



## L-4 Alumni Association, Inc.

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Subject: Monthly Activity Update

Dear Valued Member,

But you didn't know: Colonel William Hayward (1877-1944) was a founding member of the Pershing Rifles. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal for sustained exceptional combat leadership as the commanding officer of the 369th Infantry Regiment — the fabled "Harlem Hellfighters" — which fought with distinction, never losing a battle, while attached to the French Army in some of the bloodiest battles of World War I.

For Your Information: Pershing Park in Washington, D.C. is the new home of the National World War I Memorial. Located on Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House, the memorial was unveiled this past Friday in a virtual ceremony and marks the last of the major American wars to have a place of honor and remembrance in the nation's capitol.

The NC State Memorial Belltower's cornerstone was laid in 1921. A century later, with the installation of bells — thanks to a gift from Bill and Frances Henry and other supporters — the \$6.5 million belltower completion and restoration project is awaiting a rededication of the Memorial Belltower at Henry Square on May 14, 2021. Some members of L-4 are expected to participate in the ceremony.

Chairman Thomas Swanson has assembled a committee to develop the administrative procedures for grants to deserving L-4 members from the Congleton-Etheridge Memorial Scholarship Fund. The committee's goal is to be prepared by the fall semester to receive applications for assistance.

More than 70% of NC State undergraduates apply for financial aid. Attending NC State is an extraordinary opportunity, and gifts to the Congleton-Etheridge Memorial Scholarship Fund make a difference in narrowing that financial need gap. A simple way to donate is by establishing a yearly goal, then donate to that goal monthly, quarterly or annually. Please mail your gift to Darlene E. Williams, 1807 Felts Parkway, Fort Mill, SC 29715. Thank you!

Fraternally,

*Joe Harris*

Director of Administration