

## 100 Years... 100 Days - Commemorating the Battle of Amiens Exploring Oklahoma's ties to World War I

Tulsa Global Alliance invites you to an evening of learning about the impact of WWI on Tulsa, Oklahoma, and our French connections as we commemorate the Centenary of the Battle of Amiens near Tulsa's Sister City.

## August 8th, 2018, 6:30—8:30pm Tulsa Historical Society, 2445 South Peoria Free to public Refreshments served

The Battle of Amiens was the first major encounter of the *100 Day Offensive*, a rapid series of allied victories which ultimately pushed the Germans out of France and ended at the WWI Armistice, November 11, 1918. The victory at Amiens was historically notable for the effect it had on the morale of both sides. It was one of the first major victories involving armored warfare, which marked the end of trench warfare on the Western Front.

Come hear the truly fascinating and little known but impactful stories related to our area and the War to End All Wars 100 years ago.

Grandchildren and great grandchildren, this is your chance to better understand and honor your loved one's service to our country at a time when Oklahoma was barely a decade old. Oklahoma's WWI service members were the state's early global ambassadors.

Oklahoma's forces were more diverse than other states due to the high numbers of Native Americans, African Americans, and European immigrants (many of German descent). Come hear how the Choctaw code talkers were discovered and why they are still honored in France today.

## **Presenters:**

Bob Blackburn, Executive Director, Oklahoma Historical Society Beth Lawless, Choctaw Nation, granddaughter of original Code Talker Tobias Frazier Grant Moak, Honorary Consul General for France in Oklahoma

WWI uniforms and artifacts display by Keith Myers, Traveling Military Museum

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