

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: World War I Centennial Commission

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year		
World War I Centennial Commission	2024		
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.		
World War I Centennial Commission	2477		
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	08/08/2013	07/28/2019	09/30/2024
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
Yes	PL112-272	09/30/2024	
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Terminate	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority	Statutory (Congress Created)		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
PL112-272	01/14/2013	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee	Other Committee		
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
0	0	0	0
17d. Total	0		
Meetings and Dates			
No Meetings			

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

PL 112-272 established the Commission and was amended by PL 113-291, Subtitle J, Section 3091. The Commission received a \$7 million appropriation for FY21. This appropriation was used to fulfill commemorative and educational programs about WWI, to support administrative function, and to support construction and development of the National World War I Memorial. Until March 2020, no appropriated

funds were used for the development/construction of the National WWI Memorial -- up to that point, the Memorial was to be built using donated funds only. The Commission therefore entered into an MOU with The United States Foundation for the Commemoration of the World Wars (USFCWW) to serve as its principal fund raising organization for the WWI Memorial. In March 2020, PL 116-94 (WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES) lifted the prohibition on using FY20 appropriated funds for the National World War I Memorial and additionally allowed executive agencies to allocate funds and resources to the WWICC. In FY23, the appropriation was \$1 million for sustainment as the Commission awaits the completion of the sculptural element for the Memorial.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

PL 112-272 provides for 12 appointments as follows: 2 members by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 1 member by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; 2 members by the majority leader of the Senate; 1 member by the minority leader of the Senate; 3 members by the President from persons who are broadly representative of the people of the United States; 1 member by the Executive Director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; 1 member by the Executive Director of the American Legion; 1 member by the president of the Liberty Memorial Association

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Committee meetings are crucial to operation of Commission. Decisions central to function of the Commission are made by Commissioners at these

meetings. Meetings are held at least annually.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Commission is established by Public Law 112-272 which law related the following findings:(1) From 2014 through 2018, the United States and nations around the world will mark the centennial of World War I, including the entry of the United States into the war in April 1917.(2) America's support of Great Britain, France, Belgium, and its other allies in World War I marked the first time in United States history that American soldiers went abroad in defense of liberty against foreign aggression, and it marked the true beginning of the "American century".(3) Although World War I was at the time called "the war to end all wars", in fact the United States would commit its troops to the defense of foreign lands 3 more times in the 20th century.(4) More than 4,000,000 men and women from the United States served in uniform during World War I, among them 2 future presidents, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Two million individuals from the United States served overseas during World War I, including 200,000 naval personnel who served on the seas. The United States suffered 375,000 casualties during World War I, including 116,516 deaths.(5) The events of 1914 through 1918 shaped the world, the United States, and the lives of millions of people. (6) The centennial of World War I offers an opportunity for people in the United States to learn about and commemorate the sacrifices of their predecessors.(7) Commemorative programs, activities, and sites allow people in the United States to learn about the history of World War I, the United States involvement in that war, and the war's effects on the remainder of the 20th century,

and to commemorate and honor the participation of the United States and its citizens in the war effort.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Daniel Stuart Dayton Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Debra	10/17/2016	09/30/2024	The Veterans of Foreign Wars	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dunning, Maria	12/12/2017	09/30/2024	Contractor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hamby, Terry	12/14/2016	09/30/2024	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moe, Thomas	04/17/2013	09/30/2024	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Monahan, John	02/28/2017	09/30/2024	American Legion	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Naylor, Matthew	07/20/2015	09/30/2024	CEO National World War I Museum	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
O'Connell, Libby	08/03/2013	09/30/2024	Historian	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sedgwick, Theodore	06/24/2016	09/30/2024	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Seefried, Monique	07/15/2014	09/30/2024	42nd 'Rainbow' Division Memorial	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Valenzuela, Alfred	08/13/2013	09/30/2024	Retired military officer.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

Not Applicable

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

To bring an historical understanding to the American People of the profound effects of World War I on the nation and the world, that we might never repeat it. To build National World War I Memorial in Washington, DC.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000

- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable. The Commission does not have grant-making authority.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Commission website is completed. www.worldwar1centennial.org