The WFA East Coast Branch Presents:

The Spring 2016 World War 1 History Symposium!
Saturday June 11, Maryland War Memorial Building, Baltimore

Join Us For An Exciting Day-Long Program in World War 1 History!

“African American Doctors of World War 1” - Following America’s entry into WW1, 104 African American physicians volunteered for service in the 92nd and 93rd Infantry Divisions – the US Army’s two segregated combat units. Based on their exciting new book, WFA East Coast’s own Doug Fisher and Joann Buckley will recount the highlights of these remarkable individuals in terms of their prewar medical training, their wartime experiences in the US and France, along with their careers serving black communities in early 20th century America.

“Liebe Kück! A German Soldier’s Story from The Great War” - Vice Feldwebel (staff sergeant) Alwin Ficke of the German 74th Reserve Infantry Regiment witnessed WW1’s campaign in the West from August 1914 until his death the following year. A regular correspondent, Ficke’s letters home portray a different picture than that featured in many popularized histories of German actions in France and Flanders. Author Peter Lubrecht presents his story, based on his recent book of the same title.
"Hold Still, Madame – Wartime Gender and the Photography of Women in France" - How were images of women in the French media created and used by the state during The Great War? Dr. Nicole Hudgins of the University of Baltimore demonstrates how traditional feminine traits contributed to a male-designed and directed war effort, while also concealing instances of female dissent, which included feminist, socialist, popular and pacifist objections to the war - based on Dr. Hudgins’ study recently published by the University of St. Andrews.

"Betrayal at Little Gibraltar" – The capture of Montfaucon was a key event in the opening stage of the 1918 Meuse-Argonne offensive – America’s greatest battle of WW1. After years of research author William T. Walker reveals a side of the battle nearly lost to history. Was the capture of this German strong point with its cost of 122,000 American casualties necessary or even part of the original plan? Learn the role of Gen. Robert E. Lee Bullard in shaping the attack and its ultimate outcome. Based on the new book from Scribner.

"U-Boat in the Patapsco! The curious career of the submarine DEUTSCHLAND" – The 1916 arrival in Baltimore of the German commercial U-Boat DEUTSCHLAND was heralded by German-Americans as the answer to the British blockade of Imperial Germany. In this last year of America’s WW1 neutrality, pro-German sentiment was not necessarily unpatriotic, though this event served to highlight a growing divide in public opinion. WFA East Coast’s Paul Cora examines the impact of the DEUTCHLAND’s visit in the context of American neutrality and its trials for German Americans.

The symposium will also include door prizes, refreshments, films, table displays of WW1 memorabilia, book signings and a Branch-sponsored WW1 used book sale! To donate or consign books for sale, please contact Branch book sale manager Steve Gehnrich: scgehnrich@salisbury.edu
**General Information**

**WHEN:** Saturday June 11, 2016. Sign-in, refreshments, meet-and-greet begin at 8:30 AM with Opening Remarks at 9:30 AM.

**WHERE:** MD War Memorial Building, 101 N. Gay St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

**Cost:** $35 per person, $10 students. WFA members in good standing receive 20% off the registration fee (as a member in good standing you must currently receive the WFA publications STAND TO! and THE WFA BULLETIN six times per year). Becoming a Member of the WFA has never been easier - visit: www.westernfrontassociation.com.

**Display Tables:** There are a limited number of display tables available for WW1 artifacts/memorabilia. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like one - first come, first served.

**Parking:** 1) St. Vincent’s Church, 101 N. Front St. (opposite the War Memorial across President St/ I-83 terminus) this is a free lot available to us on a first come, first served basis. 2) Impark Garage (15 Guilford Ave., Baltimore MD 21202) located just west of the War Memorial– weekend flat rate of just $5.00, garage opens at 9AM.

**Lunch:** On your own; there are numerous restaurants in walking distance.

**Directions:** From the north, I-695 Baltimore Beltway to I-83 S into downtown Baltimore. At the end of the expressway, the War Memorial is immediately on your right. From the south, I-95 N toward downtown Baltimore, take exit 53, I-395 N. (Ravens Stadium will be on your left). Turn right at Pratt St., then left at Gay St.; the War Memorial is at the intersection of Gay and Fayette Streets.
Symposium Registration Form
(Please print and return with your payment – mail-in deadline June 6, 2016)

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# _____ Students @$10 ..........................................................
# _____ WFA Member Students @$8 .................................

Total Amount Enclosed........... ______

_____ I would like a display table for my WW1 memorabilia (one table per person)

Please make checks payable to “WFA East Coast”, and mail completed registration to:

Karl Klusewitz
135 Hollowbrook Rd.
Timonium, MD  21093

Mail-in deadline: Monday June 6, 2016. Seating is limited, however, if you miss the mail-in deadline but would like to attend, please contact Karl Klusewitz:
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For more information on the symposium, contact Branch Chairman Paul Cora:
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