

## **The Centennial of World War I and the National World War I Museum and Memorial: Special Exhibitions**

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In 2013, the staff of the United States' National World War I Museum and Memorial developed themes and guiding questions for how the museum, which opened in 1926, should use the museum's international collection and exhibitions in yearly (1914-1919) observances of the Centennial of WWI. My presentation will illustrate how this was done and is being done. The museum specifically collected new objects and documents for each of the years to enhance what was already in the diverse collection of all nations involved in the war. The exhibitions include [\*Over by Christmas, August – December 1914\*](#) to [\*Crucible: Life and Death in 1918\*](#) and beyond.