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The First State at the Front: WWI and the Road to Victorious Peace
New Exhibition Opens November 17

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Historical Society will open a new exhibition on November 17, 2017, entitled *The First State at the Front: WWI and the Road to Victorious Peace*. The exhibition will run through 2018. Commemorating the centennial of the U.S. entry into World War I, the exhibition explores the experiences and sacrifices of Delawareans at war and on the home front, featuring many of the Delaware Historical Society's rich collections, including a soldier's muddy boots and garrison cap, a flag from a Gold Star family, letters to loved ones, photographs, scrapbooks, victory medals, and a wealth of wartime propaganda posters. One of the highlights of the exhibition is an invitation to a welcome home event in Wilmington for returning soldiers, celebrating the "victorious peace" that inspired the exhibition's title.

Visitors will be transported to 1917 as they explore differing attitudes towards the United States' entry into World War I, the experience of African American soldiers, and the many organizations and activities at home that supported the war effort abroad. Individually, these items tell fascinating stories about Delawareans living through a war that awakened them to a new global reality. Together, they paint a broader picture that speaks to the very human cost of war.

Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Admission: Adults \$6.00; Seniors (65+)/Military/Student(with i.d.) \$5.00; Children (3-18) \$4.00

About the Delaware Historical Society

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark, Read House & Gardens located in Old New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email deinfo@dehistory.org, or visit www.dehistory.org.

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