

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Division of State Parks



**MISSOURI**  
STATE PARKS

General  
John J. Pershing  
State Historic Site

Laclede, Missouri

Public Meeting  
2023



# Pershing Boyhood Home “Formative Years 1860-1878”



The Pershing family  
John J. and his next  
youngest brother James  
are not in this picture.  
My best guess based on  
the youngest child in the  
picture puts this  
photograph being taken  
approximately  
1879.



# Statue of General Pershing

“Great Man Theory”  
Great men shape history



# Wall of Honor



# Liberty Tree

gifted by

“Pershing’s Pride”

4H



# Prairie Mound Schoolhouse

“Developmental Years 1878-1882”





# First World War Commemorative Garden

“Reflective Years 1924-1948”







The American  
Battlefield  
Monument  
Commission,  
(ABMC)  
provided 2 pounds  
of soil from each of  
the American  
Cemeteries.





Patricia Short and the  
Daughters of the  
American Revolution  
Chapters in England  
were instrumental in  
getting the last  
canister of soil.



The  
“Pershing Poppy”



# Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives

“Defining Years 1882-1924”





# Eagle Scout Projects Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 41

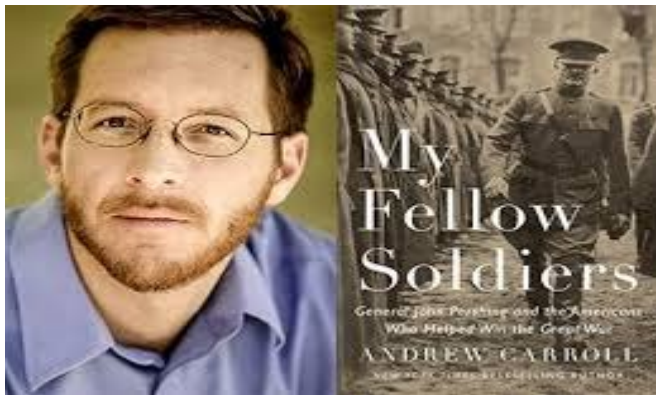
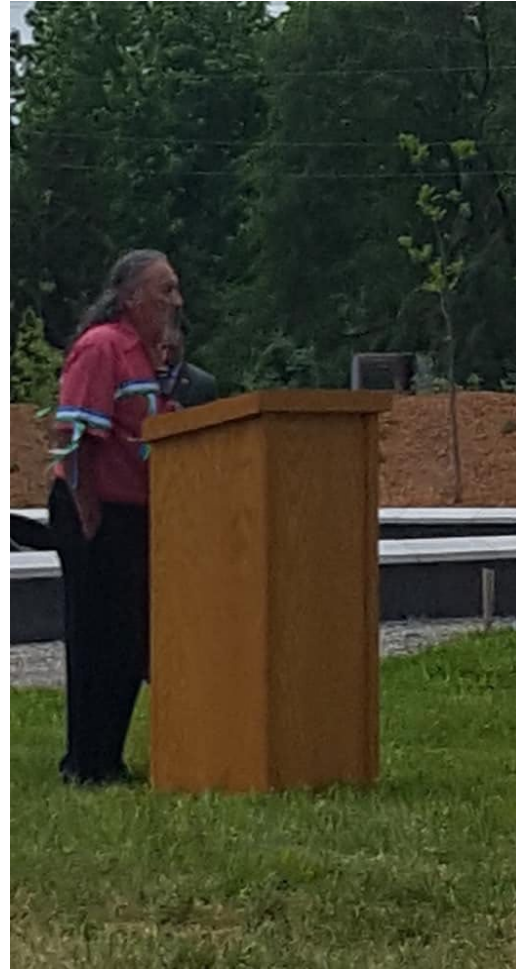


Restoration of the  
General Pershing  
Billboard  
adding  
“Sister City”  
Souilly, France  
and  
Poppies

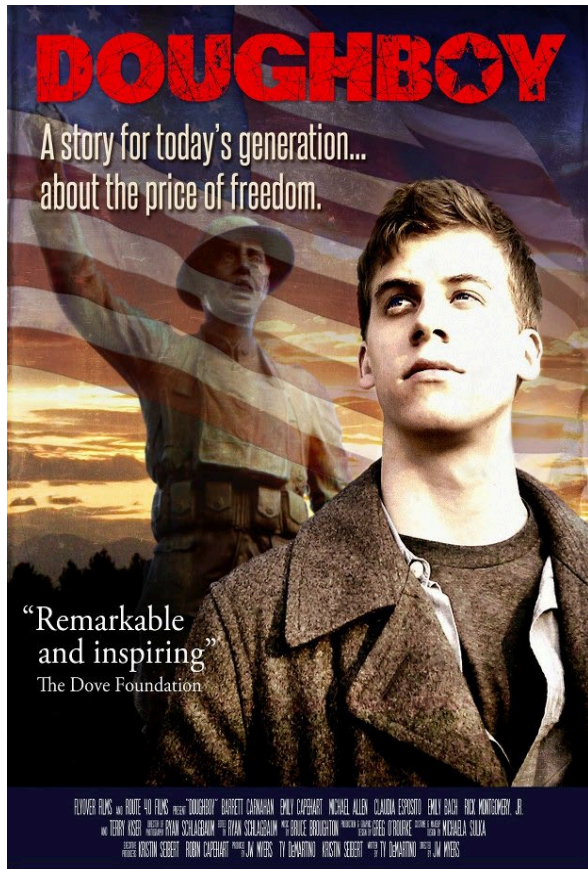




# First World War Commemorative Garden Blessing of Poppies, June 2018.

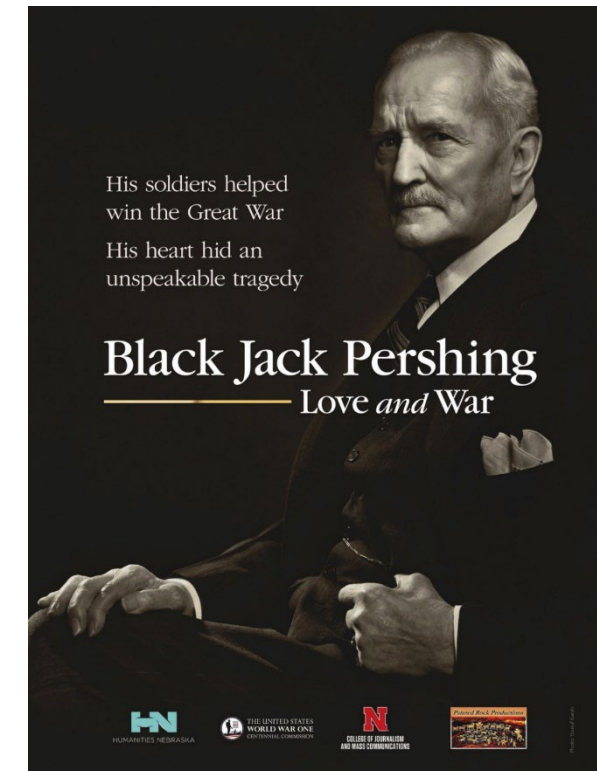
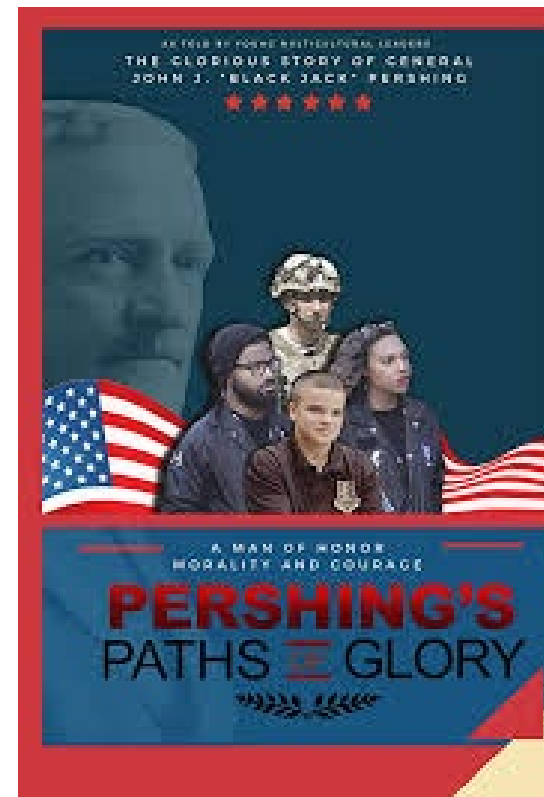
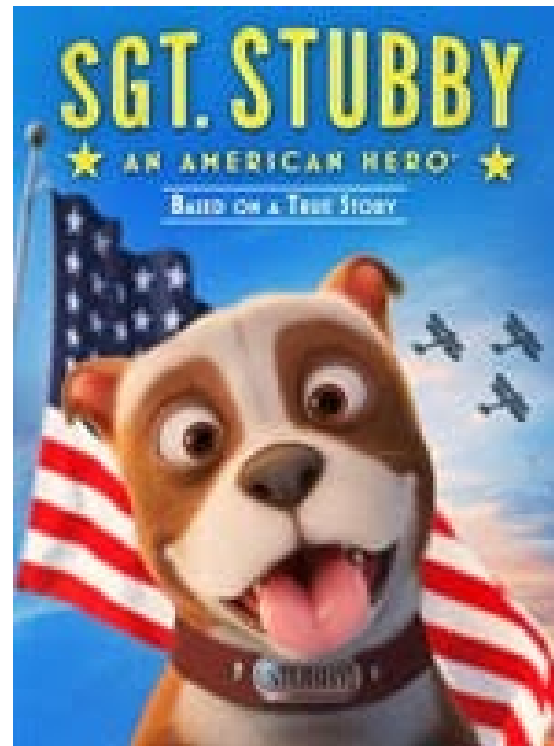


# Pershing at the Movies



**SPECIAL SHOWING ON VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2012**

- ★ Arena Grand Movie Theatre, Columbus, OH
- ★ The Avalon Cinema, Platteville, WI
- ★ Bell Theater, Pineville, NY
- ★ Country Club Mall Cinemas, Cumberland, MD
- ★ The Milford Theatre, Milford, PA
- ★ Raleighwood Cinema Grill, Raleigh, NC
- ★ Realtime Cinema, Brookfield, MO
- ★ SilverSpot Cinema, Naples, FL
- ★ The Stage Theater, Warsaw, NY
- ★ The State Theater, Gainesville, TX
- ★ The Strand Theatre, Moundsville, WV
- ★ Townsite Theatre & Cinema, Wheeling, WV



# First World War Commemorative Garden Dedication September 2018. Missouri Army National Guard Funeral Honors Team.



Blessing given by Major Dustin Kennedy  
Music provided by  
399<sup>TH</sup> U.S. Army Band  
Fort Leonard Wood



# Missouri State Representative Rusty Black and Mayor of Laclede Larry Smith



Missouri Veterans Commission Communications Director,  
Jamie Melchert  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Director, Carol Comer



# British Liaison Officer, Colonel Peter Little and Major General Larry Warren



World War I  
Centennial Commission  
Chairman,  
Terry Hamblin



THE UNITED STATES  
**WORLD WAR ONE**  
CENTENNIAL COMMISSION





# Daughters of the American Revolution



Missouri State Regent,  
Cindy Suich

Missouri State  
Historian,  
Catrina Pelton



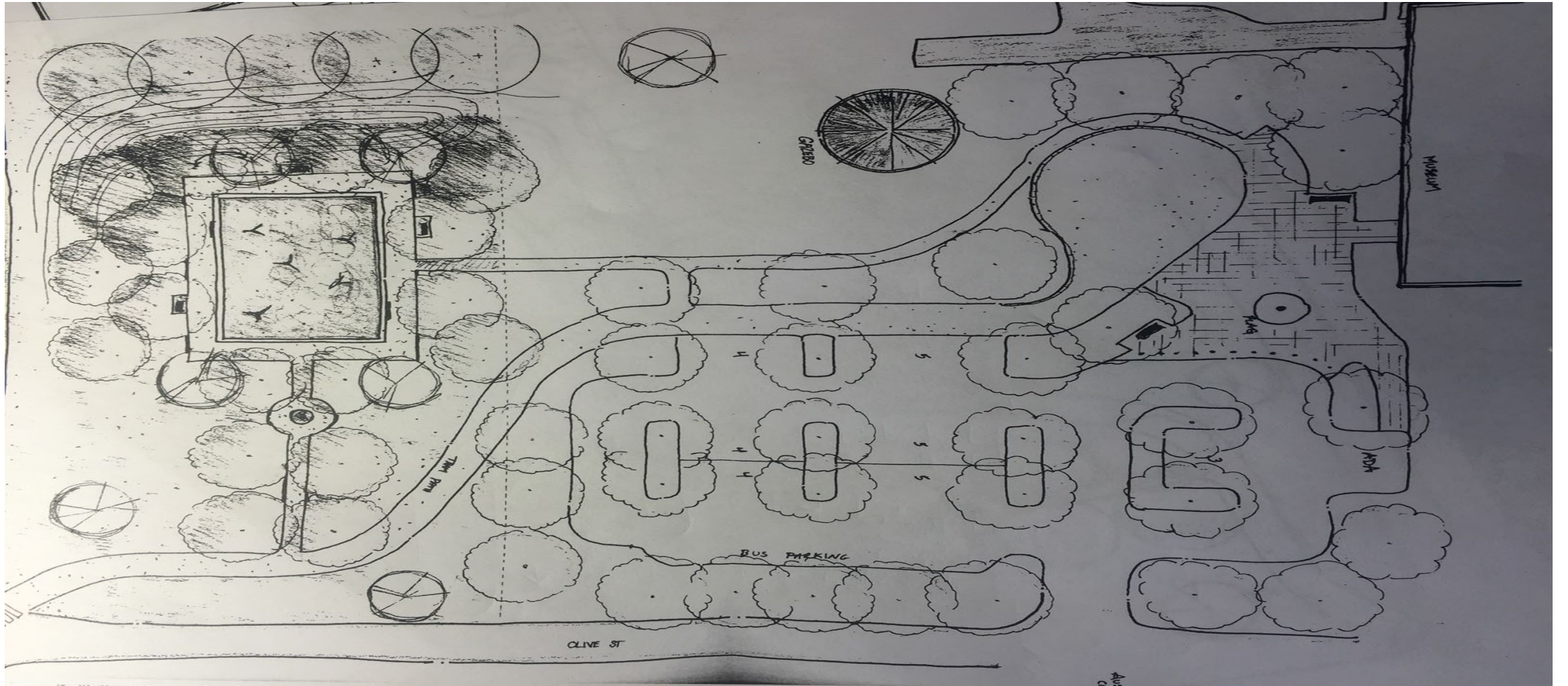
# Mrs. Sandra Pershing

(Died August 14, 2023)

Produced the film,  
“General John J. Pershing:  
Paths of Glory”  
Mrs. Pershing made a very  
generous gift to the PPMMA.



# Conceptual plan for grounds of Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives



# Pershing Missile

(Water Tower)



# Pershing Tank M-26



# Pershing Zephyr Train

(scale painting on side of storage container.)



The  
Missouri Mule  
Hometown Hero  
of  
Every Town  
In  
Missouri



# “Pershing and his Generals”





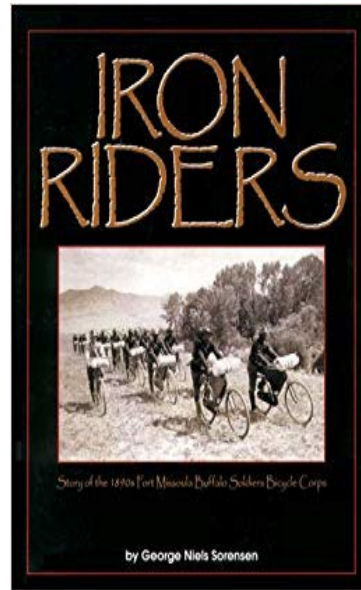
If you think something is impossible, remember. Pershing Elementary School of St. Joseph, Missouri lobbied the state legislature 5 years and were able to get the “Jumping Jack” recognized as the official state exercise of Missouri



# Missouri: Over There in World War I



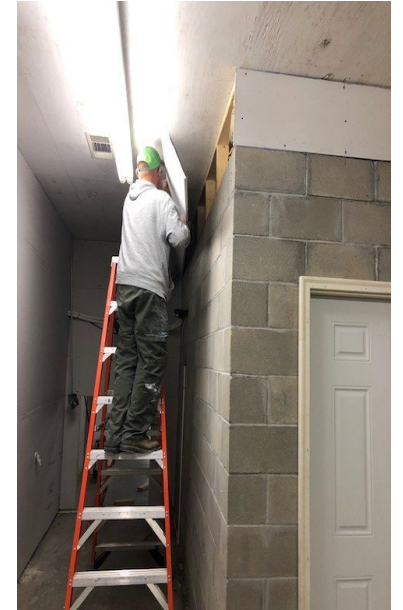
Buffalo Soldier Bicycle Corps  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
July 2022  
Fort Missoula, MT- St. Louis, MO



# Leadership Archives and Special Collections Room



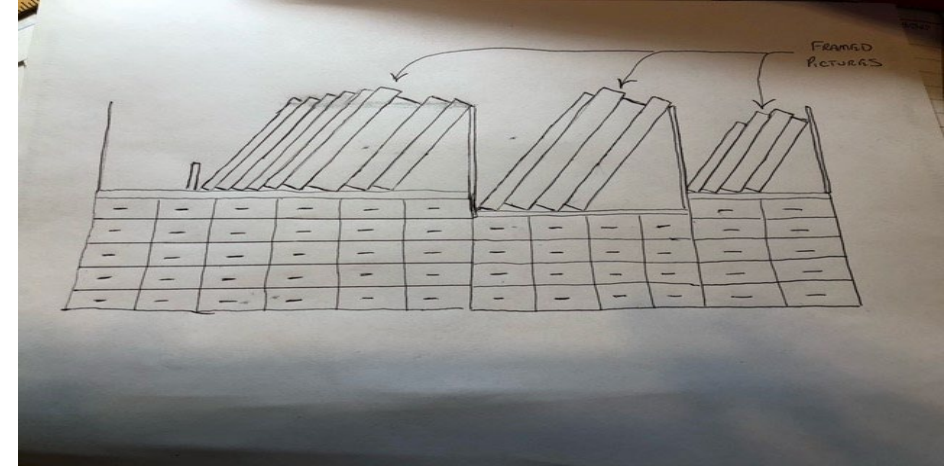
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# Leadership Archives coming together

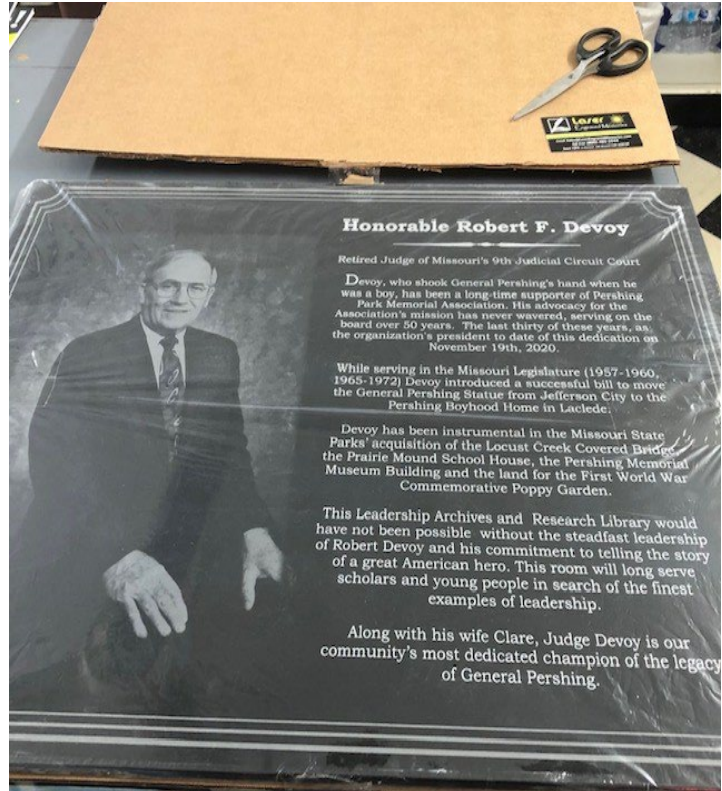


# From Doodles to Actual



# Honorable Judge Robert Devoy

## THE LEADERSHIP ARCHIVES





# Upcoming Projects:

- Foundation of Boyhood Home
- Painting Prairie Mound School
- Develop exhibit in Prairie Mound School
- Retaining Wall Stage
- Parking Area near Garden and Museum
- Continue to develop exhibit space
- Continue to develop gift shop retail space
- Paint Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives building
- Open Museum and dedicate Pershing Way street.



JOHN J  
PERSHING

MISSOURI

GENERAL OF  
THE ARMIES  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13 1860

JULY 15 1948

