

World War I remnants roll into Salem

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The local office of Waddell & Reed is co-sponsoring a visiting World War I exhibit that opens and closes in Salem today.

The traveling museum contained in a custom 18-wheel big rig, has made Salem one of its 75 stops across the country. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill, 1313 Mill St. SE.



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Sedonia Harsh (from left), financial adviser; Sue Yesilada, managing principal for Waddell & Reed; and Peter Booth, of the Willamette Heritage Center, look through the traveling World War I museum.

The traveling exhibit and admission to the Mill museum are free today only.

Donations are encouraged and will be divided between the Willamette Heritage Center and the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Mo.

The exhibit features WWI artifacts, video and a trench that simulates a war environment.

According to the heritage center, 44,000 soldiers from Oregon served in WWI, 1,768 of whom served on the front line.

The contingent included 150 men of Company M, 3rd Oregon Regiment from Marion County, nearly all of whom graduated from Salem High School; 20 percent were killed in action.

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