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**PRESS RELEASE**

Newtown Historic Association,  
in cooperation with American Legion Post 440, presents  
“The Story of Morell Smith”

The March meeting of the **Newtown Historic Association** will be held on **Monday, March 16th at 8:00 PM at American Legion Post 440**, 41 Linden Avenue, Newtown, PA (*across from the Swamp Road entrance to Council Rock North High School*). Ample parking is available on site. (*Note this meeting is **not** at the usual Half Moon Inn location!*)

His name appears on some monuments and our local American Legion post bears his name, but who really was Morell Smith, and why is his story still relevant eighty years after his death? According to Post 440 historian and life-long Newtonian, Michael Donovan, “*The Story of Morell Smith*” would make a fascinating movie – there’s a handsome and well-educated young man, a budding love interest, doses of patriotic idealism and heroism under fire, a forensic detective story, and even a haunting tragedy in the end. Join Mr. Donovan and fellow Legionnaire, Jon Guy, as they explain the life, untimely death, and final return of a true Newtown hero, placed in a context of what was happening in the world back in 1918. Although the battlefields and tactics have changed, many of the words spoken will sound very familiar to us in our current turbulent times.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. This will prove to be a very interesting and informative meeting. For further information call 215-968-3914 or visit the NHA Website [www.newtownhistoric.org](http://www.newtownhistoric.org).

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