

World War I Centennial Commemoration
World War in Europe-1914-1918; United States 1917-1918
“In Honor of Those Who Served in the World War
In Defense of Liberty and Our Country”

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<p>At the beginning of the 20th century a conflict erupted in Europe that rapidly escalated into a war of unprecedented destruction and bloodshed. About 65 million soldiers fought, and over 9 million of them died. The war involved 36 countries around the world, including the United States, which sent 2 million men and women overseas. The guns fell silent on November 11, 1918, originally known as Armistice Day and is presently observed as Veteran’s Day in the United States. Peace did not officially come until the following year. The years 2014-2018 marks the centennial of WW I in Europe and the United States (2017-2018)</p> <p><i>Statistics from: National World War I Museum</i></p>	<p>The United States military (American Expeditionary Force) played a KEY ROLE in WW I. In ONE Year (1917-1918) U.S. sustained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,355,000 mobilized forces • 116,516 killed • 204,002 wounded • 4,500 Prisoners of War • 323,018 Total Casualties <p>www.pbs.org/greatwar/resources/casdeath_pop.html</p> <p>The United States helped turn the tide in favor of the Allies</p> <p>121 men received the Medal of Honor for their actions in World War I (34 of them posthumously) 92 from the Army, 21 from the Navy, and 8 from the Marine Corp. Among the recipients were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alvin York, who later became the basis for the movie <i>Sergeant York</i>, • Edward Rickenbacker, who became a flying ace. • Ralph Talbot of the Marine Corps also became a flying ace and was the first Marine aviator to receive the Medal of Honor. 	<p>198,000 Texans saw service in the Armed Forces during the war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division • Ninetieth Division • 450 Women served in WW I as nurses • At least 5,170 Texans died in the Armed Services including 7 women from the U.S. Army and Navy nurse Corps • 4,748 dead served in the Army • 1/3 of the deaths occurred inside the US as a result of Influenza Epidemic of 1918. • 4 Texans were awarded the Medal of Honor <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Handbook of Texas</i></p>	<p>Military Camps were established to train men for service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Travis at San Antonio (Ft. Sam Houston) • Officers’ Training School Leon Springs Military Reservation was established. (Camp Bullis) • By mid-1917 fields were built in Texas including Brooks Field (later Brooks Air Force Base) and Kelly Field (later Kelly Air Force Base) in San Antonio <p>Congressional Medal of Honor Winner-David Barkley first Hispanic to win the medal was from San Antonio</p> <p>WW I Veterans buried at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Antonio National Cemetery-517 Paso Hondo, San Antonio, TX 78202 (including David Barkley) • Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery 1520 Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio, TX 78209

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It's the soldier, not the poet, who has given us Freedom of Speech.

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the Freedom to Demonstrate.

It's the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the Right to a Fair Trial.

It's the soldier who salutes the flag, serves under the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag,

Who gives the protestor the right to burn the flag.

~Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC