

## World War I Centennial events in Washington, D.C. Nov. 8-11

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*Wall design developed by Joe Weishaar, to be executed in bronze by sculptor Sabin Howard, is part of the World War I Memorial design under review*

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More than four million American families sent their sons and daughters to serve in uniform during World War I. 116,516 U.S. soldiers died from combat and disease. Another 200,000 were wounded, a casualty rate far greater than in World War II. More than 350,000 African Americans served in the U.S. military, as did Native Americans and members of other minority groups. And, for the first time, women joined the ranks of the U.S. armed forces.

Nov. 8, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. ["A First Look"](#) Pavilion Experience - Open to the public

The First Look Pavilion provides an all-day immersive multimedia presentation of the coming National World War I Memorial, at the location of its future home. Using large graphics, video, and physical display to

provide A FIRST LOOK at what the memorial will be, offers some insight into how it has come about, and the Memorial's current status. You will also learn how you can participate in its ultimate creation including videotaping your reaction and thoughts after your "First Look". With your visit to the First Look Pavilion, you will have a clear concept and vision of this wonderful tribute to the men and women who, 100 years ago, helped shape the world we live in today.

Nov. 10, 5 p.m. – The New Orchestra of Washington: [End of the War to End All Wars](#)

Church of the Epiphany

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I – the Great War – ended. The New Orchestra of Washington, Washington Master Chorale, and Music Viva NY commemorate this solemn occasion one hundred years later with a co-commission from acclaimed American composer Joseph Turrin, based on texts by war poets. The program also features works by Holst and Ravel, both composers directly affected by World War I.

Nov. 10, 7 p.m. – Washington National Opera: Silent Night,

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

On Christmas Eve at the height of World War I, a spontaneous cease-fire arises between enemy soldiers. Based on the true story and 2005 film, Silent Night features Pulitzer Prize-winning music in multiple languages, capturing humanity and hope amidst a devastating war

Nov. 10, 7 p.m. – John Brancy and Peter Dugan: A WWI Memorial in Song

The National Museum of American History

Join us as we mark the centennial of the end of World War I with a musical tribute to the war that changed the world. Starring baritone John Brancy and pianist Peter Dugan, this performance explores timeless themes of longing, loss, love, and the search for peace in the wake of catastrophe. It pays homage to the many composers who lived through, fought, and died in the war, and illuminates the way that WWI changed the face of music, song, and poetry forever.

Nov. 11, 10 a.m. - Sacred Interfaith Workshop Service

Washington National Cathedral

A Sunday morning worship service will remember the sacrifices of the 4.7 million Americans who served in the Great War and honor the role the U.S. military has played in preserving peace and liberty around the world for the last 100 years.

Nov. 11, 10:30 - 1 p.m., D.C. War Memorial Commemoration

The District of Columbia National Guard in partnership with the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. will hold a [World War I commemoration event](#) at the D.C. War Memorial on the National Mall. Activities include an honor guard, band, tribute and wreath laying and reading of names. The names of 499 men and women from the District of Columbia who gave their lives in World War I are inscribed on the memorial as a perpetual record of their patriotic service to their country. Of the names inscribed on the memorial, 49 are District of Columbia National Guardsmen.

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