

# “YOU, YOUR FAMILY and WWI!”

The Great War. The War to End all Wars. Maybe you have heard and read some things about it. It certainly did affect Illinois and McLean County in many ways. Join us in exploring WWI in this Centennial Year. Did any of your ancestors serve in WWI? Did they die while in the service? Do you know where they are buried? Are there family stories? Photos? Memorabilia? How do you start looking for records? Are military records different? Join us for an introduction to genealogy and especially military genealogy! Learn what to look for in those old pictures. Hear family research tips. A power point presentation will walk you through the process.

The presenter is **Chris McDonald, Ph.D.**, born and educated in the UK, Dr. McDonald completed his Masters and Doctoral degree in Political Science at the University of Georgia. He has now been teaching at Land of Lincoln Community College in Springfield for 20 years. He has held numerous faculty leadership positions and was awarded the highest teaching honor, the Pearson Master Teacher award. He has conducted extensive research, written and taught various aspects of the “Great War”, and conducted tours of the battlefields. He is a regular presenter at the Illinois Military Museum, serves on the Illinois WWI Centennial Commission and is published. Q & A will follow the presentation.

This is a FREE event and all Veterans, their families and friends, and the community are warmly invited to attend. This is the second of several special WWI events that the John H. Kraus VFW Post 454 is helping to make possible. It takes place on **Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm** at the VFW 454 Post, 1006 E Lincoln Street in Bloomington, Illinois. For more information call Jim Waters at 309-827-9733 or Suzanne Kraus at 773-573-9252.

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