4 Alexander F. Barnes, VaARNG (Ret), Virginia National Guard History

1530-1600 Closing Speaker—To be announced