



## **Humanities Council Little Lecture Marks Centennial of America's Entry into World War I**

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Charleston, WV — Since 2001 the Humanities Council has presented the annual Little Lecture Series at its historic MacFarland-Hubbard House headquarters in Charleston. The 2017 series starts on Sunday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. with the presentation “The American Army and World War I” by Dr. David Woodward.

Woodward is history Professor Emeritus at Marshall University and a well-known WWI scholar. He has served as a WWI consultant for the BBC and written numerous articles and eight books on subjects ranging from David Lloyd George’s role in the Great War and U.S. relations with Great Britain in 1917-1918 to the British campaign in Palestine. His book *The American Army and World War I* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2014.

Professor Woodward will discuss America entering the Great War on April 6, 1917; the development of the American Expeditionary Force as a modern army with 20<sup>th</sup> century weaponry and its contribution to ultimate victory; and the leadership of President Woodrow Wilson and General John “Black Jack” Pershing.

Admission to the lecture is \$10 and includes refreshments after the program. Seating is limited and people interested in attending should confirm that seats are available by calling 304-346-8500 no later than noon on Thursday, March 23.

The remaining Little Lectures for 2017 are:

- April 30        *Why Shakespeare Matters* by Gabriel Rieger
- May 21         *The Story of Henderson Hall Plantation* by Randy Modesitt
- June 25        *West Virginia Musicians and the Nashville Sound* by Travis Stimeling

All Little Lectures are presented on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. in the MacFarland-Hubbard House, located at 1310 Kanawha Boulevard, East, in Charleston. For more information visit [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org) or contact program officer Mark Payne at 304-346-8500 or [payne@wvhumanities.org](mailto:payne@wvhumanities.org).

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