

Keynote Speaker Dr. Mitchell Yockelson

Mitch is a professor of military history at Norwich University and the author of four books: *Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing's Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I*; *Borrowed Soldiers: Americans under British Command, 1918*; *MacArthur: America's General*; and *Grant: Savior of the Union*. He is the chief historical advisor to the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission.

His talk: *Woodrow Wilson and John Pershing: Why America Entered World War I and How Its Forces Helped Lead the Allies To Victory*.

“After standing on the sidelines for three years, on April 6, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson brought the United States into World War I. After a lengthy mobilization to build up and train the Army, General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing led the American Forces on the Western Front where the doughboys proved themselves at the pitched, grinding battles of Cantigny, Belleau Wood, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, and the forty--seven day long Meuse-Argonne battle. Dr. Mitch Yockelson will explain how America helped our Allied partners defeat the German Army in 1918.”

Highlights of the Conference

- Free Guided Tours of Providence Academy
- Historic Displays at the Providence Academy
- Live Performance of World War I Songs



Military History Talks

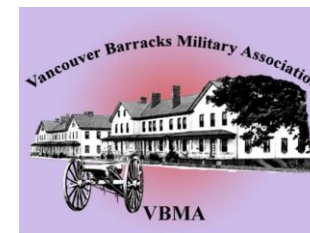
- Military Mobilization in the Pacific Northwest
- New Technology, such as Airplanes, Ambulances and Submarines
- African-American Soldiers in the Great War
- Women Joining the War Effort
- The Spanish Flu
- Labor and Unrest Surrounding the War

For More Information on the Conference
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Vancouver Barracks World War I National Centennial Conference May 25 – 27, 2018 At the Historic Vancouver Barracks



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The Hundred Year Anniversary of the United States Entry into World War I

The war raged through Europe from 1914 to 1918. The United States was carefully neutral, until April 6, 1917, when it joined Great Britain and the Allied Powers, declaring war against Germany and its allies, the Central Powers.

United States troops landed in France in June 1917, and entered combat in October. The first U. S. soldiers died on November 2, 1917. Fighting continued, until the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918. In that time, the United States military suffered over 300,000 casualties, changing the world.

This conference commemorates these changes, both overseas and at home, as well as the sacrifices of all participants.

**Friday, May 25, 2018, 5 – 8 PM,
Conference Opening
Social Mixer at the
Clark County Historical Museum
1511 Main St, Vancouver, WA**



Saturday May 26, 2018

Providence Academy 8 AM – 5 PM
Open to the General Public, Fee Free!

- Historic displays on World War I
- Guided tours of the Providence Academy
- Interactive family activities
- Concert: Songs of World War I

At the Artillery Barracks and
Marshall House
for Paying Attendees



MORNING

8:30 AM – 1 PM Opening talk by
Keynote Speaker Dr. Mitchell Yockelson,
followed by other presentations.

AFTERNOON

2:00 PM Spruce Mill Tour
4:00 PM. Tour Historic Displays
4:30 PM. World War I Song Concert

EVENING

6:00 PM Possible no host cocktail
meet up in Vancouver. No details yet,
please be patient with us.

Sunday May 27, 2018

Providence Academy 8 AM – Noon
Open to the General Public, Fee Free!



- Historic displays on World War I
- Guided tours of the Providence Academy
- Interactive family activities

At the Artillery Barracks
for Paying Attendees

MORNING

8:30 AM – 1 PM Military history presentations.

AFTERNOON

1:00 PM Closing Ceremonies
2:00 PM Tours:

At this point, we have several tour possibilities, including:

- Tour of the Vancouver Barracks Post Hospital
- Tour of the Vancouver Barracks Post Cemetery
- Architectural Tour of Officers Row
- Tour of the Historic Marshall House