



Hudson WWI Memorial Tablet
Originally installed
on the west
face/elevation of
the Clock Tower.
ca 1920s

World War One Centennial 1918 – 2018

World War One was a watershed in American history. The United States' decision to join the battle on April 6, 1917 "to make the world safe for democracy" proved pivotal in securing allied victory — a victory that would usher in the American Century.

In the war's aftermath, individuals, towns, cities, counties, and states all felt compelled to mark the war, as did colleges, businesses, clubs, associations, veterans groups, and houses of worship. Thousands of memorials, from simple honor rolls, to plaques/tablets, to Doughboy sculptures, to grandiose architectural ensembles, were erected throughout the US in the 1920s and 1930s, blanketing the American landscape.

Each of these memorials, regardless of size or expense, has a story. But sadly, as we enter the war's centennial period, these memorials and their very purpose – to honor in perpetuity the more than four million Americans who served in the war and the more than 116,000 who were killed – have largely been forgotten. And while many memorials are carefully tended, others have fallen into disrepair through neglect, vandalism, or theft. Some have been destroyed.

Hudson's surviving WWI Memorial is our most significant link to the war. The WWI Memorial is a vital window onto the conflict, its participants, and those determined to remember them. Restoring and rediscovering the WWI Memorial and the stories it tells will contribute to its physical and cultural rehabilitation—a fitting commemoration of the war and the sacrifices it entailed.

Goals and Objectives of the Hudson WWI Memorial Restoration:

- 1. Research and Documentation of WWI Memorial** – historical documents, newspaper clippings, photographs, physical measurements, plan/elevation drawings, etc.
- 2. Research and Recognition of the 81 individuals Listed** – work with Hudson Historical Society, School District and Western Reserve Academy students/classes to research the stories/history of each individual, their role in the war (including before and after), etc. and to publish their stories (weekly) leading-up to the centennial commemoration and restoration of the WWI Memorial.
- 3. Develop Extent of Restoration Effort & Associated Costs (Options)** – restoration or replacement of the stone base? Memorial elements (Missing Cannon?), Landscape elements, etc. A WWI Memorial that will last for the next 100-years!
- 4. Restoration of the Bronze Tablet/Plaque** – removal, cleaning, restoration and re-bronzing (patina) of the tablet/plaque.
- 5. Fundraising Goals & Opportunities**
- 6. Develop a Restoration Plan & Schedule for Implementation**



100 Cities / 100 Memorials

A National Matching Grant Challenge
To Preserve WWI Memorials

Competition Manual

PREFACE

It is in the spirit of these words — **"Not We Forget"** — that the World War I Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library jointly launch the **100 Cities/100 Memorials** initiative as its first sponsors, with support from The American Legion.

In observance of the upcoming centennial of World War I, 100 matching grants of up to \$2,000 apiece will be awarded for the restoration of the World War I Memorials across the United States. Any municipal government, individual, or organization may apply. Likewise, any individual, organization or company can become a sponsor of this effort, as the more we can raise toward this program, the greater the amount of the matching grant to the winning memorials.

A century ago, the founders of the American Legion wrote in their charter,

"The sacred purpose of the American Legion is to preserve the memories and incidents of their associations in the Great War."

Founders: American Legion

This sentiment mirrors the commitment of the World War One Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library to encourage the restoration and maintenance of World War I monuments across the country.

By restoring these monuments and memorials, many of which bear the names of those members of the community who served and fell in the Great War, the sponsors of the 100 Cities/100 Memorials initiative hope not only to honor the names of those who served, but to raise awareness of this momentous event in our nation's history, and increase each and every communities' understanding of their towns' and cities' place in military history.

It is our great hope that the 100 Cities/100 Memorials initiative will help unite the nation in a collective celebration of our victory in World War I and in proper recognition of the contributions of those who served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of liberty and freedom.

Kenneth Clarke

President & CEO
Pritzker Military Museum & Library

David Dayton

Executive Director
United States World War I Centennial Commission

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Hudson WWI Memorial Restoration & Centennial 1918 - 2018

Based on the criteria of the **100 Cities / 100 Memorials: A National Matching Grant Challenge To Preserve WWI Memorials**, the following is a project schedule of important milestone dates, as we look to complete the Hudson WWI Memorial Restoration & Centennial project by the Centennial of Armistice Day in 2018:

January 2017 – Hudson organizations/individuals meeting to discuss WWI Memorial Restoration project. Historical research and documentation on the background of the memorial.

February/March – Historical research and documentation on the background of the memorial. Introduction and discussions with City of Hudson.

April – Development of a plan, options, resources, budget, schedule for the restoration.

April 6, 2017 – Centennial of the United States entering WWI. Public announcement (local papers, websites, etc.) of intent/plans of Hudson WWI Memorial restoration and commemoration initiatives, encouragement of local service and veterans organizations, schools and community groups to collaborate/participate, contribute/donate, etc.

May 2017 – Grant Application preparation/finalization

June 15, 2017 – Grant Application submission deadline

Summer/Fall 2017 – Finalize plans, documents, and funding for WWI Memorial restoration.

September 2017 – Research and Recognition of the 81 individuals Listed on the WWI Memorial plaque; work with Hudson Historical Society, City of Hudson School District and Western Reserve Academy students/classes to research the stories/history of each individual, their role in the war (including before and after), etc. and to publish their stories (weekly) leading-up to the centennial commemoration and restoration of the WWI Memorial.

November 11, 2017 – Grant Awards announced

December 1, 2017 – Grant Contracts sent to award winners

Summer/Fall 2018 – Begin restoration project of WWI Memorial: landscape, pedestal, plaque, etc.

November 11, 2018 – Armistice Day Celebration. Dedication of the WWI Memorial.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Sponsoring Organizations:



PRITZKER
MILITARY
MUSEUM & LIBRARY

Supporting Organizations:



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PROJECT OVERVIEW



At the end of World War I, thousands of war memorials of every size were built in local communities across the country. Over the decades, under exposure to the elements, these memorials have aged. We must act now – to restore both their physical beauty and our awareness of the men and women they memorialize.

To help motivate and support this restoration, the **100 Cities / 100 Memorials program** is launching on July 15, 2016 with \$200,000 in initial funding provided by the World War One Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library for matching grants.

These organizations continue to seek other major funding partners nationwide to expand the funds available to encourage and match the fundraising efforts of the awardees.

The purpose of 100 Cities/ 100 Memorials is to motivate and support the efforts of local organizations across the country to honor the memory of their hometown war heroes, to build awareness of the war's impact on their local communities, and to restore and provide for the ongoing upkeep of their local World War I memorials, all in time for the nation's centennial celebrations scheduled for November 2018 – celebrations that will also include the unveiling of the new national World War I Memorial in the nation's capital.

Local organizations, including civic groups, service organizations, veterans groups and others, are being invited to nominate their restoration and commemoration initiatives for consideration to be selected as one of the 100 Cities / 100 Memorials matching grant recipients. Suitable recognition for these efforts will be provided to all nominees for their submission; one hundred of these local initiatives will also be selected to receive matching cash awards of up to \$2,000 to help fund their restorative efforts. All nominees and awardees, and their principle sponsors and donors, will receive appropriate national and local recognition for their efforts.



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**ON THIS TABLET ARE INSCRIBED THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO WENT FROM HUDSON,
TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WAR, 1917 – 1918.**

WARD ALCOX
GORDON ALLPORT
ROY A. BABB
PERRY BEARDSLEY
JOHN C. BENNETT
STEPHEN BERARDI
PAUL G. BRADLEY
FRANCIS L. BREWSTER
RAY BOOSE
RANDELL O. BUCK
WILBUR CAMP
RAY E. CHAPIN
BAINBRIDGE COWELL
WILLIAM DIBBIN
ALDEN C. DITTRICK
WILLIAM A. ELLSWORTH

Column No.1 (Left)

HOWARD GRUGEL
GEORGE GILHOOLEY
HAROLD GLASS
FRANK COETTGE
ROBERT GOETTGE
SCOTT GRANDSTOFF
WEBE M. GREENLESE
CLELL B. GREENLESE
CHARLES F. HANSON
McKINLEY HAGGERTY
CARL K. HENRY
LAWRENCE I. HENRY
DR. HENRY J. HERRICK
S. LYNN HUBBARD
PAUL V. HUBBARD
ROY E. ISARD

Column No.2

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GEORGE P. KEIZIK
RAYMOND L. KILBOURNE
ANGELO LAVELLE
HAROLD LAIRD
DAVID H. LEE
DONALD E. LIGHTON
ALVIN LOOMIS
EDWARD J. LUBBE
CHARLES H. MARROTT
WILLIAM MATHANY
DALLAS MARRIA
CARL MORRIS
EDWARD C. McCAULEY
DR. GEORGE A. MILLER
JOGN W. NEWLAND
MARTHA CLARK, NURSE.

Column No.3 (Center)

EDWARD NICHOLS
ROY K. PELTON
ORR LYNN PERRY
FRANK E. PINACH
RUSSELL G. PHILLIPS
DOUGLAS PHILLIPS
ANTHONY PELOSI
JESSE S. RUSHTON
WALKER ROTTMAN
HARLEY B. SARGENT
HENRY T. SARGENT
CARL E. SMITH
WALDO A SOBER
CLINTON SLINKARD
EDWARD SLINKARD
FRANK SNYDER

Column No.4

RAY SHULENBARGER
HARRY SNYDER
ELWIN E. STEGGALL
ARTHUR H. STEGGALL
DONALD J. TURNER
BRUCE E. TURNER
FRANCIS E. TURNER
CARROLL T. THOMPSON
JOHN D. WHITEHEAD
LYMAN E. WEBER
CLIFFORD WEAVER
CLAYTON WOODWORTH
ALTON WETMORE
REIGN YOUNG
ARTHUR ZEIDENBERG
BARNEY ZEIDENBERG

Column No.5 (Right)