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BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR and LUNCH & LEARN

Morrow, GA, November 3, 2018 – On Friday, November 9, noon-1:00 p.m., the Georgia Archives' Lunch and Learn program will be “Veterans History Project at the Atlanta History Center” by Sue VerHoef, Atlanta History Center Director of Oral History and Genealogy.

VerHoef will discuss the Atlanta History Center Veterans History Project, which collects, preserves, and shares oral histories of American veterans who served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, post 9/11 conflicts, and civilians who supported them. These personal stories allow future generations to hear directly from veterans and better appreciate the realities of war and the sacrifices made by those who serve in uniform.

VerHoef was educated at Brigham Young University (BA, 1980) and the University of West Georgia (MA, 2008). As the Director of Oral History and Genealogy she manages all History Center oral history initiatives including the Veterans History Project, a collection of over 700 audio and video-recorded interviews collected in partnership with the Library of Congress and the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association. She schedules and conducts interviews, maintains equipment, and processes, catalogs, and facilitates online access to the interviews. VerHoef is the public face of oral history at AHC and works to cultivate community partnerships in order to expand and enhance oral history holdings and associated archival collections.

Prior to joining the History Center staff in 2008, Sue taught 6th and 8th grade social studies and language arts in Henry County, Georgia.

Lunch and Learn Programs are free and open to the public and are sponsored by Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH). No registration is required.

On Saturday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Georgia Archives will present a new centennial tour “Venturing into the Vault: Behind the Scenes.” The tour group will begin by visiting one of our four vaults. Follow Reference Archivist Caroline Crowell through a vault to view where original records are housed and protected. Be sure to wear warm clothing, such as a sweater, as the temperature in the vaults is cool to protect the records. However, coats and jackets are not allowed inside the vaults.

Next, visit our Original Documents Reading Area (ODRA) where several unusual items brought from the vaults will be on display. The tour group will be treated not only to viewing these fascinating items, but also Caroline will share interesting and unusual stories behind each one.

The tour will end at the Georgia Archives' new exhibit on World War I. On display are unique items such as Robert Burton's Bible. Burton sailed for Europe on November 1, 1917, and served in Co. A, 151st Machine Gun Battalion. The Bible was given to him by his aunt and he carried this Bible with him into battle. On July 30th or 31st, 1918, north of Chateau-Thierry in France, a German bullet went through his arm and into this Bible, where it is still embedded. He spent a month and a half in the hospital, and then returned to his company as they started their drive in St. Mihiel.

The tour is free. No registration is required. Please wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes.

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Georgia Archives identifies, collects, manages, preserves, provides access to, and publicizes records and information of Georgia and its people, and assists state and local government agencies with their records management. This work is done within the framework of the USG's mission to create a more highly educated Georgia.

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