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Kalamazoo College Alumnus Joseph B. Westnedge Featured in Documentary

A video-documentary about Colonel Joseph B. Westnedge entitled *Kalamazoo in World War I, The Story of Colonel Westnedge and the 126th Infantry*, will premiere Saturday, November 4 at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Auditorium on the Texas Township Campus.

A reception will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature a display of WWI memorabilia, and at 8 p.m. the one hour and 45-minute-long video will begin. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the KVCC Bookstore, 372-5300, and at the Kalamazoo Public Museum Store, 315 S. Rose, 345-7092.

Col. Westnedge, whom Westnedge Avenue in Kalamazoo was named in honor of, attended Kalamazoo College and captained the 1898 football team. He led the team to a 7-0-0 record and its first undefeated, untied season, and is thought to be the College's first great football player. Westnedge became a member of the Kalamazoo College Athletic Hall of Fame when the inaugural group of "K" athletic greats was inducted in 1986.

The documentary was written and produced by Kalamazoo physician Tom M. George, M.D., who produces video documentaries as a hobby. Through the use of interviews with three survivors of Southwest Michigan's 126th Infantry and contemporary accounts from diaries, letters, newspapers, and

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orders, *Kalamazoo in WWI* tells the story of Colonel Westnedge and the infantry regiment he commanded.

The documentary follows Kalamazoo's doughboys from enlistment to the return of the survivors home. The film is illustrated by hundreds of photographs and with actual film footage found in the National Archives of the 126th Infantry. It also includes material from the Kalamazoo College Archives.

All proceeds from the film will be donated to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the 126th Infantry Association.