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**Chesterfield Historical Society of VA to Present**

**Play Ball! America's Doughboys and the National Pastime in the Great War**

Chesterfield, VA, June 2, 2021. The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia and Chesterfield Department of Parks and Recreation will present a lecture at the County Museum on Saturday, June 12 at 11:00a.m.: Play Ball! America's Doughboys and the National Pastime in the Great War. This presentation by Alexander Barnes, Command Historian with the Virginia National Guard, recounts the story of how baseball played an important role in entertaining the troops during WWI. Playing wherever they could find enough room to throw a ball, the Doughboys brought the game with them into the front lines and then into the occupation of Germany. Sharing their military service, in combat and on the baseball diamond, were a number of famous professional ball players, managers, lawyers, politicians, and even an umpire. Alexander Barnes has authored seven military history books including "To Hell with the Kaiser: America Prepares for War," describing America's entry into WWI. His latest book, co-authored with Pete Belmonte, is "Play Ball! Doughboys and Baseball during the Great War." Seating will be limited for this free lecture. **For more information call the County Museum at 804-768-7311.**

The Chesterfield County Museum is located at 6813 Mimms Loop, on the Historic Courthouse Green along Route 10/Ironbridge Road in Chesterfield.

The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1981. Its mission is to research and celebrate the history of Chesterfield County by collecting, preserving, interpreting and promoting the county's unique past for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. For more information or to volunteer, please visit [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)

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