

# Lt. Governor Guadagno Speaks At New Jersey World War I Centennial Commemoration

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## Wreath Laying for the 100th Anniversary of the United States Entry Into World War I

**Trenton, NJ** – Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno joined leaders from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs on Thursday, April 6 in laying a wreath in honor of the sacrifices made by New Jerseyans throughout World War I, as the nation commemorated the 100th anniversary of its entry in the Great War.

The ceremony took place at the Trenton War Memorial in Trenton, which originally opened in 1932 as “a great community center” dedicated to the memory of the soldiers and sailors from Mercer County who died fighting in World War I. Family members of New Jersey WWI heroes, such as Joyce Kilmer and Needham Roberts, joined the Lt. Governor. The event was open to the public and was attended by veteran organizations, historical groups and other interested individuals from New Jersey, including companies like Johnson & Johnson, who contributed to the war effort. New Jersey’s commemoration was one of many centennial commemorations held around the country.

“On the 100th anniversary of the United States’ entry into the Great War, it is fitting for us to recall and salute those from every service and station from New Jersey, who contributed to the Allied victory,” said Lt. Governor Guadagno. “So, let us honor all those who have rendered the highest service any New Jerseyan can offer — those who have fought for our freedom and our security.”

New Jersey’s contributions to WWI included nearly 140,000 men in uniform and material resources of every type, ranging from ammunition to medical supplies.

For more information about today’s ceremony, please contact [sara.cureton@sos.nj.gov](mailto:sara.cureton@sos.nj.gov).

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