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WORLD WAR I EXHIBIT OPENS AT LOUISIANA STATE ARCHIVES

BATON ROUGE, La.—Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin invites the public to visit the Louisiana State Archives to view “The World Remembers” exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The exhibit, which runs through Dec. 28, includes a digital display of more than one million names of individuals who died in the war as well as items from the collections of the Archives. The digital portion of the exhibit will end on Nov. 9.

Most notably, the Archives’ collection of World War I military posters will be on display. The posters were printed to encourage the public to support the war by eating less meat and wheat, buying U.S. bonds and joining the service. In addition to the posters, military uniforms, photographs and original correspondence will be featured. Finally, Louisiana State University’s Textile & Costume Museum is graciously loaning the Archives an original World War I Red Cross uniform worn by a volunteer in a Baton Rouge facility.

“We are honored to host an exhibit that pays tribute to almost 88,000 American soldiers who gave their lives as well as thousands more from 15 other nations,” Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin said. “Their service is well noted, especially as we approach the mid-term congressional elections. Voting is one of the most sacred rights we hold as Americans, and these men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice so we could enjoy that freedom.”

Aside from the exhibit, the Archives Research Library has a host of documents, records and books available for view. The collection includes separation papers of Louisianians who served in World War I, military posters, draft registration cards and more.

Admission to the Archives is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible. The exhibit will be open during Archives operating hours: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the Archives, call 225.922.1000 or visit www.sos.la.gov/archives.

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