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### Hoover Presidential Library-Museum exhibit held over to Jan. 3

**WEST BRANCH, IOWA – Oct. 8, 2015** – The Hoover Presidential Foundation and Hoover Presidential Library-Museum is pleased to announce an extension of the current indoor special exhibit, *The Making of the Great Humanitarian: Herbert Hoover and World War I*, through Sunday, Jan. 3. The Belgian Village, an outdoor component of the exhibit, will close as scheduled at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 in anticipation of winter weather.

“Visitors have raved about the interactivity of the special exhibit which places you in a replica of a trench under battle conditions,” said Hoover Presidential Library director, Thomas Schwartz. “Along with a new nine minute video that is projected along 180 degrees of screens, you don't want to miss your chance to experience the trench and learn about Herbert Hoover's heroic humanitarian work during the war.”

Young and old alike seem to enjoy the special effects in the trench. One parent exclaimed, "My son enjoyed the realistic war area where you can get in the trenches with the soldiers."

“It’s fascinating (for me) to see people from across the United States visiting the exhibits,” said Jerry Fleagle, Foundation executive director. “Most of them say some variation of the same thing, ‘I never knew Hoover saved so many people from starvation!’”

The Foundation raised over half a million dollars to build the exhibit, which includes an immersive video, an active World War I battle trench over 50 feet long, multiple hands-on exhibits and the Belgian Village, an outdoor display featuring a 1/8 scale replica relief ship and Hoover relief meal samples.

“Our Belgian Village withstood all the summer storms without any problems, but the structures are not snow rated and they’ll have to come down at the end of the month,” said Fleagle. “There is so much to see and do in the indoor portion of the exhibit in the Presidential Library-Museum, it’s worth extending those exhibits through the end of the year.”

The exhibit extension will not affect the Christmas Past celebration, December 4 and 5 on the Hoover Campus, with the exception that the Christmas tree display in the Library-Museum will be modified.

#### About the Foundation



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The Hoover Presidential Foundation is a private nonprofit organization for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch, Iowa. The Foundation fosters the collection, interpretation and preservation of historical resources relating to the life, ideas, values and times of Herbert Hoover, 31st President of the United States.

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