

INFORMATION ABOUT NOVEMBER 4 CEREMONY AND  
NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES

On November 4, 2023, American Legion Post 44 will celebrate 100 years since dedicating "The Spirit of the American Doughboy" Soldiers' Memorial. A ceremony is planned for 10:00 AM at the memorial on the front lawn of the Barbour County Courthouse in Philippi. A red carnation for each fallen soldier will be placed in a Memorial Wreath as retired Circuit Court Judge Alan D. Moats reads the names of young men and women from Barbour County who gave their lives in service to our country from World War I to the present.

NAMES OF FALLEN SOLDIERS

The names of Barbour County's fallen soldiers are listed in the above entry. Family members of each soldier, their descendants and friends who wish to share information, stories, and memories are invited to write a comment in the box following the last entry. Comments will be collected and posted on this site at a later date.

*Original dedication of Soldiers' Memorial on November 11, 1923*

For those who want to read about the 1923 dedication ceremony, we have posted four articles published in the Barbour Democrat and Philippi Republican at the time. Each posting contains a transcription of the article followed by a microfilmed copy of the original newspaper article.

THE PHILIPPI REPUBLICAN NOVEMBER 15, 1923 (most extensive coverage)

THE BARBOUR DEMOCRAT NOVEMBER 15, 1923

THE BARBOUR DEMOCRAT NOVEMBER 29, 1923

CONTENTS OF STRONG BOX (TIME CAPSULE) FROM 1923 DEDICATION

The November 15, 2023 article in The Philippi Republican details the contents of a "Strong Box" that was ". . . placed at the foot of the monument . . ." during the ceremony. The list of contents is extensive and quite interesting.

PICTURES OF PHILIPPI'S DOUGHBOY STATUE THEN (1923) AND NOW (2023)

This post card picture provides a glimpse of Philippi in the 1920's. Note the former Philippi Baptist Church building and Model T's parked by the Courthouse.

The following photograph shows the statute in August, 2023 after a thorough cleaning and preservation by Kreilick Conservation, LLC of Oreland, PA. The work was funded by the Barbour County Commission and by LEDA funding of \$9,760 obtained by State Senators Hamilton and Karns and Delegate Chris Phillips.

"THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN DOUGHBOY" STATUE AND ITS CREATOR E. M. VIQUESNEY

Where to find information about the Doughboy statue, the total number of the statues and their locations. Also, who is E. M. Viquesney and what is his connection to Barbour County.

PROGRAM FOR CEREMONY FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOUGHBOY SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

The program for the November 4, 2023 ceremony will be posted here at a later date.