From the anti-German hysteria of WWI, through the 1918 flu pandemic, KKK and Prohibition, to civil unrest during the Great Depression, the TRACES BUS-eum exhibit features stories of the Greatest Generation. These subchapters of US social history from before and between each World War say much about America today.

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No entry fee; donations requested. Some disturbing images in KKK exhibit. Re-designed for Corona precautions.

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