

# Remembering the Great War

In honor of **Veterans Day**, **The Costa Mesa Historical Society** presents its annual **salute to our veterans** with Costa Mesa Fire Captain **Fred McDowell** as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One on **Sunday, November 18, 2018**.



Fred McDowell has been a member of the Costa Mesa Historical Society for many years. He was born in the city of Santa Ana, graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a degree in Music and is currently a Fire Captain for the city of Costa Mesa. He continues to perform as a trumpet player and bugler in Southern California.

Fred became interested in history after listening to his father's experiences as an American soldier in the WW2 period. This ignited an interest in reading, collecting and travel. Fred and his wife are collectors of military artifacts and participate in several living history organizations who honor the men, and women who have served our country. He is married to his wife Nikki and they have two adult children living in the area.

This November marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the "War to End All Wars". Unfortunately, this conflict is almost all but forgotten today. We will be commemorating the event with a display of authentic military artifacts in addition to costumed reenactors and a slide presentation. We will also be commemorating the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, America's largest battle. We will be discussing the epic story of "The Lost Battalion" and honoring the memory of Sgt. Nathaniel Rochester, a young Costa Mesan who tragically lost his life in that battle.



**Come bring a friend and join us as we honor the memory of those served in WWI!**

**Seating is limited, for RESERVATIONS call (949) 631-5918.** Doors open at 2:00, program at 2:30. Free admission and refreshments. We are located at **1870 Anaheim Ave.** northwest corner of the Lions Park complex. Visit [www.costamesahistory.org](http://www.costamesahistory.org) or go to [facebook/costa mesa historical society](https://www.facebook.com/costamesahistorical) for more information.

**Note: Due to construction, entry to parking lot must be made from Anaheim Ave.**

**Promoting and preserving Costa Mesa's history is our mission.**