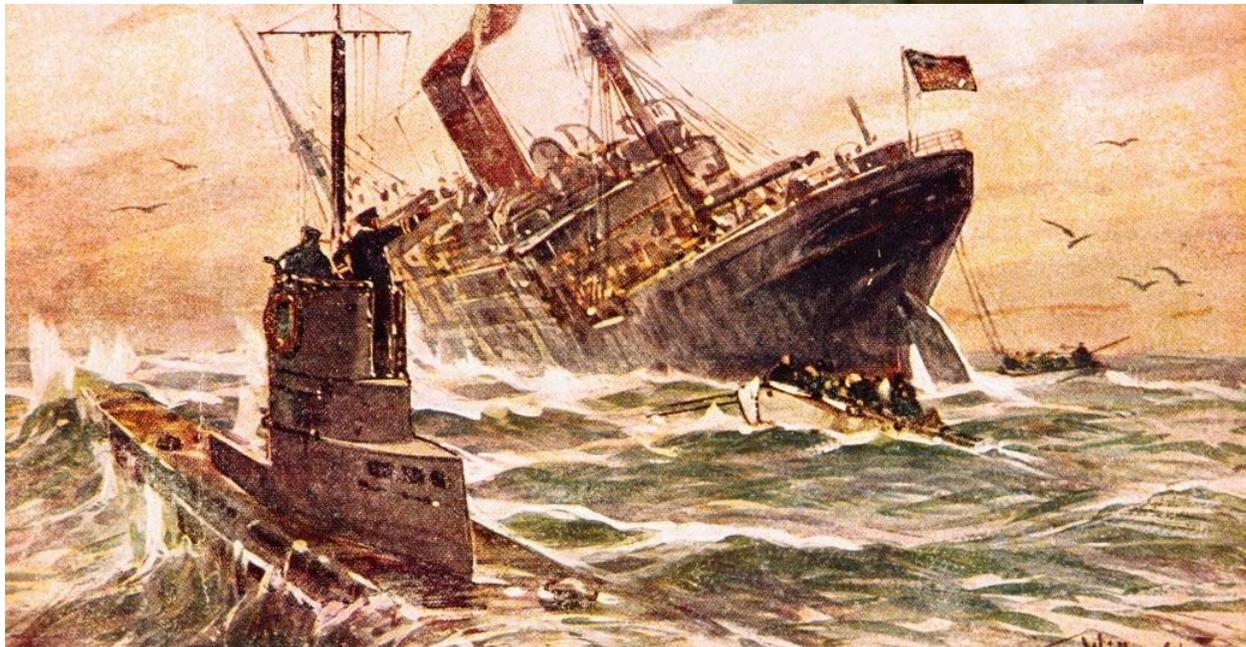


## **The Friends of Fort Trumbull Present the Final Speaker** **in their Series-World War I: The War to End All Wars**

For their October speaker, The Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park are pleased to welcome Eury Cantillo, Director of Education at the Navy's Submarine Force Museum. He will present an illustrated talk "Submarines in WWI: The Great War through the Periscope". His focus will be on the types of submarines in use, the technical advancements that can be demonstrated by these types, their operational uses during the war, as well as life aboard submarines in that time.



Although World War I is often called "The War to End All Wars", it can also appropriately be called "The Birth of Submarine Warfare". Because of the immense technological advances that had been made in the time leading up to the war, effective submarine warfare was a particularly new phenomenon. Submarines quickly became the most prolific killers in the German Fleet.

In 1914, German surface ships sank 55 ships against only 3 sunk by U-Boats. By 1917, 2,439 Allied ships were sunk by U-Boats as opposed to 64 in conventional naval battles. It was this submarine warfare, attacking civilian and merchant vessels, that was a key provocation leading to the United States' declaration of war against the Central Powers.

**Mr. Cantillo is a native of Connecticut. In 2000 he earned a BA in History and Spanish from UConn, Storrs. From 2005-2009, he served as a Field Artillery Officer in the US Army where he took part in Operation Iraqi Freedom during a 15 month deployment to Ramadi, Iraq. In 2011, he returned to Storrs to earn a Master's degree in Secondary Education in History and Social Studies.**

**He has worked in various museums including Plimoth Plantation, the former Higgins Armory Museum, and a replica of one of Columbus' ships the Niña, which he helped to sail through the Panama Canal and up the Pacific coast of Mexico. From 2011-2014 he was a Park Ranger for the National Park Service where he worked at the Lexington and Concord Battlefield, the Cliff Dwellings at Mesa Verde, and the memorials in Washington, DC. He is now the Director of Education at the Navy's Submarine Force Museum in Groton, CT.**

**The presentation will take place at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center, 90 Walbach Street, New London, CT. on October 26, 2017 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this free presentation. New members are always welcome. Come early as seating is limited.**

