WORLD WAR I DOUGHBAY STATUE REDEDICATION

Who: Weber County Heritage Foundation, a 501(c)3 all-volunteer non-profit
What: Honoring the 100-year WWI Armistice Anniversary with the Doughboy Statue Re-dedication
Where: Ogden City Cemetery, Goldstar Drive (North of 20th Street and West of Monroe Boulevard)
When: Saturday, November 10th, 2 p.m.
Major Sponsors: Weber County Heritage Foundation, The American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, Weber County RAMP and the Utah Division of State History and Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs

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A COMMUNITY HONORS ITS VETERANS, NEVER FORGET

The Weber County Heritage Foundation in cooperation with our partners completed restoration of the iconic bronze Doughboy World War I Statue in the Ogden City Cemetery. The memorial represents our community’s and nation’s participation in WWI. This iconic bronze soldier was sculpted by Gilbert Risvold and for a short time stood at the old American Legion Hall on 24th Street before its placement in the cemetery adjacent to Gold Star Drive.

After almost a century, Utah’s changing climate and vandalism had taken a toll. Over the years the bronze statute was shot, graffitied (damaging the original patina), and had his helmet stolen and rifle bent. This full restoration restored Ogden’s Doughboy to his original condition. He now stands guard proudly atop another component of the restoration. The crumbling concrete dais was removed and replaced with a taller granite dais. The bronze medallions have been cleaned and restored and a new fence put around the base of the soldier. Landscaping has also been added around the base.

Phase One of this project was completed by the Weber County Heritage Foundation and partners in November 2011 when the bronze plaques commemorating each Ogden soldier who lost his life in the conflict were replaced or fully restored. A tree was also planted to honor each soldier and Gold Star Drive’s entrance was restored. Both phases of this nearly 10 year project has been a cooperative effort that involved many businesses, government agencies, civic organizations as well as generous individuals from the community.

A celebration of the restoration will follow the Veterans’ Day Parade November 10, 2018, at 2 pm in the cemetery. In addition to some short presentations, The Ogden Concert Band will join us to mark the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, marking the end of WWI. A detailed agenda is attached. Please join us. All are welcome.

This event is part of the National World War I Centennial and is recognized as part of the official 100 “WWI Centennial Memorials” across the United States.

https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/100-cities-100-memorials-home.html
AGENDA WITH NOTES FOR REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERA CREWS

NOTE: Small modifications may be made in the timeframe leading up to the event. Timing precise to coordinate flyover.

Upon arrival, attendees will be given programs and poppies by students of Utah Military Academy. Poppies provided by the American Legion.

- 2:00 Welcome by Mike Caldwell, Ogden City Mayor
- Ogden Concert Band “Songs From the Great War, The Music of World War I,” arranged by Andrew Glover
- 2:08 Civil War reenactors march in; rifle salute
- 2:10 Opening remarks by Luke Cropsey, Colonel, USAF, Hill Air Force Base
- 2:15 Remarks on the historic anniversary, Prof. Branden Little, Weber State University
- 2:20 Ogden Concert Band Performs “A Hymn Tune Rhapsody,” arranged by Jerry Brubaker
- 2:25 Remarks on the Utah war experience, Terry Schow, National Executive Committee of The American Legion Utah; Member Baker- Merrill Post 9 in Ogden, Utah
- 2:30 Remarks, Susan Holt, Utah State Regent, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
- 2:33 Reading of In Flanders Fields (etched on the statue base), Dr. Ben Noid
- 2:35 Reading of the names of Weber County WWI casualties by Col. Cropsey
- Taps is played (Ogden Concert Band), minute of silence
- 2:40 Concert Band Plays “Armed Forces Medley” arranged by Dr. Shannon Roberts, WSU Conductor of Bands, followed immediately by “Stars and Stripes Forever” by John Philip Sousa, reenactors march out
- 2:45 Hill AFB Jet Flyover (confirmation pending); ideally this will occur during the final minutes of the musical performance
- Concluding Remarks and thank you by Mayor Caldwell
- Refreshments

COMMEMORATIVE CHALLENGE COINS

The Weber County Heritage Foundation has also produced Commemorative Challenge Coins available for purchase for $10. Proceeds will be used for ongoing maintenance of the Memorial. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Challenge_coin

ATTACHMENTS

Please call Mary Galbraith at 801-698-0859 (email MaryLeannah@hotmail.com) if an alternate format or higher resolution is needed. We can also provide high-resolution images from 1919 – 1924 that include the Armistice Parade along Ogden’s Washington Boulevard and historic photos of the statue in his original location on 24th.

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Project Poster Currently on display at the Utah Capitol Building
Event Poster
Event Social Media Post Copy
Challenge Coin Graphic