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Into the Crucible: The AEF in Battle September-November 1918

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In this 16th lecture in the series Dr. Richard S. Faulkner will discuss the American Expeditionary Force's challenges in conducting large-scale combat operations from September to November 1918. He will focus on the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the United States' greatest contribution to the Allied victory in the war, and an event that holds the distinction of being the largest and bloodiest campaign in the nation's history.



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Faulkner is the author of *The School of Hard Knocks: Combat Leadership in the American Expeditionary Forces* (Texas A&M Press, 2012), which was the recipient of the Society for Military History's 2013 "Distinguished Book Award." His second book, *Pershing's Crusaders: The American Soldier in World War I* (University Press of Kansas, 2017) received the World War I Association's 2017 "Norman B. Tomlinson, Jr. Prize" for the best work of history in English on World War One, the Organization of American Historians' 2017 "Richard W. Leopold Prize," and the Army Historical Foundation's 2017 "Excellence in U.S. Army History Book Award."

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