



## ***Press Release***

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### **ALABAMIANS IN THE GREAT WAR EXHIBIT TO OPEN AT THE MUSEUM OF ALABAMA ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Montgomery, AL 10/28/14 – The Museum of Alabama’s new temporary exhibit, *Alabamians in the Great War*, will open to the public on **Sunday, November 9, 2014**, following a presentation by Rod Frazer on his new book, *Send the Alabamians: World War I Fighters in the Rainbow Division*, beginning at **2 pm**. The exhibit will be housed in the newly restored *Alabama Treasures* gallery at the Museum of Alabama, located on the second floor of the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) building in downtown Montgomery.

*Alabamians in the Great War* tells the story of Alabama’s contributions to victory in World War I, the conflict that made the U.S. a leading global power. Artifacts from the museum’s extensive holdings, including numerous recent acquisitions, are complemented by items on loan from private collections—many never before available for display. This exhibit is expected to be on display for the next several years as Alabama and the nation commemorate the centennial of America’s entry into the war in 2017. The *Alabama Treasures* gallery, where the exhibit will be located, has been restored to its original 1940s appearance, utilizing many of the museum’s original display cases.

At 2 pm on November 9, Montgomery author Nimrod T. (Rod) Frazer will present his new book, *Send the Alabamians*, in the ADAH’s Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium. Published by the University of Alabama Press in 2014, this book recounts the story of the 167th Infantry Regiment of the World War I Rainbow Division from their recruitment to their valiant service on the bloody fields of eastern France in the climactic final months of World War I. ***The Alabamians in the Great War* exhibit will open at the conclusion of this presentation.**

Admission to both events on November 9<sup>th</sup> is **free**. The *Museum of Alabama* is open Monday-Saturday, 8:30am-4:30pm. For more information call 334-353-3312. Visit the museum’s website at [www.museum.alabama.gov](http://www.museum.alabama.gov) and follow the ADAH on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. *Alabamians in the Great War* is made possible in honor of Nimrod T. Frazier by the generous support of his colleagues at Enstar U.S.A., Inc. Restoration of the Alabama Treasures gallery is made by Mr. and Mrs. Guice Slawson.

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