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World War I Armistice Centennial Exhibit Celebration at the State Library

- **WHAT:** Opening of *California in World War I: 100th Anniversary of Armistice*, a joint exhibit by the California Military Department, State Military Museum and the State Library commemorating the end of “the war to end all wars.”
- **WHEN & WHERE:** **1:30 pm, May 24, 2018** --California State Library, 3rd Floor, Library and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.
- **WHO:** Major General David S. Baldwin, Adjutant General of the State of California, State Librarian Greg Lucas, invited lawmakers and members of the armed forces. The public is welcome.

California in World War I – 100th Anniversary of Armistice features period arms, uniforms, division flags and insignias and a gasmask to protect soldiers during combat on loan from the California State Military Museum and Center for Military History.

Archival materials from the State Library include letters written by soldiers while overseas, diaries, photo albums, and photographs. The Memorial Vestibule on the first floor of the Library and Courts Building permanently commemorates Californians who served in World War I.

Military Museum volunteers in World War I uniforms will be in attendance. Music of the era will be featured. The armistice that ended the First World War took effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. It coincides with Veterans Day today in the United States.

The exhibit runs through March 2019 at the State Library, 9:30 to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

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About the California State Library

Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state’s rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners’ diaries, newspapers, and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications, and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Braille and Talking Book Library. www.library.ca.gov

About the California Military Department and the California State Military Museum

The California Military Department includes the California Army National Guard, the California Air National Guard, the California State Military Reserve and the California Youth Programs. A planned 75,000 square foot California State Military Museum and Center for Military History will open at 2814 B Street in midtown Sacramento. It will have 75,000 square feet of display, educational, administration and artifact storage and conservation space.