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WWI Memorial Added to Capitol's Grounds

November 10, 2017 – A new monument memorializing the Delawareans who served in World War I now graces the grounds of the state capitol in Dover.

State Senate staffer and noted historian Dick Carter designed of the monument, featuring the image of a painting by Delaware artist Frank Schoonover. The original artwork, "Doughboys First," is owned by the Delaware National Guard.

The memorial was dedicated on Saturday. Its placement coincides with the centennial of the United States' entry into The Great War. Nearly 117,000 Americans were killed in the conflict that claimed an estimated 41 million lives worldwide. The monument joins others in the Legislative Mall complex honoring the contributions of military and law enforcement personnel.

The State of Delaware and the Delaware Veterans Commission funded the \$49,000 memorial. The Delaware Heritage Commission is financing two story boards that will be added to the site.