Program Overview
At the end of World War I, thousands of war memorials of every size were built in local communities across the country. Over the decades, under exposure to the elements, these memorials have aged. We must act now – to restore both their physical beauty and our awareness of the men and women they memorialize.

To help motivate and support this restoration, the 100 Cities / 100 Memorials program launched on July 15, 2016 with $200,000 in initial funding provided by the World War One Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library for matching grants. These organizations continue to seek other major funding partners nationwide to expand the funds available to encourage and match the fundraising efforts of the awardees.

The purpose of 100 Cities/ 100 Memorials is to motivate and support the efforts of local organizations across the country to honor the memory of their hometown war heroes, to build awareness of the war’s impact on their local communities, and to restore and provide for the ongoing upkeep of their local World War I memorials, all in time for the nation’s centennial celebrations scheduled for November 2018 – celebrations that will also include the unveiling of the new national World War I Memorial in the nation’s capital.

Local organizations, including civic groups, service organizations, veterans groups and others, are being invited to nominate their restoration and commemoration initiatives for consideration to be selected as one of the 100 Cities / 100 Memorials matching grant recipients. Suitable recognition for these efforts will be provided to all nominees for their submission; one hundred of these local initiatives will also be selected to receive matching cash awards of up to $2,000 to help fund their restorative efforts. All nominees and awardees, and their principal sponsors and donors, will receive appropriate national and local recognition for their efforts.

We are pleased to announce this program has been adopted by The American Legion by Resolution of the National Executive Committee.

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Supporting Organization

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PROGRAM URL: WW1CC.org/100Memorials
Implementation Guide
The focus for implementation is to have local posts identify and actualize service projects that restore or conserve WWI memorials in their local post areas.
There are many benefits and reasons to do this, which are outlined and explained elsewhere. This guide is to help define specific steps that can be taken.

At the regional level
1. Create awareness of the program with the following tools:
   a. Posters: The free poster we have created highlights the program and the partnership. All you need to do is pay for shipping and we will provide you with enough posters for your region. Contact: susan.menenga@worldwar1centennial.org with your request.
   b. 1-Sheet Overview: A simple one-page program description is available for print and distribution. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD]
   c. Pocket Presentation: We have created a handy pocket presentation that you or the post adjutants can download, print and fold into their pockets to present the program to the post membership at local meetings. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD]

2. Encourage an action plan by interested teams
   a. Interested Teams: Interested parties or committee groups are encouraged to explore the details of the grant giveaway program on the program website at ww1cc.org/100Memorials.
   b. Competition Manual: The full grant award competition manual is available on the web site or can be downloaded. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD]
   c. Online Webinar: We will be hosting a special online webinar specifically for American Legion participants and interested teams on October 19, 2016, where we will provide a program orientation and a presentations from an American Legion team that has already implemented such a project. [REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR]
   d. Stay Informed: Sign up for the program BLOG to receive updates and emails on the program. It is the best way to stay up to date. [SIGN UP HERE]

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