

Journal Notes

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Native Sons & Daughters Step Into the Trenches at WWI Museum

November 11 is a special day in history but will also have special significance for the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Not only was it the day in 1918 when World War I ended, but it will also be the day that the Native Sons & Daughters will tour Kansas City's National WWI Museum at Liberty Memorial.

As a bonus a special tour will be given by Native Son, and Museum booster, Carl DiCapo with a special appearance by John Dillingham, past president of the Native Sons & Daughters and current president of the Liberty Memorial Association.

The Liberty Memorial houses the only federally recognized World War I museum and memorial in the country.

On December 2, 2006, the National World War I Museum opened. Envisioned by the people of Kansas City, designed by Ralph Appelbaum Associates, and designated by Congress as the nation's official WWI Museum, the new state of the

art complex at Liberty Memorial uses highly-interactive technology to bring history to life, and to foster timely discussions of ethics, values, decision making and conflict resolution.



The site for the Liberty Memorial was dedicated on November 1, 1921 and opened three years later. The Native Sons & Daughters played a pivotal role in the campaign to renovate the memorial culminating in its rededication in 2002.

The tour begins at 2 pm on November 11th with an optional lunch at the Harvey House in Union Station starting at 12:15

pm. RSVP by Wednesday, November 7th if you plan to attend. **JN**



An artist's rendering of the WWI Museum

Tour of National WWI Museum at Liberty Memorial

What

Tour of National WWI
Museum

Where

Liberty Memorial

When

Sunday, November 11th
Tour begins at 2:00 p.m.
Optional lunch at Harvey House at
Union Station begins at 12:15 p.m.

Cost

Ages 6-11: \$4 each
Adults 12-64: \$9 each
Seniors 65+: \$7 each
Active/Retired Military free
with proper ID

Reservations

Reservations must be received
by Wednesday, November 7

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Letter from the President

This will be my last letter to you as President of the Native Sons & Daughters of Kansas City. It's been an eventful year and one that has gone very fast. We've had a wonderful variety of expeditions starting with a visit to the Airline Museum and ending in November with a tour of the World War I Museum. If you've been to the World War I Museum, you know that one trip just isn't enough to view the museum comprehensively. If you have not been to the Museum, you have missed out on a world class experience.

In December we will have our Annual Brunch and a very special one it will be – the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Native Sons. It will be a special event and I encourage everyone to get into the spirit of 1932. As a special treat, you will be able to discuss 1932 political issues with Harry Truman and Tom Pendergast, enjoy the songs of 1932 and appreciate how far our organization has come since its inception.

I wish to thank the great members of our Board of Directors who have spent time and energy on an incredible array of projects this year. Special thanks to Susie Hughes, our Executive Secretary, who does a wonderful job every year.

Eileen Sullivan, President

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new member:
David Austin Sawyer

CONGRATULATIONS

The Native Sons & Daughters are happy to announce that Katherine Wehr is winner of the inaugural Native Sons & Daughters Scholarship. Katherine will receive a scholarship of \$500. Way to go Katherine!

Don't forget to go to www.native-sons.org to find out more information on the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City.

NEW LOGO REFLECTS NEW NAME

At their September meeting the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City's board of directors approved a new logo for the organization that reflected its new name. Thanks to board member Gary Hicks for all of his hard work on this project. **JN**





75TH ANNIVERSARY USHERED IN BY GOING BACK IN TIME



"Boss" Tom Pendergast

The Annual Brunch scheduled for December 8th will usher in the Native Sons & Daughters 75th Anniversary. To get the organization in the mood the brunch will take us back 75 years to the Holiday Season of 1932. Guests will include Tom Pendergast and Harry Truman. Music from 1932 will be played courtesy of Dan Sturdevant.

More information will be coming soon but plan now to be at Indian Hills Country Club on December 8th, 1932...we mean 2007...and be sure to celebrate the holidays with your fellow Native Sons & Daughters. **JN**



At right: President Truman lighting a Christmas tree, December 24, 1945. Photos courtesy of the Truman Presidential Library & Museum

OUTSTANDING NIGHT FOR THE OUTSTANDING KANSAS CITIAN

The Outstanding Kansas Citian Dinner on September 28th was a memorable night for the Native Sons & Daughters and guests. Over 100 were in attendance at the event held at the Downtown Library to recognize Jonathan Kemper as the 2007 Outstanding Kansas Citian.

The event featured songs with original lyrics by second vice-president Dan Sturdevant and a tour of the facility that Kemper worked so hard to create. **JN**



From left: President Eileen Sullivan, Outstanding Kansas Citian Jonathan Kemper and second vice-president Dan Sturdevant at the Outstanding Kansas Citian Dinner. Photo by Gary Hicks.



At left: Second vice-president Dan Sturdevant sings at the Outstanding Kansas Citian Dinner. Photo by Gary Hicks.

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Bequests

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Including the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt Missouri corporation, offers members the opportunity to make a gift which will support our efforts to preserve and promote local history for years to come.

A legacy may be granted to one of the Native Sons' established projects as designated for use in future historic projects to be established and approved by the board of directors.

I bequeath to the Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City, Inc., P.O. Box 10046, Kansas City, MO 64171-0046, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of \$ _____ to be used by said corporation for purposes as stated in the organization's objectives and bylaws.

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