

**City of Saint Louis**  
**SOLDIERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 21, 2021**

**ONLINE-ONLY MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm. by Lynnea Magnuson (Chair, Soldiers Memorial Commission and Superintendent, City of Saint Louis, Soldiers Memorial Military Museum (SMMM)) to proceed according to the Agenda.

- Roll Call of Soldiers Memorial Commissioners

Commissioners in attendance:

Corinne Bardgett  
Jeffrey Boyd  
Freddie Dunlap  
Jason Fletcher  
Judith Hanses  
Lynnea Magnuson  
Bruce Yampolsky

Absent Commissioners:

Maurice Falls  
Tom Gilmore

- Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Freddie Dunlap
- November 19, 2020 Soldiers Memorial Commission Meeting Minutes approved by Commissioners
- Mark Sundlov (Missouri Historical Society Director at SMMM) reports on SMMM collection, exhibits, programs, and operations

—Two new MHS staff started at Soldiers Memorial in January 2021:

- Abigail Sarver-Verhey, Exhibit Designer, working most immediately on the Vietnam exhibit
- Andrew Schleicher, Visitor Engagement Navigator

—Acquisitions committee met Wednesday 1/20/21 and voted to approve adding donated items related to the USS St. Louis to the SMMM collection.

—All programming continues to be virtual/online only. Two upcoming programs:

- On 1/27/21 there will be a program with Rocky Sickmann open to members of the Soldiers Memorial Giving Circle. Lynnea asks if this program will ever be available to the public. Mark S. said he wasn't sure.
- On 1/28/21 at 6:30pm. Jack Sacco, author of Where the Birds Never Sing: The True Story of the 92nd Signal Battalion and the Liberation of Dachau, will share stories from his book, such as his father's service in the 92nd, and participate in a Q&A session.

—Kate Scott (MHS SMMM Collections Manager) led the deinstallation of "St. Louis and the Great War" exhibit in the lower level gallery, which opened November 2018 and closed January 4, 2021. Space in the lower level gallery is now cleared and being prepared for the next exhibit on Vietnam, which will open in November 2022.

—Exhibit on the Japanese during World War II will open in the lower level gallery in July 2021.

—Soldiers Memorial is open, but visitors numbers are way down--a fraction of what they were last year this time.

- Call for questions, new business, and/or announcements (Lynnea Magnuson)

—Commissioner Judith Hanses spoke about Commissioner Corinne Bardgett and her service and accomplishments towards being awarded the Missouri Athletic Club Melvin E. Witt Lifetime Dedication Award in 2020.

—Commissioner Bruce Yampolsky asked if Soldiers Memorial is doing anything to connect veterans with the COVID-19 vaccine. Mark S. said that Commissioner Judith Hanses gave him information about how and where to get the vaccine, which staff are able to pass on to veterans when they visit Soldiers Memorial.

- Lynnea Magnuson calls for motion to adjourn, so moved by Commissioner Bruce Yampolsky and seconded by Commissioner Judith Hanses. Meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.