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ARCHIVES MAKES WWI EXHIBIT AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITIES ON CENTENNIAL OF WAR

Montgomery, AL (4/6/17) – On the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I on April 6, 2017, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) is launching **Alabama History D.I.Y**., a new program that will offer curated museum exhibits and other how-to resources to local museums, archives, historical societies, government, and other community organizations around the state.

The first exhibit available through Alabama History D.I.Y. is _Art of the Great War: WWI Posters from the Alabama Archives._ It features historic WWI posters from the collections of the ADAH illustrating an array of calls to action in support of the war effort. These colorful posters provide a striking reminder of the wartime experiences of Alabamians on the home front.

Through a simple application process, local organizations may obtain high-resolution, print-ready exhibit graphics along with an installation and publicity guide. The primary requirement for display is that the exhibit be placed in a space accessible by the general public. Use of the exhibit materials is free of charge. Print and installation expenses are the responsibility of local organizers. An application and additional details can be found at www.alabamahistorydiy.org.

"Alabama History D.I.Y. grew from our commitment to increase Alabamians' access to the amazing materials in our collections," said ADAH director Steve Murray. "As America commemorates the centennial of WWI, the _Art of the Great War_ exhibit provides local communities a powerful, cost-effective way to remember the experiences and sacrifices made a century ago."

In the future, the ADAH plans to make other exhibits available through the Alabama History D.I.Y. website, along with helpful resources and information about caring for historic collections at home.

Art of the Great War is one of many commemorative programs being promoted by the Alabama World War I Centennial Committee, which publishes a blog and other resources online at www.ww1cc.org/alabama.

For more information about Alabama History D.I.Y. or the _Art of the Great War_ exhibit, contact ADAH Communications Coordinator Georgia Ann Hudson at georgiaann.hudson@archives.alabama.gov or (334) 353-3312.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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