



## Fall Newsletter 2017

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Hot Springs Tourism Association

### Hot Springs Welcome Center Update

We look forward to the flawless sunny days and cool, crisp nights of Fall in Hot Springs! Summer has been gorgeous so far. Bountiful rain and sunshine have produced lush gardens, verdant forests and healthy creeks and rivers.



The mission at the Welcome Center is to keep you updated on current events and happenings in our area. Our friendly staff is here to answer questions and make suggestions about lodging, restaurants, and places to explore. Exhibits describe our rich history and the natural world around us. Stop by, or give us a call at 828-622-9932.

*The Welcome Center is operated by the Hot Springs Tourism Association, with support from the Town of Hot Springs and the Madison County Tourism Development Authority.*

***[Learn More at HotSpringsNC.org](http://HotSpringsNC.org)***

### Remembering the German Internment

Hot Springs, NC has the distinction of being one of only three German Internment Camps in the US during World War I. Most of the 'Enemy Aliens' were civilian crew members of German commercial ships docked at American ports. These musicians, artists and craftsmen created a beautiful village during their short stay; and taught, entertained, and worked alongside local townsfolk.

Please join us for this Once-in-a-Hundred-Years-Event! The Centennial Commemoration will include a wreath ceremony at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, live brass band music on the Spa Grounds, a photo slideshow at the Library, movies and presentations at the Welcome Center, and a photo exhibit and service at the Dorland Presbyterian Church. See flyer below for details.

***[Learn More About the History at VisitMadisonCounty.com](http://VisitMadisonCounty.com)***

# HOT SPRINGS' CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT WAR AND HOT SPRINGS 1917

## FRIDAY

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – HOT SPRINGS LIBRARY  
Slide show of the Great War and Hot Springs

7:00 – 9:00 PM – HOT SPRINGS WELCOME CENTER

The War in Hot Springs: Documentary Film "German Enemy Aliens in the Land of the Sky" by Dr. Kevin Kennedy  
Panel Response:  
Dr. Lucia Carter, Mars Hill University  
Terry Roberts, Author of "A Short Time to Stay Here"  
Heather Perry, UNC Charlotte Professor of History

REMEMBERING THE GERMAN INTERNMENT  
SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017



## ACTIVITIES

- Continuous showings of Great War documentaries at the Hot Springs Welcome Center
- Photo Exhibit of the internment camp and military memorabilia at Dorland Presbyterian Church
- Self-guided walking tours of homes and locations related to the German internment

## SATURDAY

12:30, 2:00, AND 4:00 PM – HOT SPRINGS SPA GROUNDS  
Smoky Mountain Brass Band performance of WWI Classics

9:30 AM – ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY

Memorial wreath presentation by German Consul Klaus Becker and Robert Burns at POW grave sites

11:00 AM – HOT SPRINGS WELCOME CENTER

WWI The Great War and Hot Springs: Lecture by Heather Perry, Professor of History at UNC Charlotte; Panel response, Q & A With Robert Burns, Lucia Carter, and Terry Roberts

7:30 – 9:00 PM – HOT SPRINGS WELCOME CENTER

Panel discussion: Lasting effects of the Great War: Heather Perry, Robert Burns, and Dr. Lucia Carter

## SUNDAY

10:00 AM – DORLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Service of remembrance of Hot Springs veterans of WWI.

For more information please call  
828-622-7206 or 828-586-4227



## Deep Water Soul Fest

Happening Soon! September 22-24 at the Hot Springs Spa Campground.  
The Line-Up for this First Annual Festival is Phenomenal.

*A Two Day Music & Camping Festival for the Whole Family*

**DONNA <sup>THE</sup>BUFFALO + LUKAS NELSON**  
*|| The Promise of the Real (x2)*

ALANNA ROYALE · ZACH DEPUTY · AARON WOODY WOOD ·  
PIERCE EDENS <sup>AND</sup> THE DIRTY WORK · ASHLEY HEATH || HER HEATHENS ·  
ANDY BUCKNER (x2) · THE SCREAMING J'S (x2) · PLEASURE CHEST ·  
SHAKE IT LIKE A CAVEMAN · THE FREEBOT INITIATIVE · MANDOLIN WHISKEY ·  
GRACIE LANE · PLANEFOLK · THE BLUEBIRDS · THE BIG IVY PROJECT ·  
THE WHITE OAK SPLITS · JANGLING SPARROWS · J.C. TOKES ·  
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**SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2017**

HOT SPRINGS RESORT & SPA - HOT SPRINGS, NC

**Get Tickets at [DeepWaterSoulFest.com](http://DeepWaterSoulFest.com)**

## **Leaf Peak: It's Coming Sooner than You Think.**

This summer has been somewhat hot and humid with locals and guests alike hitting the river and many swimming holes for heat relief. But the fall season and cooler weather will be here soon! The mountains and hiking trails of the Pisgah National Forest make for some spectacular picture taking opportunities.



Feel free to stop by the Welcome Center for directions and maps detailing the local trails for you to explore. Leaf season is also a busy time of year for tourism and many cabins and rooms reserve quickly. You can research online the various local places available to rent at [HotSpringsNC.org](http://HotSpringsNC.org)

## **Civil War Skirmish Reenactment in Town has been Cancelled for November 3rd-5th.**

Due to the current disturbing climate of civil unrest in the United States; for the protection and safety of spectators and participants; and to take a moment to reflect on our values as Americans; the organizers of the reenactment - The 2nd NC Mounted Infantry - have cancelled this, as well as other events for the remainder of the year.

We continue to pray for peace and unity amongst our families, neighbors and fellow countrymen.

**[Learn More at 2NCMI.org](http://2NCMI.org)**

## Time to Refresh our Website: We'd Like Some of Your Photos!

The majority of you are probably reading this on your phone. We usually have it in our purse or pocket.



HSTA wants you to enjoy using our website and easily find information about town, so we will soon have a more user and mobile friendly site.

We need to freshen up our photos and would like your help. Landscapes are always welcome, but what we really need are shots of people enjoying the activities, shopping, restaurants and lodging in the Hot Springs area.

**We are creating a photo contest with prizes!** Details will be announced soon in a follow-up newsletter. There will be links on our **Facebook page** and our website. Start looking through your favorite photos of Hot Springs, NC now!

**Take a Look at Our Website: [HotSpringsNC.org](http://HotSpringsNC.org)**

## Community Event: BBQ for Books October 14, 3-6PM, Broadwing Farm

Pete & Mary Dixon are hosting "Barbecue for Books" at Broadwing Farm. Donations will be solicited for the new Hot Springs Library building.



**What to expect?** Beer, Barbecue, Mac and Cheese, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Greens, Broccoli Casserole, Cornbread & Banana Puddin'. This will be a fun Fall afternoon with music by Ashley Heath and her band! Suggested minimum donation is \$25.

For more info, email [mary@broadwingfarmcabins.com](mailto:mary@broadwingfarmcabins.com)

## New Signs Seen Around Town!





**New Business Signs where River Road meets 25/70. Thank you to Board Member Pete Dixon for Posting These New Signs.**



**New Monument for Wreath Ceremony to be held on September 16th, 2017 as part of the German Internment Camp Centennial Commemoration. Sign was donated by Creek Ridge Camping and Woodwork Crafted by Elzie Keith McCall.**




**Odd Fellows Cemetery sign has joined others on intersection of Henderson Drive and Hwy 209. Hot Springs Tourism Association Donated the Sign.**


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***Give us a call today!***

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