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**WORLD WAR I
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Call for Papers

Massachusetts National Guard WWI Centennial Conference
“The National Guard in World War I”
October 19-20, 2017
Boston, MA

The Massachusetts National Guard is pleased to call for papers for its WWI Centennial Conference, hosted by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

“The National Guard in World War I”

America surged when war was declared, with both Regulars and Militia mobilizing to meet the new threat – Germany and the Central Powers. History over the past century has emphasized the accomplishments of the Regular divisions (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th,...) and National Army divisions composed of draftees (77th, 82nd, 88th, 91st,...). As it concerned the accomplishments of the National Guard “Militia” the history has mainly focused on the 42nd “Rainbow” Division.

This conference is intended to reflect all National Guard contributions to both the record at the Western Front and with how it maintained its mission on the Home Front. Massachusetts, in league with their five New England state counterparts, quickly assembled the 26th “Yankee” Division, the first complete US Army division comprising four infantry regiments, artillery regiment, and support. The 26th “Yankee” Division was the first US Army division to arrive in France in its entirety and conduct training in Positional War. Their accomplishments rivaled their Regular counterparts on the line and the YD established an illustrious record from the Chemin des Dames frontline in February 1918 to the Verdun battleground and the Armistice on 11 November.

In addition to the legacy of the 26th “Yankee” Division, the conference emphasizes the important contributions of the entire National Guard – which deserve special attention during the Centenary underway. The Massachusetts National Guard welcomes papers, presentations, and panel discussion members to this event to celebrate that record – from the National Guard Soldier and Airmen to the Divisions and US Aero Squadrons — that made an important contribution to the Great War.

Individual Paper and Presentation proposals must include a one-page abstract of the paper, one-page vita, and contact information, including email. If accepted, individual papers will be assigned by the program committee to the conference schedule.

Panel proposals must include a panel title (along with the full names and institutional affiliations of each participant and the full title of each paper), a one-page abstract summarizing the theme of the panel, a one-page abstract for each paper proposed, and a one-page curriculum vitae for each panelist (including the chair and commentator), with email addresses and other contact information provided for all participants.

Poster proposals: The WWI Centennial Conference will feature a poster session to allow military historians (especially doctoral students) to share their research through visual materials. Proposals for single, individual presentations may be submitted as posters.

All submissions should be sent in a single PDF document, which includes all elements (abstracts, CVs, and contact information). Submissions sent in different formats will not be accepted.

Please submit all proposals to the Massachusetts National Guard WW1 Centennial Conference “The National Guard in World War I” electronically to Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Love
[geoffrey.e.love.mil@mail.mil] by **August 1, 2017**.