

University of Wisconsin-Stout: University events to mark Veterans Day, WWI centennial

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Activities planned week of Nov. 11; special concert is Dec. 7

Menomonie, Wis. — Veterans Day, this year coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, will be commemorated the week of Nov. 11-17 and beyond at University of Wisconsin-Stout. Several activities have been planned for the week, and a special WWI-themed concert is scheduled in early December.

Veterans Day is Sunday, Nov. 11, and will be officially observed Monday, Nov. 12. In 1918 an armistice signed Nov. 11 by the Allies and Germany ended fighting in WWI. The date later became known as Veterans Day. The U.S. entered the war in 1917. Approximately 120 Stout Institute students and alumni served. Five of them died, according to the book, “An Idea Comes of Age: UW-Stout, 1891-2016.” The first casualty was alumnus Marvin Thompson, 22, a Menomonie native. He died July 15, 1918, in France, where he is buried.

Veterans Week events

The Veteran Services Office, the Veterans Club and the Army ROTC program at UW-Stout are coordinating Veterans Week events.

- On Monday, memorial flags will be placed in the amphitheater of the Memorial

Student Center, one for each member of the U.S. military who died while serving the country in the past year.

- On Tuesday, the Veterans Club and ROTC will hold the Freezin' for Freedom fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the lawn south of the student center. The public can pay to throw water balloons at veterans and ROTC cadets. Proceeds will go to the Military Science Club.
- On Wednesday, the Veterans Administration Medical Center will provide health care information to veterans from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the student center. A suicide prevention team from the VA will hold a free Operation SAVE suicide prevention workshop from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

On Friday, join the ROTC for a physical training session from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. at Johnson Fieldhouse, followed by a free breakfast in Merle M. Price Commons. Veteran Services will have an information table in the student center during the week and a world map at which veterans can mark where they have served.

Symphonic Singers, Chamber Choir WWI commemorative concert.

UW-Stout's Symphonic Singers and Chamber Choir will host one of the official World War I

Centennial Commission events at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

910 9th St. E. The concert will mostly feature music from the United Kingdom, France and Germany composed during the war.

Conducted by Associate Professor Jerry Hui, with pianist Michaela Gifford, the Silent Night

program will highlight stories from the Christmas Truce, when soldiers from both sides ceased fire over Christmas to sing carols, greet each other and exchange gifts.

Collaborating with UW-Stout on the program are University Archives and the Dunn County

Historical Society, which have researched university and local history during the time.

Historical accounts will be read during the concert, and an exhibit will include war artifacts.

Tickets are \$5 and are available online , at the Service Center in the student center, 715-232-1122, and at the door.

Memorial Student Center

The Memorial Student Center is named in honor of university students, faculty and staff who have served their country. A wall of honor on the lower level recognizes those who have died while serving. UW-Stout is Wisconsin's Polytechnic University , with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry, and career outcomes.